



The Little White Paper

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TOUR OF THE HISTORIC SITES ACROSS NORTHERN MINNESOTA BEGINS THE NEW YEAR OF PROGRAMS AT THE GOLDEN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

Doug Ohman is a freelance photographer and popular public speaker. He has traveled throughout the upper Midwest photographing historic architecture. His work has been widely published in magazines, calendars and books. Over the past twelve years he has been working with the Minnesota Historical Society on the popular book series, "Minnesota Byways". Travel with Doug Ohman at the

Society's historic church on Thursday, January 10th, at 7:00 p. m., as he explores many historic sites and structures that are quickly being lost to history. Doug will share stories and interesting historical information about some of Minnesota's most treasured buildings. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.



DOUG OHMAN

UP-COMING SOCIETY MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY 14TH: By any measure, Barry Ze Van, "The Peek-A-Boo Weatherman", is a broadcast legend. At the height of his career in the '60s and '70s, he was the face of TV weather in several major U. S. cities. A long-time resident of Golden Valley, he will be presenting at the historic church of the GVHS Society, at 7:00 p.m., details of his broadcasting career and the many stars of the stage and screen with whom he met in his career. This program is really a walk into the past with the stars of stage, screen and radio! Attending this program is a must! Mark your calendar today!

GVHS GETS ANOTHER DELIVERY OF SECOND-GENERATION STREET SIGNS:

Another NW section of the City of Golden Valley has been completed with its street reconstruction which means that the Society has received another delivery of the second-generation street signs for their fund-raising project. (Second generation street signs are the signs that were first installed on street corners after WW II. They are being replaced during the street reconstruction which started on the East side of the city some 8 years ago, with the new reflectorized street signs.) The delivery to the Society

includes street signs Earl St; Flag Ave N; Hillsboro Av N; Independence Av N; Duluth St; Gettysburg Av N; Ensign Av N and Elgin Pl; The signs are a neat idea for gifts to siblings, parents, cousins, and you should see the pleasant smile on their faces when they open the gift! They are only \$25.00 each and really a life time opportunity to obtain a little bit of the family history. Contact Secretary Don Anderson to receive more information. 763-588-8578 or maryanddon3030@aol.com.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVALUATES THE NEW GOLDEN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MUSEUM IN THEIR NEWSLETTER, READ WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY:



The Golden Valley Historical Society (GVHS) developed, fabricated, and installed a permanent museum exhibit.

This project is the final step in GVHS's exhibit development. After five years of work, this project has culminated in the creation of an accessible venue for learning about Golden Valley and the people, places, stories, and ideas that make it unique from other suburban stories. Installation of this interpretive exhibit has connected locals to their community's past and draw people who live, work, and play in Golden Valley into discussing these distinct local narratives.

This exhibit provides museum visitors an opportunity to learn and explore together, and the well-designed, interactive interpretive exhibits help visitors to develop a sense of place. This, in turn, fosters a commitment to

preservation and brings richness to the fabric of the community.

The body of research from this project may serve as a fount for future exhibits, articles, programming, and the development of digital technology. The exhibit strives to be flexible and accessible for visitors of all ages, experiences, and cognitive and physical abilities while offering a multi-generational appeal. Recognizing the diversity of the GVHS audiences, the exhibit offers interpretation in a way that teaches to different learning styles, responds to issues of cultural and gender equity, and offers multiple levels of information. The resulting exhibit is understandable, enjoyable, and connected to visitors' lives.

All exhibit research is currently preserved in the GVHS archives. Exhibit text is available as a PDF document upon request. This permanent exhibit is expected

to endure for up to ten years. New exhibit topics, research, and potentially new collections in the rotating exhibit space. Rotating exhibits will be updated by GVHS volunteers and/or professional museum consultants under the guidance of the GVHS Exhibits Committee.

With the creation of a new permanent exhibit, GVHS will attract new audiences to discover the history of Golden Valley. GVHS is positioned to tell the history of the region through objects and images, and a project of this scope will greatly inform scholarship on the topic and develop a greater sense of place for those who live, work, and play in Golden Valley.

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