



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

Monday—Friday 8 am—4 pm and Saturday 10 am—4 pm by appointment

SPRING 2022

In the Remick Gallery:

“Genius Loci: Real & Imagined”

by David Strom

A new art show recently opened in the Remick Gallery entitled *Genius Loci: Real & Imagined* by Windom artist, David Strom. The opening reception brought over 80 friends, family and members to hear David talk about his work in the gallery. David received a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council to turn his pen & ink drawings into paintings. He likened them to



‘dancing couples’. The exhibit features over 20 works of art with themes that relate to the local landscape including plat maps, grain bins, hay bales and wind turbines. Born and raised in Windom, David received his Fine Arts degree from the Minneapolis College of Art & Design. He married Marilee Webster in 1978. Together they co-owned First Floral Hallmark and retired in 2017. Drawn from his surroundings, real and imagined, David continues painting and drawing. This exhibit is the summer show and runs through September 3rd.



New in the Gift Shop

Check out our newest addition to the Gift Shop from Mountain Lake artist, Nancy Nelson. A packet of 16 notecards showcases Windom buildings including the Cottonwood County Courthouse, Sunbowl Bowling Center, BARC, Windom State Theater, Episcopal Church, Peterson Feed Mill, vintage homes and downtown. Nancy is a retired art teacher from the Mountain Lake Public School. She retired a number of years ago and continues to enjoy producing works of art. This particular packet celebrates the buildings in and around Windom.

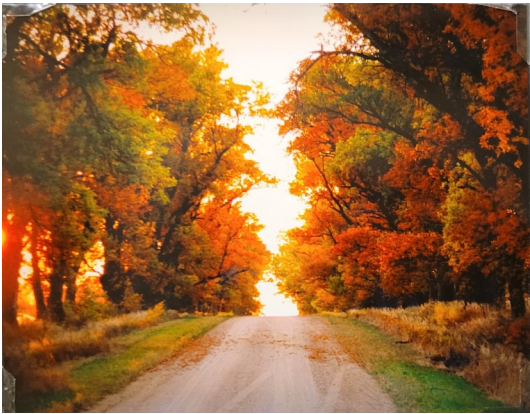


REMICK GALLERY UPDATE

Winners Announced from Give It Your Best Shot

The Cottonwood County Historical Society congratulates the top three individuals whose photographs were chosen by the public in the last show entitled "Give It Your Best Shot: Focus on Cottonwood County Country Roads." The first place winner was Stacy Anderson with her photograph entitled "Autumn Lane", of a country road with a tree canopy in the fall. Second place honors go to Ashley Soleta for her photograph "Dempsey Bridge". The third place is awarded to Juane Elston with her photograph titled "Well Traveled Road to Grandpa & Grandma's" of her two grandchildren walking down a gravel road. Congratulations! The first place winner will receive a book of the photos featured in the exhibit.

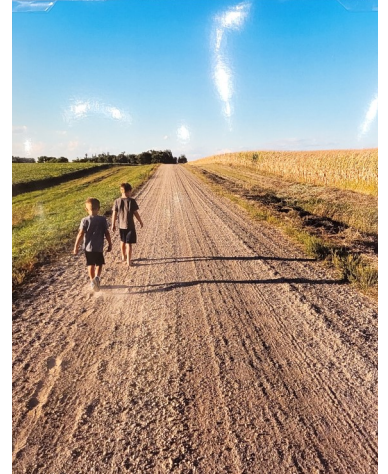
Thank you to the 29 photographers who submitted images and to those who stopped by the museum and voted for their favorite! The theme for next years photo show will be "Cottonwood County Celebrations".



1st Place: *Autumn Lane* by Stacy Anderson



2nd Place: *Dempsey Bridge* by Ashley Soleta



3rd Place: *Well Traveled Road to Grandpa & Grandma's* by Juane Elston

Cottonwood County Student Art Show Winners

Once again the Cottonwood County art teachers brought to the museum the best of their senior high art student's work for a short four week show in April. It was an amazing show with over 50 pieces in various mediums including pencil drawing, gel plate prints, acrylic painting and mixed media. The Remick Committee, which is made up of local artists, picked the "Best of Show", "First Place" and 4 Honorable Mentions prior to the opening of the show. Visitors to the gallery voted for their favorite with Makayla Belgarde from Mountain Lake Christian School winning the "People's Choice Award" with her pencil drawing entitled *Praying Hands*. The top two winners receive Hobby Lobby gift cards while the Honorable Mention winners were given sketchbooks and colored pencils in the hope of encouraging their artistic spirit.



Best of Show: *The Bee* by Makayla Belgarde
Mountain Lake Christian



First Place: *Landscape with A-Frame*
by Jaden Scholl, Westbrook Walnut Grove



People's Choice: *Praying Hands*
by Makayla Belgarde, MLC

NEW FUNDRAISING EVENT

New Fundraising Event Planned for August



Top lid of Jewelry Box

It all began a few years ago with the renovation of the Stone House at Pat's Grove County Park. Leann Johnson began fundraising for a new roof with cedar shingles, tuck pointing and some needed landscaping. Leann with the help of high school senior,

Ashley Soleta, had tailgate parties before high school games, wrote grants and sold T-shirts. The museum assisted in being the fiscal agent when grants were secured. In 2019, the 100 year old roof timbers were removed due to the decay of the wood. One of our Board members, Shawn Colbert, saved some of the wood not sure what could be done but hoping something could be salvaged. In 2021, he contacted a woodworker in Jackson who found at the center of the decayed timbers, some great white oak wood. The woodworker, Mark Titus, made a wonderful array of wooden handles, jewelry boxes and ornaments. This spring the Board discussed what we should do to make available to the largest audience these one-of-a-kind pieces of art. The decision was made in April to have an on-line auction in August starting a week before the Cottonwood County Fair. A fundraising event will take place at the museum on August 18 with appetizers, adult beverages, raffles and a small live auction. The on-line auction will close that night as well. If you have anything you would like to donate to this "Art & History" Auction, please contact the museum before the end of June by e-mail at cchs@windomnet.com.



Cheese Knife



Folding Pocket Knife

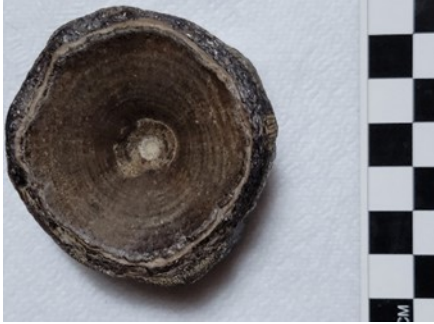
Tour Through County History Is BACK!

The 3rd grade students were back learning about local history at the museum on May 11 and 12. We contacted the Third Grade teachers of the county in March and all were positive about field trips this year. The various schools that came this year included Windom, Mountain Lake, Mountain Lake Christian, Comfrey, Red Rock Central, Westbrook Walnut Grove and St. John's Lutheran. As in the past, the students also received a tour of the Cottonwood County Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center. A big thank you to the historic characters, volunteers and CCHS board for supporting this important program.



Kathy Jo McInnis portraying Mrs. Paul

100 million-old fossil fish bone found in Cottonwood County



This past winter, Joanne Vold Kaiser brought to the museum this interesting bone that had been in her family for many years. With it was a letter that Joanne's family had received after inquiring as to the history of the bone from a professor at the University of Minnesota in Mankato. Here is the story.....In the 1960s, Arthur Vold obtained some fill dirt from the Sioux Rock Quarry in northern Cottonwood County for a construction site. In the dirt, he found a fossil bone. He sent the bone for identification to Robert E. Sloan, an assistant professor in the Geology Department at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Sloan taught vertebrate paleontology and historical geology at the University of Minnesota from 1953 to 1997. Sloan also uncovered from a clay pit near Springfield the only dinosaur fossil ever found in Minnesota, a bone from a duck-billed dinosaur. He identified the Vold bone as a vertebra from a large 100 million-old Tarpon transported from its original burial site by glaciers to the clay soil found at the Quarry. Tarpons first appear in the geological record around 113 million years ago. They are still found in the Atlantic and the Indo-



Pacific Oceans. Tarpons are considered one of the great game fishes because of their size and their leaping ability as they put up a fight. It is a bony fish, and its meat is not edible. This fish grows to about 4–8 feet long and weighs from 60 to 280 lbs. Above is the Vold fossil with the vertebra measuring 2 inches wide by 1 3/8 inches tall. To the left is a complete Tarpon fossil.

General Fund Donations:

Donations made between February 1, 2022 thru May 13, 2022

Jack Roberts; Richard C. Olson; Richard & Wendy Meyer; Rosemary Isackson; Betty Grenig; Lyman & Patricia Holmes in memory of Kenneth "Bud" Wolff; Joseph & Barbara LaCanne in memory of Grace Severson; Larry & Becky Stevens in memory of Ed Woizeschke; Jack & Roxanne Potter in memory of Robert Turner; Gary & Jody Vanderwerf in memory of Robert Turner; Faye Turner & Family in memory of Robert Turner; Windom United Services Fund Drive; Duane & Barb Pingeon in memory of Robert Turner; Jack & Roxanne Potter in memory of Sheryl Engler; Romelle Wojahn in memory of Joyce Helgeson; Hy-Vee; Merle Sykora; Judith Wrase Nygard; Karen Kremmin in memory of Arlene Burbank; Jackie Nerhus in memory of Terry Nerhus; Romelle Wojahn in memory of Raymond Kleinow (cousin of Melvin Wojahn); Lee & Sandy Peterson in memory of Donna Hanson; Linda Fransen & Thomas Sanders in memory of Donna Hanson; Lowell & Nancy Tjentland in memory of Donna Hanson; Duane & Barb Pingeon in memory of Donna Hanson; Joe & Barb LaCanne in memory of Marian Torkelson & Donna Hanson.

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Jordan Wiebe; Lindsey & Jane Cartwright

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals:

Allen County Public Library; Loring & Marjorie Paschke; Signe Pederson; Joan Kaye; Linda Fransen & Thomas Sanders; Fritzie Stemm; Dr. Timothy J. Klobberdanz

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals:

Richard C. Olson; Joanne Kaiser; Eileen Cushing; Peggy Eichner; Adam & Lisa Brownell;

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewal:

David Hendricks; Lance Ludvigson; Vicky Tucci



Help Wanted

The museum is looking for individuals interested in working Saturday hours for the summer months. During the pandemic, one of our loyal Saturday workers decided to retire. It is time to return the museum to being open on Saturdays. Responsibilities include opening the museum, meeting & greeting visitors and having an interest in art and history. Please give the museum a call or stop in for an application.

Volunteer needed to help water flowers on south side of the museum building along with pulling those pesky weeds. Please call the museum if you can help.

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2022 Exhibits in the Remick Gallery:

"Genius Loci: Real & Imagined"

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May 1 – September 3

"Realities of My Imagination"

By Ramiro Cerda Ramos &
Rosa Maria Cerda Rodriguez

September 18—November 19

"Festival of Trees"

December 1-23

