

# CCHS

COTTONWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Summer 2014**

## COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

### *Museum Favorites*



*Cottonwood County  
Historical Society  
Windom, Minnesota*

### Upcoming Events

- **Cottonwood County Fair**  
Aug. 13 -16
- **Remick Gallery : "Rural Images"**  
Sept. 14 – Opening Reception
- **Annual Fall Fundraiser**  
Sept. 15
- **Archaeology Program**  
Sept. 17
- **2014 Print Raffle**  
Dec. 22 – Winner Drawn

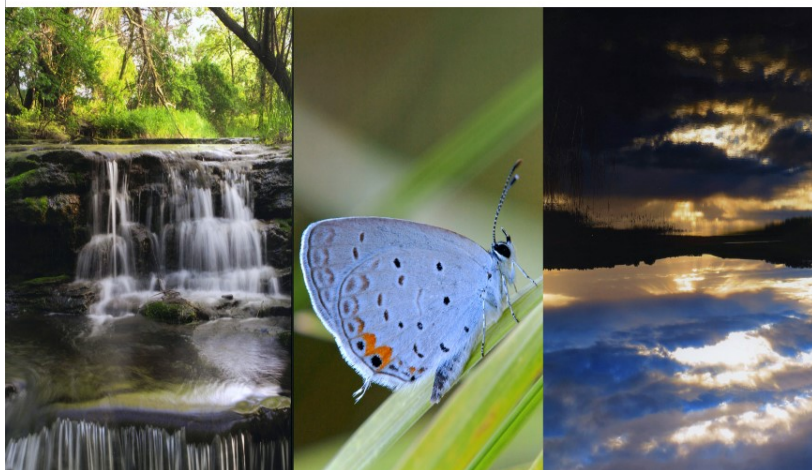


**Coming Art Exhibit: Nan Karr Kaufenberg**

For the first time, the Cottonwood County Historical Society gathered 'tried and true' recipes from museum staff and volunteers. This book consists of their favorite recipes from 10 o'clock coffee, fund-raisers, Chocolate & Bling, and more. It is available at the museum for only \$12.

# Give It Your Best Shot

Focus on Cottonwood County  
Cottonwood County Historical Society Museum



First book of "Give it Your Best Shot" designed and created by Jessica Bak

## Give It Your Best Shot!

2nd Annual "Give It Your Best Shot!"

### 2015 Building & Architectural Photo Show

This coming photo exhibit will focus on buildings and architectural details anywhere in Cottonwood County. Be inspired by your local surroundings. The Cottonwood County Historical Society will present "Give it Your Best Shot," photo exhibit in the Remick Gallery. The opening reception is on Saturday, January 17, 2015. More information will be coming soon but go ahead and take your best shot! During the exhibit, we will be creating a second book for all entries submitted.

***Our goal is to have more photographers participate this year! We will accept one photo per person until January 10, 2015***

#### Focus for 2015– Building & Architectural Details

City Buildings, Barns, Houses, Churches, Bridges, and up-close details of above.



## Century of Hats

"A Century of Hats" program and afternoon tea was held Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the museum.

Heather Edgington, our guest speaker, chose three ladies from the audience to model her hats.

With each hat, she shared the history for the style of hat. It was both educational and entertaining. She also encouraged people to record the history of their hat and spoke on proper methods of preservation.



**These ladies look wonderful in their hats and are ready for tea!**



## Annual Fall Fundraiser

The Cottonwood County Historical Society is holding their Annual Fall Fund-raiser, Monday September 15 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at the museum located at 812 Fourth Avenue in Windom, MN. Come join us for roast beef on a bun served with coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert and beverage. Take-outs are available. Tickets are \$7 for adult and \$4 for children (10 and under). While at the museum take time to view the newly opened exhibit in the Remick Gallery by Nan Karr Kaufenberg entitled ***Rural Images*** which showcases 25 linoleum block prints.

## Minnesota Archaeology Program

**Event Title:** New Discoveries: Archaeology on the Ridge

**Speaker or Event Leader:**

Tom Sanders, Site Manager of the Jeffers Petroglyphs

**When:** Wednesday, September 17 from 7-9 pm

**Where:** Cottonwood County Historical Society

**What:** Join us for an evening of discovering the archaeological work being done on Red Rock Ridge.

**Free and open to the public**



"Cleaning Day"

## IN THE REMICK GALLERY

### ***"Rural Images"***

Linoleum Block Prints by

### ***Nan Karr Kaufenberg***

The exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled ***Rural Images*** opens Sunday, September 14, 2014. Join us for the opening reception from 2-4 p.m. and meet the artist Nan Karr Kaufenberg from Redwood Falls. Her theme of ***Rural Images*** will recall a bygone era. Her exhibit will run through November 22nd. Come and bring a friend!

#### Her Artist Statement

"Art is my way of observing and organizing the images that surround me. The making of art provides calm and solace as well as a sense of accomplishment."



# Remembering the Civil War

## John L Fering- A Survivor



The following is part of an obituary that appeared in the "Cottonwood County Citizen" on 16 Feb 1895. It is of Civil War Veteran John Fering, a 54 year old widower with ten living children, whose death may have been caused by the effects of a wound suffered outside of Atlanta in 1864.

*"When the war of 1861 broke out, Mr. Fering had the idea that if the South was successful in defeating the North it would force slavery over the whole of the United States. Believing slavery to be a great crime he thought it to be his duty to fight to stop its spread, and to stop it the South must be defeated. With this idea he enlisted 28 Feb 1862, in the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment, U.S. regulars, for three years. On 28 Feb 1865, he received his discharge at Lookout Mountain. He was in the following battles; Buz-*

*zard's Roost, Marieta, Jonesborough, Chattahoochee River, Kennesaw and Atlanta. In the last named battle he was wounded in the side Aug 1864 The ball passed clear through and killed a man behind him. A comrade near him seeing that he was wounded told him to get back to be taken care of. "O no", said Mr. Fering, "I am not hurt much." He commenced firing again and in a short time his shoe was full of blood, he became so weak that he could not stand. His comrade then assisted him to get back a little ways and left him. In this place Mr. Fering lay for three days with nothing to eat or drink. When the ambulance wagon came around Mr. Fering was unable to speak, but let the man know he was alive by moving his arm a little. He was taken to the hospital at Atlanta and then to Chattanooga where he remained for three months. He was offered his discharge but would not take it. He told the general that he was going to stay his full time. He was in No. 18 hospital at Nashville for a short time. After this he was sent to his regiment which was at Lookout Mountain. In a day or two he was given a gun which he threw into the road or street as far as he could send it. The Cpl. or Sgt. reported him but was told that Mr. Fering had done just right. He was at the Quartermaster's tent most of the time, helping now and then as he felt like it and telling war stories to cheer up some fellow comrades.*

*He returned to Winneshiek County, IA after he received his discharge. He was married to Miss Rachel Iverson in 1867. In 1869 he came to Highwater, locating in section 2."*

This is a good story of a strong, determined young man but one wishes a couple of questions could be answered. Did the 20 year old immigrant have those noble anti-slavery views prior to the war and why did he join the regular army and not one of the state regiments that were being formed?

This obituary was written by Orrin P. Moore who was also a Civil War Veteran and had originally homesteaded in Amo Township. He sold his farm and in the 1890's became a hired man to farmers in Highwater Township. He is listed in the 1900 Highwater census but in 1910 is living in Hawley, MN. Several years ago, Marlowe Iverson, from Highwater and a member of the Storden American Legion Post, brought in to the Post a Civil War uniform coat, which he said had been in the attic of their house since the 1890's. It was displayed for several years in Storden and has since been donated by the Legion to the Cottonwood County Historical Society. Marlowe said the coat belonged to a hired man but nobody in the family could remember the name. Maybe there is a chance that it belonged to Orrin P. Moore.

*Article was written by Lowell Tjentland, local historian.*

# E-MAIL, NEWSLETTER, & 3<sup>rd</sup> LOGO

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PLEASE GO TO  
[WWW.CCHSMN1901.ORG](http://WWW.CCHSMN1901.ORG)

## Donations made between May 21-August 1, 2014

### General Fund Donations:

Norma Loewen in memory of Wallace Buhler; Marilyn Wahl in memory of Wallace Buhler; Jean Hoppe donation given to thank museum for Class of 1964 tours; Lowell & Nancy Tjentland in memory of Wallace Buhler; Thomas & Karen Wickie in memory of Janice Garms; Charles & Ruth Reid; Phyllis Miller in honor of Wanda Turner; Class of 1964; Laura Koenig; Katie Johnson in memory of Kenneth Wahl

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Renewals

Debra Haar; Fritzis Stemm; Linda Fransen/Thomas Sanders; Kathryn Tewes; Martin & Anita Skow; Terrance & Jaclyn Jurgens; Glen & Joan Iverson; David & Carolyn Van Loh; Norma Loewen; Pattie Holmes; Ernest & Judith Dellinger

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals

Vera Rachuy; David Mathiason; Lynne Kessler; Judy Woizeschke

### CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewals

Charles & Ruth Reid; Roselyn Friesen

### CCHS Welcomes New Member

Vay Rodman

## Funds Needed for Landscaping Improvements

Last year we removed the overgrown shrubs and landscaping on the north side of the museum building. Our plans are threefold --- to move the downspout off the sidewalk; install new low maintenance landscaping; and add a banner pole promoting the museum and the exhibits in the Remick Gallery. This would provide a greater visible presence on Fourth Avenue. The Larry & Becky Stevens Fund will match all gifts for the project. In addition, the south wall surrounding the fountain is in need of repair. If you would be interested in helping with either of these projects, please send monetary donations earmarked "Landscaping" to the museum.



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## R.S.V.P. VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Wanda Turner and Lula Leverenz were honored on May 9th at the 'Chamber Coffee' for their 25 years of volunteer service. Both have been longtime volunteers at the museum. Wanda, along with Garnet Booze, wrote the 3rd grade tour which we continue to use today. Lula began cataloging photographs but for the past 20 years has searched the county newspapers recording obituaries. These are used on a regular basis by staff and genealogists.

***Congratulations and  
Thank You!***

