



COTTONWOOD

County Historical Society

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

Fall 2022

121st Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 6, 2022

“They Chose Minnesota”

by Doug Ohman

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Members and guest are invited to attend the 121st Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood County Historical Society. A short business meeting will begin the afternoon at

2:00 p.m. Our featured speaker will be Doug Ohman, photographer and storyteller who is regularly featured on Pioneer Public TV. His presentation is entitled “**They Chose Minnesota**”. He will highlight the stories and history from the many immigrant groups that chose to make Minnesota their home. This meeting is open to all members and prospective members. We will also be drawing the name of the lucky winner for the 2022 raffle at the meeting. The jewelry box made from the wood beams of the Pat’s Grove stone house has sold over 140 tickets. A light lunch will be provided after the meeting. Come and enjoy a great afternoon!!

There will be door prizes!

New Ornament Arriving for the Holiday Season

The ornament this year showcases the Jeffers Water Tower. Built in 1926, the Jeffers water tower is made of Pittsburgh steel. In January of that year, the Jeffers City Council approved a new water system. By July the water tower, built by the Bruce Biekelhaupt Company of Des Moines, was completed. It held 30,000 gallons of water on a 100 foot steel tower. It is still in use today.



IN THE REMICK GALLERY

“Realities & Imagination”

By Ramiro Cerda Ramos &
Rosa Maria Cerda Rodriguez



The current exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled Realities & Imagination showcases over 40 oil paintings by this father and daughter duo. The predominant theme of their work is beautiful landscapes done in vibrant colors. Born in Michoacán, Mexico, they are both self-taught and from an early age enjoyed painting places that were part of their imagination. These works of art are for sale and are very reasonably priced. This exhibit runs through November 19, 2022.

If you are planning a visit to the gallery, our hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



The Cabin by Ramiro Cerda Ramos



Opening Reception



Sloth by Rosa Maria Cerda Rodriguez

Festival of Trees

December 1-23, 2022

The **Festival of Trees** opens December 1st in the Remick Gallery. We encourage businesses, clubs and individuals to decorate a tree in the theme of their choice. Visitors vote for their favorite tree throughout the month of December. If you would like to decorate a tree or have questions, please contact the museum at 831-1134 or e-mail us at cchs@windomnet.com.



Recap of Fundraising Events

Art & History Auction



The museum had a successful “Art & History” fundraising event on August 18. The event started as a way to showcase the wooden items created by Mark Titus that were made from the deteriorated wood beams of the stone house at Pat’s Grove County Park after the 2019 renovation. It expanded to be a full evening of on-line and in-person auctions with many different art and history pieces. There were 65 people in attendance who enjoyed tasty appetizers and beverages provided by “*The Botanist*” of Mountain Lake. In addition, they could purchase raffle tickets and bid on the silent auction baskets. A big thank you to the many businesses and individuals in the county who donated items, art work, gift cards or check donations. Thank-you letters were sent to over 60 donors. We were amazed at the wonderful community support! We raised over \$7,000 for museum projects!

Fall Fundraiser: Dine-in/Drive-thru a Success!



The Cottonwood County Annual Fall Fundraiser served 165 meals on Monday evening, September 12. Over 100 meals were provided by the drive-thru option on the south side of the building with approximately 65 people choosing to dine in the meeting room. Thank you to all the museum supporters who came to the event and to the Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers who worked the event. Money raised will go toward our museum projects.



Updates

New Microfilm Reader at Museum



Linda & Lowell trying out the new microfilm reader.

A grant of \$10,000 from the Minnesota Historical Society provided the necessary funds to purchase a new microfilm reader printer. The Scan Pro 3500 has cutting edge design and powerful software capabilities that assists the patrons and researchers who work with microfilm. It provides quality images, zoom magnification and the ability to print or save the scans to a thumb drive for e-mailing. The museum has microfilm for the county newspapers including the following: Windom Reporter, Cottonwood County Citizen, Westbrook Sentinel, Jeffers Review, Storden Times, Times Review, Mountain Lake View, Mountain Lake Observer, Comfrey Times and the Lamberton News.

This purchase was made possible in part by the people of Minnesota through a grant funded by an appropriation to the Minnesota Historical Society from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds.

Coming in January.....

“2023 Photo Show... Give it your Best Shot!”

We are looking for local photographers to participate in the upcoming photo show. The theme this year is **Cottonwood County Celebrations**. Where can your camera take you?

The Details...

Pick up a registration form at the museum. We ask for two 8" x 10" images of the same photo. One will be in the photo show and one will become part of the photograph collection at the museum. Maximum of one entry per photographer may be brought to the museum until January 18. No matting, framing or mounting of the photo! The goal of the show is to promote Cottonwood County and our local photographers. The opening reception is on January 22, 2023.

Give It Your Best Shot! The 2023 Photo Show Registration Form

1. Name _____
2. Address _____
3. Phone _____
4. Email _____
5. Title of Work _____
6. Where Taken _____
7. Date Taken _____
8. Youth _____ Adult _____

Need two 8" x 10" copies on photo paper of photo taken by applicant with the theme "Cottonwood County Celebrations".

- Please no matting, framing, or mounting.
- Black/White or Color Accepted
- One Entry Maximum---two copies (one for the show, and one for our archives)
- Bring in registration and photos by January 18, 2023



Exhibit Opening Reception is January 22, 2023

People's Choice Award-Vote for your favorite!

"People's Choice" will be featured on cover of 2023 "Give It Your Best Shot" photo book and the winner will receive a free book.

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General Fund Donations:

Donations made between August 4, 2022 thru October 27, 2022

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CCHS Thanks Our Annual Patron Renewals:

Judy Kielty; Carol Christianson; David & Beatrice Muller; Rosemary Isackson

CCHS Thanks Our Annual Sponsor Renewals:

Leon Hoyer; Adrian Flatgard

Thank you for the generous act of giving and for making a difference. We appreciate your support of the museum!



Postcard from the Museum collection.

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2022 Events/Exhibits

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