Calendar of Events

**July 20**
Norwegian Open House
9 AM-3 PM

**July 21**
Summer SongFest
At Spruce Hill
1:30 PM

**July 30**
Scraps of History~
“Aprons– The Household Uniform”
1-3 PM

**August 15-18**
Douglas County Fair

**August 27**
Scraps of History~
“Military”
1 – 3 PM

**September 24**
Scraps of History~
“Wine– Uncorked”
1 – 3 PM

Annual meeting, new officers elected

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Historical Society was held on April 23, 2013 at the Carlos Creek Winery. Mashed Potato Martinis were catered by one of our Corporate Sponsors, The Depot Express.

Bruce Haugen was elected board President, and Pat Kennedy Vice President.

DCHS welcomes Cindi Yell as a new board member. Cindi grew up in the Alexandria area, is married, and has three children. Cindi works as a National Sales Executive for a print and promotional company. She has served on various boards throughout Douglas County.

Cindi was interested in joining the DCHS Board of Directors as she has always had an interest in history, and the importance of preserving the history for our future generations. Welcome Cindi!

We are grateful to our out-going board members, Carol Neumann, and Joel Blank, for their years of service. Thank you!

Scrap of History

**July 30 “Aprons– The Household Uniform”**
Aprons have always been a household uniform that held children, vegetables, and an occasional puppy. Aprons are back with sass and attitude. Every apron has a story. Learn new facts and share some memories. Program is free to members and $5 for non members, refreshments will be served.

**August 27 “Military”**
Come and spend time with Dale Braunschweig in our military room. Dale will give information on military artifacts, uniforms etc. that are on display in our military room. Program is free to members and $5 for non members.

**Sept 24 “Wine– Uncorked”**
Join us as Tami Bredeson, from Carlos Creek Winery, shares information about the history of this Minnesota Winery. There will be wine tasting and hors d’oeuvrs. There will be a charge of $5 for members and $7 for non members.
Welcome to our new corporate sponsors

Karrow Jewelers
Karrow Jewelers was started in 1973 by Rod Karrow, and was purchased by son Jeff in 1997. They are experts in diamonds of all makes, sizes, and quality in the finest colors, and provide expert ring, watch and clock repair, and insurance appraisals.

Karrow Jewelers has two locations: the Viking Plaza Mall, and 628 Broadway.

Their mission is to continue to uphold the highest standards of the diamond and jewelry industry and provide customers with the best possible service, beautifully crafted jewelry and the finest quality diamonds.

Bremer Bank
Bremer Bank and the Otto Bremer Foundation have made a difference in the community and beyond, by being exemplary corporate citizens, always returning a portion of local profits to the community through donations and contributions.

In 1944, the Otto Bremer Foundation was formed as a charitable trust to insure the perpetuation of the Bremer banks and their trade territories. The Otto Bremer Foundation mission is “to assist people in achieving full economic, civic, and social participation in an for the betterment of their communities” and supports the work of local nonprofit organizations through grant awards.

New Microfilm machine up and running

DCHS was awarded a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage grant for $7,000 from the Minnesota Historical Society, to purchase a new microfilm reader.

The new microfilm reader, a ST ViewScan, produces digital quality viewing of the microfilm, microfiche, or opaque cards. It allows full page scanning of newspaper pages, or selected areas. Images can be viewed, scanned, emailed, or printed with improved quality.

This project has been made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008. Administered by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Norwegians visit DCHS

On Thursday, June 20th, a group of 15 Norwegians from Bergen, Norway came to Minnesota to tour the western Minnesota area, Knute Nelson’s house, now home of the Douglas County Historical Society, and attend a meeting in Fergus Falls of the Nord-Hordaland genealogy group, which includes Americans with roots near Bergen Norway.

Knute Nelson was born in Voss, Norway. Several members of the Norwegian tour are active in a historical society which conducts bus day trips from Bergen up to Knute Nelson’s childhood home in Voss, Norway. After their local visit, the group was headed for Medora, North Dakota for a taste of the wild west.
Norwegian Exhibit

The Douglas County Historical Society is holding an open house in conjunction with the Runestone Museum Norwegian exhibit July 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature a Knute Nelson display, a private Norwegian display, food demonstrations and sale. Admission to the DCHS is free.

ON DISPLAY AT THE
ALEXANDRIA RUNESTONE MUSEUM
July 15 through Sept 22, 2013

New Land, New Life:
Norwegian Immigration in Minnesota 1825-1925
An exhibit by the Sons of Norway Runic Vennskap #1-530, Alexandria Lodge, highlights the history, culture, and lives of Norwegian immigrants to Minnesota with first-hand accounts of these early immigrants, why they came to Douglas County, and what they did when they arrived.

Grand Opening
Sat, July 20, 2013

Alexandria Runestone Museum
206 Broadway St
Alexandria

- Exhibits & Demonstrations
  - Rosemaling
  - Psalmokken
  - Hardanger Embroidery
  - Wood Carving
  - Norwegian Knitting & Spinning
  - Candle making
  - Blacksmith
  - Snorri Ship
- Story Telling w/ Jan Smith
  - 10:30- Trolls and theTroubles They Cause
  - 1:30- Life of a Early Norse Queen 1000 AD
- Children’s Crafts
- Ethnic Dancers
  - Show your Sons of Norway membership card for reduced admission. Join July 20 for FREE admission.
  - Children free

Douglas County Historical Society
In the historic Knute Nelson house
1219 Nokomis St
Alexandria

- Knute Nelson display
- Private Norwegian collection
- Food Demonstrations 10 am- 1 pm
  - Lefse
  - Krumkake
  - Pannkakor
- Baked goods for sale
  - Flatbread
  - Lefse
  - Scandinavian Almond Cakes
  - Sandbakkels
  - Norwegian Rye Sandwiches
  - And more...
- Extensive Research Department
- 1886 Immigration Map
- Scandinavian Shop display
  - FREE admission

We have been busy in June due to a late spring. Although we got a late start, we have made up for lost time.

The Sentenced to Serve crew finished the ramp, lock and shelves on the new shed. The Sunrise Sprinkler company trenched water under driveway to the garden and trees. What a wonderful thing it is to get rid of the hose across the parking lot!

On June 6, Matt Kakac tilled the garden, then the homeschoolers planted the whole garden, plus raspberries. The children also adopted the flower gardens around the house.
Alexandria Rotary puts finishing touch on shed

Douglas County Historical Society applied for a grant for $4500 to Rotary International for the purchase of a shed to store tools and other gardening paraphernalia.

Rachel Barduson submitted the grant application for $4500 to Rotary International so the garden shed could become a reality.

The Alexandria Rotary Club donated $500 toward the project as well as sweat equity by the Rotarians and by DCHS volunteers.

In June, the Alexandria Rotary Club members stained the shed and planted flowers.

Summer Songfest at the Historic Spruce Hill Church

Sunday, July 21, 2013
1:30 PM

A special prelude begins at 1:30 with Lynn and Al Olson and Jim and Don Allyn with organ, piano, guitar and clarinet music. These guys will be great!

At 2:00 p.m., back by popular demand, the Gordon Men’s Choir will present a concert and lead us in congregational singing.

A special treat for the kids or the young-at-heart will be a horse-drawn wagon ride from the church to Spruce Hill Park for an old-fashioned picnic.

All are invited and welcome!

Reserve the date.

Glacial Ridge Trail Kiosk

The Minnesota Department of Transportation’s Glacial Ridge trail project, headed up by Kandiyohi County, was initiated prior to 2005 to install interpretive kiosks at various points to make the public aware of historical sites along the trail; also information on events in the area. The kiosks are in Douglas, Kandiyohi, Pope and Swift counties.

In Douglas County, the kiosk is on the property of the Douglas County Historical Society.

The historical sites that have signs in Douglas County are: Oscar Lake Church in Holmes City Township, giving information about the original Oscar Lake Cemetery; the Finnish Apostolic Church and Cemetery in Moe Township; The Brandon City Hall and Auditorium, a WPA project; and the Brophy Park wayside rest and fire ring in LaGrand Township, also a WPA project.
A Note from the President, Bruce Haugen

Thank you all very much for attending our Annual meeting at Carlos Creek Winery. We hope everyone liked sampling the wines and don't forget the Potato Martinis, something different, but good.

The board has been busy getting committees established to better the appearance of the grounds of Knute’s house with new paint. All tips and payola will be accepted for these tasks.

We have a Corporate Sponsorship drive going on this year. Nine corporations have signed on to be yearly members, at $250.00 a year. All Corporate Sponsors will receive a collectors beer stein and a copy of This Was Our Livelihood, Vol. II, as gifts for Corporate membership.

The board and I, want to thank our volunteers and staff for putting in the hours to keep every little thing moving forward so nice.

Are you planning a book club, card club, birthday party, shower or business meeting and looking for somewhere special to hold your event? The Douglas County Historical Society has the perfect place for you. Beautiful, comfortable, historical, and best of all you don't have to clean up before or after! Call us for details or to make a reservation.

Wish List

DCHS is always in need of items, and as a private non-profit we hope to have these items donated by great supporters like YOU. We are also happy to accept monetary donations designated for the purchase of these items.
- New digital camera
- Up-to-date “Microsoft Office” software

Consider Making a Pledge to the Douglas County Historical Society

- Your membership supports the activities and programs that help interpret the richness of the past and document the stories of today.
- You have access to all the resources available in our Research Library. Visit www.dchsmn.org for a more detailed list of available resources.
- You receive the quarterly newsletter along with updates on current programs and events.
- You have the opportunity to join the VOLUNTEER corps of the Society assisting with the many areas of interest needed in the never-ending process of fulfilling the mission to discover, preserve and disseminate the history of Douglas County and its people. Come in to apply.

Levels of Membership Include:

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The meeting that would normally be held on July 11 will be cancelled and our July meeting will instead be on Saturday, July 20. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Runestone Museum to view the exhibit of Norwegian Immigration. We will then proceed to the Historical Society to see their exhibits that coincide with the Runestone exhibit.

Genealogy Guild 2013-2014 Officers:

President: Marcine Nightengale
Vice President: Joan Larson
Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Johnson
Newsletter: Dale Braunschweig

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**Symbols found in the Familienstammbuch and also those available from the office of the registrar (Standesbeamten) as of 1933**

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Source: Pfälzische Familien- und Wappenkunde, Ludwigshafen am Rhein, 1933. [Note: English translations have been added here to the original text.]
DCHS Memorials
For Rosella Jean Olson From Romayne Strand
For Jo Sletto From Gertie Engel & Dennis & Barb Gulbranson

New and renewing members
Carmen Anderson  Julie Kirscht
William & Mary Lou Anderson  Sylvia Klimek
Curt Bah  Kathy Klug
MariAnn Bartlett  Leon Korkowski
Bernice Berg  Joan Larson
Jeff & Nancy Berg  Claudia Lewis
Kathy Bolin  Jack Merrifield
Doris Burkey  Mike Merten
Lloyd Flaaten  Donald Moore
Taryn Flolid  Janith Ness
Ann Hanson  Ellen Niblett
Harland & Darlene Hanson  Marcine Nightengale
Jacobus Johannes Hintzen  Ann Nottingham
Beth Hoover  Luellen Pettengell
Mary Howe  Nancy Sandell
Marcy Isackson  Jeff Schifffman
Lois Jenkins  Susan Shields
Lenore Jesness  Anne Skoglund
Barb Johnson  Kathryn Stewart
Jeff & Jennifer Karrow  Glenn Van Amber
Burke Kiger  Phyllis Weiss

DCHS Staff
Interim Director:  Kim Dillon
Volunteer Coordinator:  Annie Skoglund
Receptionist/Visitor Guide:  Mary Isaac
Collections Technician:  Mary Isaac

Corporate Sponsors
Ace Hardware  Carlson Music
Billmark’s Insurance  Depot Express
Bremer Bank  Karrow Jewelers
Carlos Creek Winery  Ollie’s Service, Inc.

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