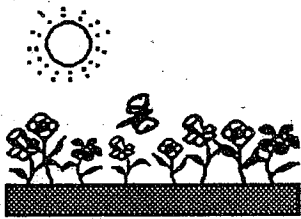


PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April 1992

Volume XI

Number 1



First Annual Flower Sale

The Plymouth Historical Society is planning their *First Annual Flower Sale* to raise money. Enclosed you will find the bright yellow flyer and order form. This is a great opportunity to make your spring flower shopping a breeze. Complete the order form and send it in by April 15th, along with your check.

Don't wait -- place your order now to enjoy your flowers this spring and all summer long.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April
26
1 to 4 PM



Plymouth
Historical
Society

- The program will be a slide presentation, Brownstone Building of Minneapolis, and Antique Bottle Collecting.
- The schedule is as follows:
 - A short business meeting at 1:45 with election of new Board of Directors up for re-election
 - Program at 2:00 pm
- The museum will be open and refreshments served.

MAILING AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

Attached is the 1992 Membership Dues Form. If anyone would like to become a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, please call Alberta Casey, 559-9366. The annual dues are: Individual \$5.00, Family \$7.50 and Lifetime \$100.00.

All of the people who have previously signed our guest book have been added to the mailing list. You will have to pardon us if we didn't get your name or address exactly correct. If you have any additions or corrections, please call Gary Schiebe at 473-4889.

OFFICERS

The following are the present officers:

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| President | Gary Schiebe | 473-4889 |
| Vice President | Vern Doseth | 559-3777 |
| Secretary | Sharon Anderson | 475-1974 |
| Treasurer | Harvey Schiebe | 545-6127 |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

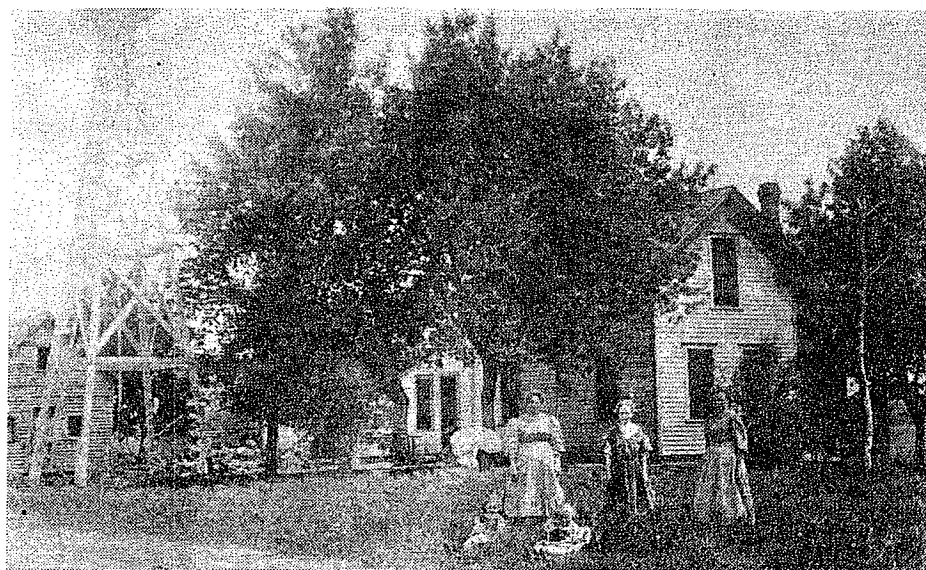
The following is the present Board of Directors:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Telephone</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Ben G. Broman | 559-5721 | 1991-1994 |
| Vern Doseth | 559-3777 | 1889-1992 |
| Myrtle Eckes | 545-6168 | 1990-1993 |
| Sharon Anderson | 475-1974 | 1991-1994 |
| Edith Hopperstad | 473-3427 | 1990-1993 |
| Bea Jordan | Unlisted | 1989-1992 |
| Jack Malmstedt | 473-4493 | 1990-1993 |
| Joyce McCaughey | 544-2656 | 1990-1993 |
| Vern Peterson | 559-2317 | 1989-1992 |
| Dick Pouliot | 569-9275 | 1990-1993 |
| Barb Rasmussen | 533-8444 | 1991-1994 |
| Gary Schiebe | 473-4889 | 1990-1993 |
| Harvey Schiebe | 545-6127 | 1990-1993 |
| Adeline Schmidt | 559-2459 | 1991-1994 |
| Mable Swanson | 545-7705 | 1991-1994 |

FAMILY HISTORIES

The Plymouth Historical Society has quite a few family histories on file. We welcome people to come and look at them, which may help you trace family roots. The following is a copy of one of the histories on file.

Very little is known of the Kreatz family before they came to America from Germany. Franc and Ferdinand (brothers) settled in Plymouth Township some time between 1855 and 1858. On October 1, 1860 they walked to Forest City, near Litchfield, Minnesota to purchase the land from the government office. The land purchased was the west one-half, southwest quarter



Kreatz Home

Section 29, consisting of 80 acres and the northwest quarter Section 29, consisting of 160 acres. They paid \$1.25 per acre on a warranty deed of 1855. They had small log cabins built on the property near the Kreatz Lake where they lived with their families. In 1868, Franc, Sr. sold his land and purchased 80 acres east of the Ferdinand Kreatz farm. In 1873, both Frank and Ferdinand built homes on their farms. These houses are now known as the Gustav Kreatz home and the Arthur Kreatz home.

On June 20, 1863 an order for a meeting of the Town Board was called. An election for a militia was ordered. Twenty-four votes were cast. Charles Tolman received 24 votes for Captain, Amos Hoyt received 22 for First Lieutenant and Ferdinand Kreatz received 22 for Second Lieutenant. The Town Board ordered provisions for safety against the Indians. Another meeting was held on July 25, 1863 at 3 pm. It was then proposed by vote and agreed that the matter of safety against the Indians be that if anyone should see the Indians within Plymouth Township limits, they should report to Tolman. He was to authorize, on such a notice, detail for the militia as he deemed necessary. The militia was first to hunt such Indians and as individuals pledge themselves to obey the orders of Tolman. By vote they agreed that each resident of our town shall fire one gunshot every night between sunset and dark.

Franc, later known as Frank Kreatz, Sr., was born in Germany in 1819. He was married to Anna Hughes Craite, who had a son, Jack, by a former marriage. Frank lived on the farm until his death in 1893 and Anna lived there until her death in 1906. They were both laid to rest in Parkers Lake Cemetery. They had four sons - Agustine (1856-1887), Fred (1866-1951), George (1864-1950) and Frank (1860-1938). Agustine was unmarried.

Frank lived and worked the farm with his father and later married Lillian Frick. They lived on the farm until about 1926 when they moved to Minneapolis. They had three sons and one daughter - Allen (1895), Arthur (1896), Walter (1898) and Grace (1902). Lillian Kreatz is still living

in Minneapolis. Allen lived on the farm and he and Arthur ran it until 1941, when he bought another farm near the Kreatz farm. He is married to Zina Patnode and they have two sons - George (1931) and Robert (1933).

Arthur lives on the old Kreatz farm and is married to Ellen Soire. They have no family.

Walter lived in Minneapolis and is married to Gladys Schmidt. They have three sons - Clyde (1922), Vernon (1924) Harlan (1934) and one daughter, Shirley (1927). Vernon now lives on a tract of the original Kreatz farm.

Grace was married to Delos Dreher and has always lived in Minneapolis. She has two sons, Merwin (1927) and Clark (1933).

George Kreatz was married to Cora Keesling and they had three sons and two daughters, Ruben, Clayton and Gladys who are dead, and Raymond and Lorraine, now living in the west. George moved to California many years ago and after Cora's death, married Lucille Swanson of Robbinsdale. He died in 1950 and was buried in California and Lucille still resides in California.

Fred was married to Alice Quigley and lived in Oregon all his married life. They had no family and passed away within a month of each other in 1951.

Ferdinand Kreatz was born in Germany in 1820 and his parents' names are unknown. In 1860 he married Suanna Marguriette Bies Reum, who also came here from Germany. She had three children by a former marriage - Christ, Fred and Christiana Reum. Ferdinand worked the farm all his life until his death in 1893, and his wife lived on the farm until her death in 1904. They had three children - William, Christine and Gustav.

William was born in 1862 and lived on the farm until he took a job in Minneapolis. He was married to Elizabeth Monick for a very short time, when he died in 1896. Christine was born in 1862 and moved to Minneapolis in 1904. She was unmarried and died in 1946.

Gustav Kreatz was born in 1873 and lived his entire life on the farm. He was born in the log cabin near the lake and was nine months old when his family moved into the new house which is now the farm home. During his life he never traveled outside the State of Minnesota except once when he crossed the line into Wisconsin. Gus married

Jennie Hatcher, the granddaughter of Frank Hatcher, Sr., one of the early Plymouth settlers. He passed away in 1941 and his wife, Jennie in 1952. They had four children - Pearl (1904), Lloyd (1907), Ronald (1909) and Dorothy (1914).

Pearl is married to Merrill Hasty and lives on a part of the Kreatz farm. They have four children - Marvel (1925), Douglas (1928), Mavis (1929) and Gayle (1936). Marvel and Gayle live at home. Douglas is married to Arlene Wagner and has a daughter, Marie - and like his mother, lives on a part of the farm. Mavis is married to Merlin Reinking and they have two sons - Ronald and Richard. She lives in the house on her grandfather's farm.

Lloyd passed away at the age of ten months in 1908.

Ronald is married to Irene Webb and lives in Robbinsdale. They have three children - Kay (1943), Lloyd (1945) and Carol (1946).

Dorothy was married to Robert Allen and they have two sons, Stanley (1937) and Donald (1939). Her family lives on a part of the farm also, although Dorothy now resides in California.

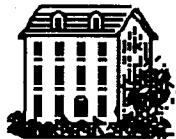
It is very unusual, but the entire Ferdinand Kreatz family who have passed away are all buried in the Parkers Lake Cemetery.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1992
1:00 - 4:00 PM

PROGRAM B B & B



(Brownstone Buildings of Minneapolis
and Antique Bottle Collecting)



SCHEDULE

1:45 - Business Meeting
2:00 - Program

LOCATION: PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL BUILDING
3595 FERNBROOK LANE
PLYMOUTH, MN

MUSEUM OPEN - REFRESHMENTS SERVED

You know about the letter "B" and "B&B's" (*Bed and Breakfasts*) but you have the opportunity to learn about "B B & B" (*Brownstone Buildings and Bottles*). On April 26th the Plymouth Historical Society program will feature a slide presentation about the Brownstone Buildings in Minneapolis and you will hear about Antique Bottle Collecting. Vern Dotseth (a member of Plymouth Historical Society, and Bottle Collector Extraordinaire), and Al Lagen, both members of the Northstar Historical Bottle Collection Association, will bring antique bottles they have dug up in Plymouth and the Twin Cities Area. They will explain how they go about collecting and will answer questions about antique bottles. See you on the 26th!

FIRST ANNUAL



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TOWN HALL-BUILT 1885 FLOWER SALE "1992"

Last year the idea of a Flower Sale as a fund raiser was brought up. This was warmly received by the Board of Directors.

We are going to try our First Flower Sale. Attached you will find an order sheet so you may place an order.

Orders must be mailed by April 15, 1992. To:

B. G. Broman
4055 Glacier Ln. N.
Plymouth, MN 55446-2721

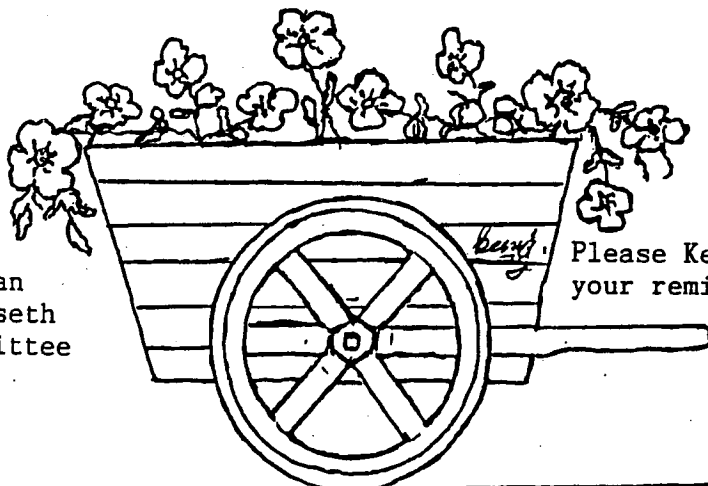
Please make checks payable to: Plymouth Historical Society
and include it with your order.

You may pick up your order Saturday May 16, 1992 at 3605 Fernbrook Ln. (Old Town Hall). From 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Additional flowers will be available for purchase also.

We hope you will enjoy the convenience of ordering your spring flowers through the Plymouth Historical Society and letting them benefit from something you would purchase anyway. If this is a success, we may offer this as an annual event.

If you have any questions Please call:

Ben G. Broman (wife Ruth) at 559-5721



Ben G. Broman
Vern C. Dotseth
Flower Committee

Please Keep this letter as
your reminder.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FLOWER SALE - 1992

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Last First

PATIO GERANIUM 10" Tub.....\$14.00

Qty. HANGING BASKETS - 10 inch Price

BRIDAL VEIL.....\$14.00

IMPATIEN

- Rose\$14.00
- Pink\$14.00
- Red\$14.00
- Salmon.....\$14.00

IVY GERANIUMS

- Red\$14.00
- Pink\$14.00
- Lavender\$14.00

FUSHIA

- Swingtime (Red/White).....\$14.00
- Dark Eyes (Purple/Red).....\$14.00

TOTAL X \$14.00 \$

GERANIUMS 4 1/2" Pot

- Red\$ 2.25
- Pink\$ 2.25
- White\$ 2.25
- Salmon\$ 2.25

SPIKES 4" Pot.....\$ 2.25

SPRNGER FERN 4 1/2" Pot.....\$ 2.25

VINCA VINE 4" Pot.....\$ 2.25

TOTAL X \$ 2.25 \$

VEGETABLES - 3 1/2" Pot

PEPPER (Sweet Bell).....\$ 1.25

TOMATOES

- Better Boy.....\$ 1.25
- Red Cherry.....\$ 1.25

TOTAL X \$ 1.25 \$

Total Column 1 \$ _____

Total Column 1 \$ _____

Total Column 2 \$ _____

Total of Order \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Na _____

Address _____

Qty. FLOWERS FOR SHADE(4 plants per pack) Price

BEGONIA

- Red\$ 1.25
- Pink\$ 1.25
- Mixed.....\$ 1.25

COLEUS MIX

.....\$ 1.25

IMPATIENS

- Orange\$ 1.25
- Red\$ 1.25
- White\$ 1.25
- Pink\$ 1.25
- Salmon\$ 1.25
- Mixed\$ 1.25

TOTAL X \$ 1.25 \$

FLOWERS FOR SUN(4 plants per pack)

PANSIES - partial sun\$ 1.25

PETUNIAS

- Red (for beds).....\$ 1.25
- Red Cascade (trailing).....\$ 1.25
- White (for beds).....\$ 1.25
- White Cascade (trailing).....\$ 1.25
- Dark Blue\$ 1.25
- Sugar Daddy.....\$ 1.25
- Pink Magic.....\$ 1.25
- Pink Cascade (trailing).....\$ 1.25

SALVIA (red)

- Short\$ 1.25
- Tall\$ 1.25

SNAPDRAGONS

- Rocket Mix (tall).....\$ 1.25
- Floral Carpet (mix dwarf).....\$ 1.25

TOTAL X \$ 1.25 \$

FLOWERS FOR SUN(6 plants per pack)

AGERATUM - border.....\$ 1.25

ALYSSUM - border\$ 1.25

DIANTHUS Wee Willie\$ 1.25

DUSTY MILLER*.....\$ 1.25

MOSS ROSE.....\$ 1.25

MARIGOLD

- Dwarf Mix.....\$ 1.25
- Dwarf Yellow.....\$ 1.25
- Dwarf Orange.....\$ 1.25
- Dwarf Flame Bi-color.....\$ 1.25

*Note: Good in shade or sun

TOTAL X \$ 1.25 \$

Total Column 2 \$ _____

