



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December 2009

Number 2

Old Fashioned Christmas

On Sunday, December 6th from 2-5 pm, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the 22nd Annual "OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN PLYMOUTH". The purpose of the event is to provide some old fashioned Christmas spirit and activities for families in Plymouth. Children can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be right there to help the Elves hand out candy canes. A hay ride pulled by Belgian horses with bells jingling will be giving rides for a small fee, hot cider and cookies will be provided, carolers and making Christmas decorations are other activities for the children.

This year we again have our great story teller back. Bob Gasch will be telling holiday stories, something you don't want to miss! Also the Armstrong Chamber Singers will be singing

holiday songs and delighting the children young and old.

On Saturday, December 5th starting at 9 am, we will decorate the two old fashioned Christmas trees and the building. We are looking for help in decorating and bringing items that could be borrowed for the day to add some more old fashioned Christmas spirit.

If you can help to bring decorations, please call Gary Schiebe, 763-473-4889.

So bring your friends, relatives, neighbors and kids ages 9 months to 90 years young. The annual event has attracted large crowds with some families having a perfect attendance record with their children since it started in 1987. We had a great time last year as we do every year

Activities include:

Visit with Santa

Old Fashioned Hay Ride

Hot Cider and Cookies

Old Fashioned Xmas Decorations



Old Toy Train Display

Crafts

Story Telling by Bob Gasch

*Music Groups
Armstrong Chamber Singers
Messiah Recorder Ensemble*

32 Star Flag

The Plymouth Historical Society has purchased a hand sewn replica of the 32 Star United States flag. This flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1858. A star was added for the admission of Minnesota (May 11, 1858) and was to last for just one year. The only President to serve under this flag was James Buchanan (1857-1861).



The above information has several great trivia questions to ask during your holiday gatherings. You can use them to test your “know it all” Uncle John to if he knows the answers.

Fitzer and Turner Families

The following pictures were provided by Marlene (Turner) Peters of her grandparents farm house and family store at the SE corner of Fernbrook Lane and Rockford Road.



John & Adeline Fitzer Farm House
Located at 3825 Dallas off of Fernbrook



Pretzel Inn
Circa 1940's Next to Turner's General Store





Bookmobile stop at Turner's Store 1937



Turner's Store

**Located on SE corner of Fernbrook Lane and Rockford Road
Photo taken by Plymouth's assessor in 1960's**

2nd Grade Class Tours

Again this September and October the Plymouth Historical hosted the second grade classes from Birchview, Sunset and Oakwood Elementary Schools. The event was organized by Sue Strom – teacher and Bob Gasch – story teller. The children arrived by bus with two adults for each six students. Their assignment was a history scavenger hunt. They had a checklist with a variety of items that they had to locate in the museum and determine what it was or what it was used for. They were very well organized in groups and toured the museum, carriage house and Bob Gasch took them for a story telling walk in the “Big Woods” with the maple trees trying to be in full color. Vern Dotseth, Kay Bertrand, Betty & Dennis Jacobson, Ben Broman and Gary Schiebe hosted our young visitors. Before each group left to return to school a 1925 Ford Model T Truck was started up and all the horns tooted to the delight of the kids and adults. The Wolf Whistle was the big hit and they were told that young men put them on their cars to attract the attention of young ladies.

History on Parade

On Sunday October 11th the Plymouth Historical Society conducted the 2nd Annual History on Parade tour. A Classic TCRT 1954 bus was chartered from the Minnesota Transportation Museum and 50 people toured Plymouth for two ½ hours. The tour was narrated and a booklet describing the locations of many past and present buildings was provided to each participant. The tour made stops at the Hennepin Cty Work House and Frank Boardman - Supervisor provided information about the facility, We were treated to hot cider and cocoa by Marta & Steve Volbrecht when we stopped at their beautifully restored house. It was originally the Herman Sandhoff house and several people on the tour go by the house regularly and didn't know that it was historic. Another stop was made at Mt. Olivet Chapel with Ben Broman providing the history of the church and the wonderful restoration. Our last stop was at St. Joseph's Church to tour the church and cemetery. A wonderful time was had by all.

Newsletter Writer/Editor

The Plymouth Historical society is looking for a writer/editor to put together the newsletter on a regular basis four or more times per year. It is an easy task with an overwhelming amount of pictures and stories on file at the Plymouth Historical Museum that can be used in the newsletter. We would like to hear from you about volunteering for this wonderful opportunity. That will take a minimal amount of time.

Current Officers

The following are the present officers:

President	Ben Broman	763-559-5721
Vice President	Dennis Jacobson	763-972-0988
Secretary	Betty Jacobson	763-972-0988
Treasurer	Gary Schiebe	763-473-4889



Donations

The Plymouth Historical Society wants to thank the following people or groups for their donations:

- Pictures of the Fitzer Family Farm House, Party at Fitzers Farm, Turner's Store, Pretzel Inn and Bookmobile stop.
Donated by: Marlene (Turner) Peters
- Wonderful collection of German leaded Crystal from Lori Peterson's mothers collection.
Donated by: Lori Peterson
- Speed Queen Ironer – Mangle
Donated by Cheryl Carter
- Laundry Wash Tub Stand and Wringer from Masko estate.
Purchased by PHS - Kay Bertrand
- Two large cabinets from Masko estate.
Purchased by PHS – Kay Bertrand
- 32 Star Hand Sewn Flag.
Purchased by PHS

Meetings

The monthly meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN. The Museum is also open the third Sunday of the Month in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM during the Spring Summer and Fall.

Mailing and Membership List



If you are not a member and want to sign up or if you have any questions, please call: Kay Bertrand, 763-249-0138.

The 2010 annual dues are:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Individual Lifetime	\$100.00
Family Lifetime	\$150.00

*We want to see You at the
Old Fashioned Christmas in Plymouth*



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Member:

This is a reminder that your **2010 Annual PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Dues** are payable; unless you are a Life Time member.

We hope you enjoyed the meetings of our Society during the past year, and we thank you in advance for your continued membership and participation. All members and friends are invited to our regular meetings which are held on the fourth Monday of every month (spring, summer & fall) at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Town Hall at 3605 Fernbrook Lane.

Please tear off the lower part of this sheet and send it with your check in the enclosed envelope. If you itemize deductions on your income tax forms, you may qualify for a deduction.

Yours truly,

Kay Bertrand
16025 5th Ave. N.
Plymouth, MN 55447
763-249-0138



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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I am interested in helping with:

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| Cataloging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Collecting Art-facts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Programs for meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Interviews for oral history | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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