



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2010

Fall

Old Fashioned Christmas

On Sunday, December 5th from 2-5 pm, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the 24th 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 4th 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*

History on Parade

On Sunday October 24th the Plymouth Historical Society conducted the 3rd 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 Louis Trittlewitz farm house. A farm house that is over 100 years old and was built in either 1904 or 1910. It has been beautifully restored and maintained by Becky & Chris Pierson. Historic pictures provided of the farm house and barns in the 1920's allowed one to imagine what it was like so long ago. You could almost hear the cows mooing and the rooster crowing.

Another stop was made at Medicine Lake City Hall. The stop was hosted by Ted Hoshal who provided refreshments. We reviewed all the local historical pictures and artifacts that he has assembled of the Medicine Lake area. We even tested out the new bridge over Bassett's Creek that was just completed by the City of Plymouth. In the past the load limit prevented anything like a bus from crossing for fear of collapse. Our last stop was Mt. Olivet Chapel, with Ben Broman providing the history of the church and restoration details. Our bus driver kept entertained and a great time was had by all.



Tour Group Picture
(Pictures provided by Dave Barnes)



Bus Driver Phil Epstein

2nd Grade Class Tours

Again this September and October the Plymouth Historical hosted thirteen 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 in full color. Kay Bertrand, Betty Jacobson (shown below), Dennis Jacobson, Vern Dotseth, Ben Broman and Gary Schiebe hosted the 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.

Website

The Plymouth Historical Society has established a web site. The address is:

www.plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

The site will be expanded to provide more pictures and history of Plymouth, MN. As an example Reba Juetten is developing a Geocache project to help find Plymouth Historical locations.

Check us out!

Century Homes

Most people would be surprised to find out that Plymouth has quite a few homes that are a 100+ years old. Anne & Dave Barnes are involved in a project to better catalog and identify these homes.



Meetings

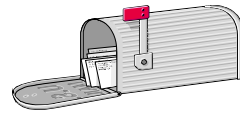
The monthly meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN. The Museum is also open the third Sunday of the Month in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM during the Spring Summer and fall.

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

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 2011 annual dues are:

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

If you would like the newsletter delivered via E-mail please notify Kay Bertrand.



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Dear Member:

This is a reminder that you're **2011 Annual PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Dues** are payable starting in January 2011; 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
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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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