



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2013

Winter

Membership Renewal

Hurry so you don't miss out on your 2013 PHS Membership Renewal. The renewal form for 2013 is included at the back of this news letter and you might want to think of becoming a Life Time Member. Please help keep your Plymouth Historical Society active and growing. The Plymouth Historical Societies mission is the discovery, preservation and dissemination of historical knowledge about the City of Plymouth, Minnesota.

Old Fashioned Christmas

On Sunday, December 2nd the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation held the 26th Old Fashioned Christmas in Plymouth. It drew record crowds and the highlight was not only Santa Claus but his Reindeer. It is always a great photo opportunity for the families. Here are a few photos of the wonderful day.





Web Site Updates

PHS website has a new section called “Resources” on the Main Menu listing. It includes links to resources to explore and research local and state history. As an example one link takes you the University of Minnesota John R. Borchert Map Library. They have historical maps of Minnesota and other locations

Home Page <http://map.lib.umn.edu/>

Local map <http://map.lib.umn.edu/mhapo/>

Sleuthing with Maps

There are historical aerial photos of Plymouth area from 1930’s up to the 2000’s and you can view as hybrid maps with current streets and roads overlaid. The following is an example of finding out what was located on a site in Plymouth. It was rumored that Plymouth had a race track south of Bass Lake but it had to have been very short lived. In checking a 1971 aerial photo the track shows up clearly but it wasn’t there in the 1960’s maps or 1980’s. It was turned into a housing development.



The so called race track shows up clearly when you zoom in on this 1971 aerial photo just south of the CN Railroad tracks. The north/south street is now Larch Lane and the street just north of the railroad tracks going to the east is 53rd Ave N. If you would like a satellite view of the current map copy the following into your browser.

<http://mapq.st/X6Vo6I>

If anybody has any information about the race track or newspaper articles please let us know.



Another example is this 1937 aerial photo. Hwy 101 is running north/south on right side of picture with the Minn Western Railroad (Luce Line) crossing right north of where Gleason Lake School is today and across Hwy 101 is the electrical substation.



(Picture courtesy of Wayzata Historical Society)



The Blodgett Dairy was located where the electrical substation is today on the west side of Hwy 101. The Blodgett Dairy burned in 1947 and the area was subdivided for homes and the substation built. The area west of Hwy 101 and south of the Luce Line tracks was in Plymouth until the early 50's when it was annexed by Wayzata. We haven't had time to explore Plymouth's Township records to verify; but suspect it had a big influence on Plymouth changing from a Township to a Village in 1955. We will have more in the future about other "Gentleman Farms" that were located in Plymouth and are long forgotten.

A New Look

The City of Plymouth has replaced all the windows in the "The Old Town Hall" where the Plymouth Historical Society calls home. No more drafts and snow drifting in when the winds howled. The replacements matched the old windows and if a person didn't look closely you wouldn't know they had been replaced.

Website

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

www.plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

Check us out!

New Members

- Walt and Janet Raska
- Paul Ellefson
- Jora & Adam Bart
- Joy & David Kurth – Life Time

Donations

Donated by Genevieve Lane:

- Red dress (100 years old) worn by older sister Mabel when she was 6 years old
- Copies of letters between Mabel and her mother Catharine Ernst
- Legal documents from State of NY when Ernst lived in NY

Donated by Pat & Gary Schiebe:

- Clothes Wash Stand and wringer
- Grade School Chair
- Early electric mixer, circa 1920's
- Book "Once Upon a Lake" by Thelma Jones
- Book "Excelsior" by Bob Williams

Donated by Oakwood PTA:

- \$200



Meetings

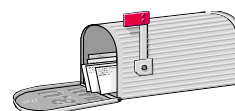
The monthly meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN. The Museum is also open the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM during the Spring Summer and Fall. Open by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

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 2013 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 or send an e-mail to: info@plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

If you do, it is a plus for both of us. When you receive via e-mail it will be in color. When sent by mail it is in black and white and costs PHS about \$1.50 per copy to print and mail



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Dear Member:

This is a reminder that you're **2013 Annual PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Dues** are payable starting in January 2013 unless you are a Life Time member.

We hope you enjoyed the events 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"/> |

Annual Dues:

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| Individual | \$10.00 |
| Family | \$15.00 |
| Individual Lifetime | \$100.00 |
| Family Lifetime | \$155.00 |