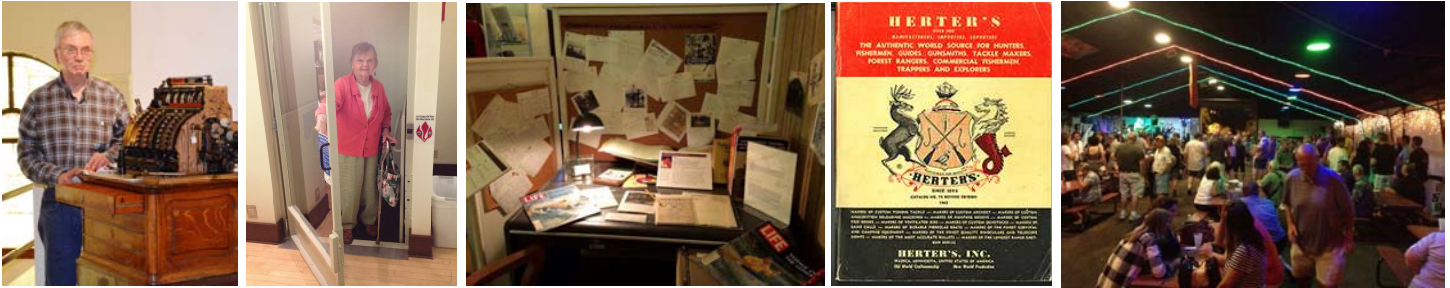



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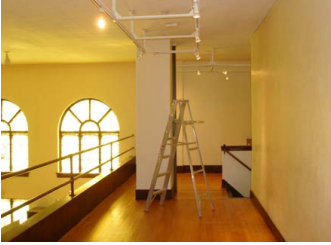
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2014 Highlights

Based on adherence to our mission, goals set for fundraising, relationship building, collaborations started, opportunities taken, and success beyond dreams, we've learned that in this non-profit world and the boundaries of our county community, *anything can happen*. Here are our 2014 highlights:

Roof Replaced and a New Endowment Created

After what we deemed a successful year-end Annual Fund drive in 2013, we opened the mail on January 3, 2014 and received a check for \$100,000 from Marvin and Ardis Sutter, retired Blooming Grove farm residents. When they were called to verify that they had indeed intended the number of zeros on the check, they were bombarded with thank you's from the WCHS board and staff. By March the Board of Directors designated half the donation toward the museum's roof-replacement and the other half to the Waseca Area Foundation as the new Marvin and Ardis Sutter Foundation Fund, to benefit WCHS always.

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incoming Board President for 2015 as well. Alan Searle sends regards and support from Washington state. Various nieces, nephews, colleagues and friends remembered Rod with memorial donations to WCHS.

Herter's Events and Rock 'n Roll—"Really?"

Early in 2014 the board decided on a multi-event fundraiser surrounding the grand opening of the "Collecting Herter's" exhibit—a swap meet, a beer-tasting, and a rock concert. We had little to no experience mounting these kinds of events, let alone all on the same weekend! Success on many levels happened. It was financially successful. It provided exposure of the

WCHS mission to new audiences. It brought the history of Herter's to the immediate and regional community. It provided a new community conversation about everything Herter's. And that's just part of it—the exhibit will evolve into a different focus on Herter's in June 2015. We're also looking at a publication, and a documentary in the next two years.

The Building is Dry

This time last year we were identifying the need to replace the museum roof. We were finishing the replacement and restoration of the bell tower—both immediate needs because of water damage happening inside the museum with every heavy rain or melting snowfall. We are grateful to our generous donors in that we have maintained our museum building without having to go to the city, the county, or borrow money. The bell tower restoration depleted the 2007-09 Capital Campaign fund. The museum roof cost was completely covered by the Sutter donation. At the end of the year, the crumbling storm windows protecting the museum building's stain glass windows were thankfully restored and re-installed, "in the nick of time!" Workmen said they were ready to fall off the building.

Successful Grant Requests

WCHS achieved more grant writing success than any other previous year, providing funding for Hofmann Honey Farm evaluation for National Register of Historic Places designation; the initial phases and implementation of the Timeline Exhibit Plan, and the funding for Chautauqua at Trowbridge Park in July 2015. These grants are all restricted funding to the projects framed in each request. *None of this funding can be spent on WCHS operations.* In September 2014 WCHS's Large Legacy Grant request was approved for \$119,208. With match grants and donations, this makes the implementation of the Waseca County Timeline & Unique Stories exhibit fully funded and will be installed by October 2015. *Finally!*

Our achievements in 2014 happened with the same part-time staff, a part-time summer intern, and dozens of volunteers including our 15-member Board of Directors.



Preservation was a huge issue this year.

Joan Mooney is very active on the City of Waseca Preservation Commission. Her years of working with the Minnesota Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) continues to provide information and understanding of the benefits of preservation goals and, especially, its resources. In 2014 the City of Waseca's Historic District was approved, completed with a grant-funded architectural history consultant, to pave the way for benefits to property owners within the District. Also the Trowbridge Park band shell was restored. Its centennial will be celebrated during our 2015 Chautauqua in Trowbridge! WCHS will be collaborating with the Waseca-LeSueur Library and the Waseca Arts Council. WCHS received grant funding from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council and the E.F. Johnson Foundation to make Chautauqua 2015 a **free event** for the community on July 4. —END

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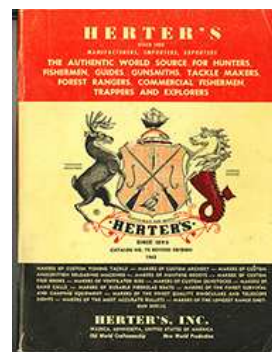
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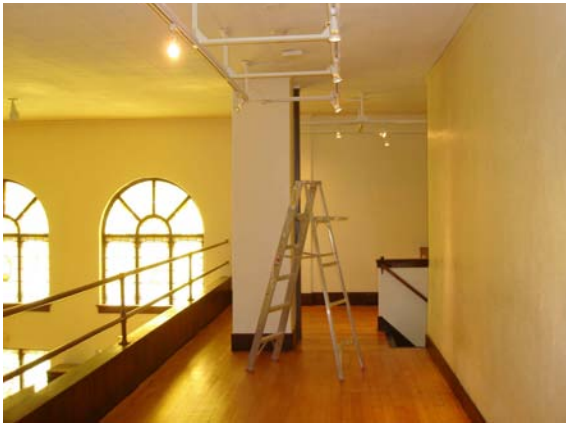
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Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation: \$10,000, match grant to Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Fund Large Grant request for Timeline & Unique Stories Implementation

Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Fund: \$9,640, Small Grant for Timeline Preview for Community Comment

Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Fund: \$5,900, Small Grant for National Register Nomination—Hofmann Apiary

Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Fund: \$119,208, for Implementation of Timeline & Unique Stories

E.F. Johnson Foundation: \$4,500, and **Legacy of Angels, Paul and Sue Rosenau:** \$1,500, both for Chautauqua 2015 at Trowbridge Park

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council: \$4,000, for Spring Luncheon/Lecture Series, and Chautauqua 2015 at Trowbridge Park

BEQUESTS

By Rod Searle, to the WCHS Endowment Fund

VOLUNTEERS

Herter's Exhibit Participants

Vern Ferch
Doug Lodermeier
Jeff Hadtke
Bob Barrie
Myron Barrie



Bob Burgess
John Matz
Denny Hofmeister
Marty Hofmeister
Larry Born
Steve Schroeder
Terry Mittlestaedt
Brad Suemnick
Mark Tobin
Bob Hagen

Herter's Events Volunteers

Barrie, Bev
Barrie, Bob
Barrie, Bruce
Barrie, Myron
Beckmann, Pat
Born, Larry
Boyer, Tim
Brummund, Sheri
Burgess, Bob
Buum, Karen
Buum, Marty
Cliff, Barb
Dennis, Delores
Dennis, Greg
Dunn, Dave
Dunn, Jane
Dunn, Melissa
Espe, Charles
Espe, Kathy
Ferch, Karen
Ferch, Vern
Fostveit, Donna
Gilbertson, Carolyn
Gilbertson, Terry
Grant, Linda
Hedtke, Jeff
Henkensiefken, Larry

Hofmeister, Marty
Hoverstad, Tom
Jones, Karl
Kanewischer, Trevor
Fostveit, Donna
Kastelle, George
King, Jim
King, Barb
Kuhn, Jerry
Lechner, Karen
Lewer, Henry
Lodermeier, Doug
Mathern, Charlie
Matz, John
Meyer, Justine
Morris, Rick
Nelson-Deppe, Nancy
Nissen-Boyer, Audra
O'Grady, Judy
Peters, Jackie
Peters, Jurgen
Peterson, Cap
Pommerenke, Lori
Purcell, Pat
Purcell, Ron
Reck, Marilee
Reck, Milo
Rick Morris
Rieck, Cindy
Rieck, Perry
Rohwer, Charlie
Rose, Al
Thompson, Jeanie Lorenz
Waseca County Fair Board
Youngberg, Kate

R&R Musicians

The Thunderbeats
Cletus Hane
Danny and the Lions
Sands of Tyme
The Esquires
Larry Hofmann
Bob Grobe
Steve Noetzel
Doug Neste
Jerome Broughten
Bob Steffan
Danny Westphal
Keith Deike
Jody Wynnemer
Steve McLoone
John Anthony
Mike "Tweed" Johnson



Mike Mullen
Jim Downie
Millenium
The Mullens

County Fair Concessions

Boyer, Audra Nissen
Hunter, Jan
Rieck, Cindy
Rieck, Katherine
Dunn, Dave
Grant, Linda
Johnson, Wayne
Meyer, Justine
Youngberg, Katie
Jones, Karl
Lechner, Karen
Espe, Charles
Reck, Marilee
Reck, Milo
Lundquist, Ole
Wendland, Helen
Fostveit, Donna

Miscellaneous Assistance

STS crew
Swenson, Dan
Luther, Steve
Hagge, George
Breck, Andy
Office Space Design
Teskey, John

What about 2015?

The WCHS Board of Directors will undertake **new strategic planning** starting in January.

Where the Big Woods Meet the Prairie, a Timeline of Unique Stories from Waseca County—our new balcony exhibit will be installed and completed by October 1, 2015. There will be a Timeline Preview for Community Comment from mid-May at the museum to July 19 at the County Fair.

The **Spring Luncheon Series** (March, April and May) will continue, thanks to Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council and the E.F. Johnson Foundation. Featured speakers are T.J. Malaskee, Edgar Barens, and Larry Hofmann.

Chautauqua will move to Trowbridge Park July 4, celebrating the restoration and centennial of the Trowbridge Band Shell; with collaborations with the Waseca-LeSueur Library and the Waseca Arts Council.

The **Herter** exhibit will evolve into “The Essential Herters, Collectors Collection” to open in June 2015.

Visit us at Hodgson Hall at the **Waseca County Fair**, July 15-19. See the Timeline Preview and offer your comments! And we offer the “least expensive” treats at the Fair!

There will be another **Herter’s Swap Meet**, July 25 at the Waseca County Fairgrounds, and the museum will host a reception for “The Essential Herters” on the same day.

School Programs at Hartley and at Maplewood Park will continue; and new programs are being planned to coincide with the Timeline Exhibit into 2016.

WCHS representation on the **Preservation Commission** will continue to support the Historic District benefits to the City of Waseca, and service to the County Courthouse restoration yet to be defined.

We expect the **Hofmann Honey Farm** to become Waseca County’s 14th site on the National Register of Historic Places in August.

The Holiday Open House will be December 5, always beautifully decorated, Christmas music, cookies and cider, and the Museum Shop ready for you and family as we all gather and plan for the holidays!



Waseca County Historical Society
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Designated Capital Reserve	Restricted Assets	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 78,829.62	\$ 11,692.15	\$ 108,532.93	\$ 199,054.70
Inventory	20,206.78	-	-	20,206.78
Net Building and Equipment	262,304.71	-	-	262,304.71
Fund Assets	-	-	539,041.00	539,041.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 361,341.11	\$ 11,692.15	\$ 647,573.93	\$ 1,020,607.19
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities	\$ 2,321.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,321.97
Equity				
Retained Earnings	245,631.13	20,535.08	593,625.07	859,791.28
Released from Restrictions	8,842.93	(8,842.93)		
Net Income	104,545.08	-	53,948.86	158,493.94
Total Equity	359,019.14	11,692.15	647,573.93	1,018,285.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 361,341.11	\$ 11,692.15	\$ 647,573.93	\$ 1,020,607.19

Waseca County Historical Society
Statement of Income and Expenses
As of December 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Designated Capital Reserve	Restricted	Total
REVENUE				
Contributed Support				
Appropriations	\$ 67,600.00	\$ -	\$ 76,958.00	\$ 144,558.00
Grants	9,750.36	-	-	9,750.36
Donations & Memorials	128,601.35	-	-	128,601.35
Other Revenue	29,988.74	-	33,164.00	63,152.74
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 235,940.45	\$ -	\$ 110,122.00	\$ 346,062.45
EXPENSES				
Operations	\$ 89,560.55	\$ -	\$ 13,367.83	\$ 102,928.38
Facilities	25,623.74	-	-	25,623.74
Programs	16,211.08	-	42,805.31	59,016.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	131,395.37	-	56,173.14	187,568.51
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ 104,545.08	\$ -	\$ 53,948.86	\$ 158,493.94



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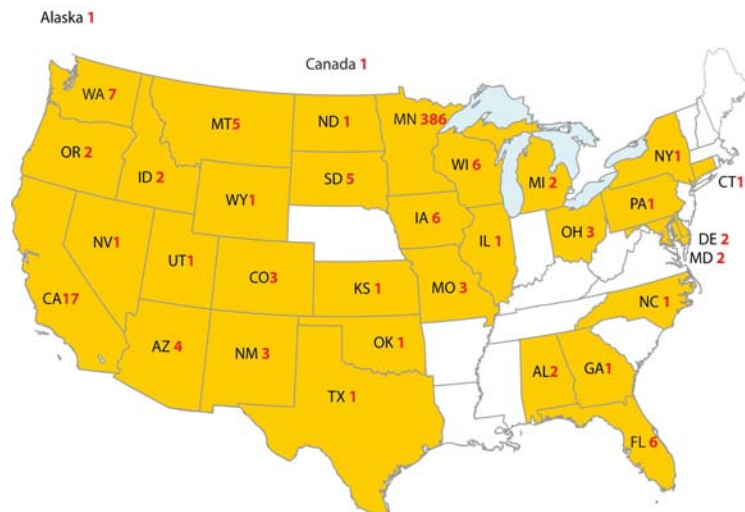
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Different Ways to Support Waseca County History!

Contact Sheila Morris, 507-835-7700 about any of these support programs.

1. **Make a donation toward Roof Replacement Project or the Timeline Exhibit Cases Project.**
2. **Advocate for your Waseca County history by talking to neighbors and friends!**
3. **Donate grain, WCHS has an account set up at most area grain facilities.**
4. **Donate to any one of our Endowment Funds for an endless gift.**
5. **Be a History Partner by pledging \$1,000 per year for three years.**
6. **Gift a WCHS Membership to a friend or to a family member.**
7. **Be a Sustainer with a \$100 new or renewed membership.**
8. **Join or renew for as little as \$25 annually.**
9. **Like us on Facebook! Visit our website!**
10. **Give to our year-end Annual Fund for operations.**
11. **Plan a Bequest.**



Waseca County Historical Society members are everywhere!