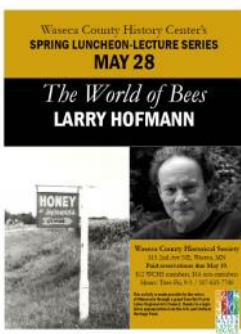
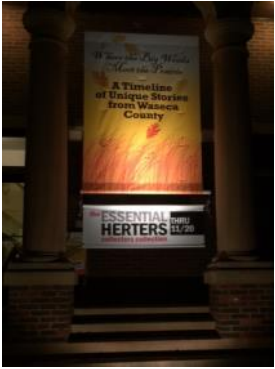


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Waseca, Minnesota



2015 Highlights

It was the “year of the Timeline of Unique Stories from Waseca County” exhibit AND the completion of major building fix-ups. It was also the year of joining in the effort to get educated and to educate about the threat to our agricultural pollinators by seeking to restore the Hofmann Honey Farm. That story is still unfolding, so watch for updates in our newsletters and next year’s annual report.

1. Major improvement projects were

completed: The new energy efficient roof was completed. It kind of looks like a big igloo, but reflects heat in the summer and insulates in the winter. The stained glass windows were saved, and that interior wall was restored via lead abatement and a new coat of paint from top to bottom. Very importantly, the west balcony was reinforced with two additional support columns.

2. The Timeline Exhibit was finally installed and

celebrated. During the County Fair, we presented the Timeline Preview for community comment, and comment you did. Revisions and additions were made before the final panels were produced. On October 8 we received over 100 guests to its Opening. Many of the donors and family members of the unique stories were among the attendees. Since that date it has attracted hundreds of tourists, visitors, reunions, and local residents to learn about Waseca County history.

3. The restoration of the Trowbridge Band Shell was completed.

This was accomplished with grants Joan Mooney wrote for the City of Waseca/Preservation Commission, just in time for the band shell’s centennial. Moving Chautauqua from Maplewood to Trowbridge Park proved very successful! We could spread out in lawn chairs and have family picnics, and still feel that we were all together for a day of music, food and camaraderie at Trowbridge!

4. The Spring Luncheon Series presented State Grange president, T. J. Malaskee; Academy Award Nominated Documentary producer, Ed Barens; and gifted artist, musician, and apiarist, Larry Hofmann. Our topics were timely and informative. We always try to celebrate Spring and getting together after another Minnesota winter. We hope you enjoyed this Series.



Timeline exhibit opening October 8, 2015



Sheila Morris with Mayor John Clemons and Mary Clemons, and with Councilman Les Tlougan and Karen Tlougan

All of our projects and programs happen because each one, in its own way, fulfills a part of the WCHS mission—*To collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Waseca County, and to create excitement and interest in its past.* The improvements, programs and new exhibits were accomplished with extremely generous donations and grants—see pages 4 and 5. We know that, as a WCHS member, and as a member of this Waseca County community, you appreciate the presence of your Waseca County Historical Society, and all that the Board and Staff have accomplished on your behalf.

But the work goes on. There are new ideas to produce and new visitors to greet. We are so proud that the museum is fully exhibited and has learning experiences ready for all. The library spaces have been renovated and just this spring 2016, a new digital microfilm reader printer was installed to enhance our genealogical research services.

How do we keep these enhancements going? By promoting the value of membership, donations, volunteering and visits. This kind of support helps with grants that, in turn, provide funds for programs and events for you! This can only be accomplished with a passionate staff, board of directors, and growing membership-donor base. We hope that in 2015 we earned your respect and support.

*Sheila Morris and Joan Mooney, Co-Executive Directors
WCHS Board of Directors*

Highlights—continued

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Larry Hofmann



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WHAT'S COMING IN 2017?

1. **Complete the Museum's Electrical Systems updates**
After an evaluation of our museum building's electrical systems, just what we suspected was true. The building needs to replace some of the old wiring, sockets, and outlets. At the same time we are replacing many bulbs with LED.
2. **Celebrate the 100th birthday of the Museum building, the former Methodist Evangelical Church, our home since 1964** Yes, the building is nearly a century old. Many of our residents once attended church in our building. Its dome is special to us and there was a purpose in the Methodist faith for the open balcony and the dome. Do you know what that was? At some date during the year, we will have a birthday party.
3. **Welcome more educational groups, reunions, and new programming.** We enjoyed the many summer reunions that included visits to WCHS as part of their schedule of events.
4. **Welcome and use the new responsive website**
It's in the works.
5. **Fundraise and help Hofmann Apiaries to become the learning center for bees and other pollinators.**
The goal is to first raise \$16,000 for the *Construction Drawings, Scope of Work, and Specifications* for the Restoration of the Hofmann Apiaries. More funds will be needed for the implementation, and then, creation of an interpretive center. Local amateur apiarists will be able to use the extraction equipment.
6. **We hope that the critically needed Waseca County Courthouse restoration plans go forward.** WCHS staff is poised to assist with grants that may be available to help with considerable expenses expected.
7. **WCHS has the historical resources for whatever planning is created for Waseca's (150th) Sesquicentennial in 2018.** WCHS staff time is limited, so committees should be formed and started early.



Regarding the Financial Report, What You Should Know

1. The Capital Campaign that many of you participated in back in 2007-2009 has been nearly spent, except to say we diligently have an Operations Reserve Fund invested in county banks for emergency cashflow.
2. We're proud that we have eight endowments funds held by the Waseca Area Foundation/Minnesota Philanthropy Partners. The interest based on current stock market reports provides interest income for operations.
3. *Restricted* funds are grant monies that can ONLY be spent on the project or program it was approved for. You will see those funds "flow through" checking, but NOT spent on operations.
4. WCHS is looking at growth. Why? Because we're nearly out of archival storage space. We are now filled with exhibits. That's good, but where to hold programming? Where to process? Where to expand staff office space? Or how to operate more efficiently without raising the budget? In other words, what's next? How do you want to access your history?
5. If you have any questions about the financial reports, please contact Sheila Morris or Joan Mooney, and we will be glad to talk with you. We strive to be accountable and transparent to all of our funders, donors, grantors, members, and visitors. WCHS exists to serve the Waseca County community and its connections wherever they are!
6. We invite you to participate, volunteer, renew your membership every year, donate to the Annual Fund, or one of our endowment funds. Museum hosting and event assistance is a good way to participate. Board members help us with visioning, policy-making, direction, and vital discussion about the future. In the meantime, we thank you for every thing you do in support of your Waseca County history!



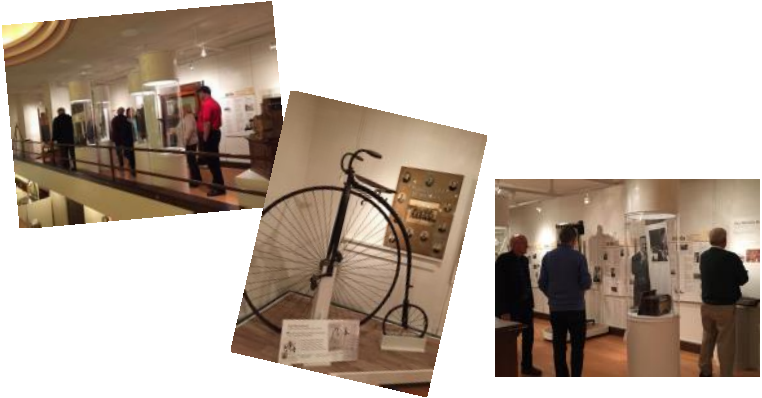
WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - CASH BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	2015			2014		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash on Hand	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
Checking	23,486	32,128	55,614	56,329	93,626	149,955
Savings	-	26,615	26,615	-	26,599	26,599
Certificates of Deposit	22,446	-	22,446	22,352	-	22,352
Inventory	20,507	-	20,507	20,207	-	20,207
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 66,589</u>	<u>\$ 58,743</u>	<u>\$ 125,332</u>	<u>\$ 99,037</u>	<u>\$ 120,225</u>	<u>\$ 219,262</u>
EQUIPMENT						
Buildings and Improvements	316,110	-	316,110	309,574	-	309,574
Machinery and Equipment	51,573	-	51,573	49,272	-	49,272
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(108,205)	-	(108,205)	(96,542)	-	(96,542)
Total Equipment	<u>259,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>259,478</u>	<u>262,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,304</u>
OTHER ASSETS						
Investments Held to Maturity	-	511,347	511,347	-	539,041	539,041
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 326,067</u>	<u>\$ 570,089</u>	<u>\$ 896,156</u>	<u>\$ 361,341</u>	<u>\$ 659,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,607</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
	<u>\$ 5,954</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,954</u>	<u>\$ 2,322</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,322</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>320,113</u>	<u>570,089</u>	<u>\$ 890,202</u>	<u>359,019</u>	<u>659,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,018,285</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 326,067</u>	<u>\$ 570,089</u>	<u>\$ 896,156</u>	<u>\$ 361,341</u>	<u>\$ 659,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,607</u>

	2015			2014		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
REVENUE						
Contributed Support						
Appropriations	\$ 68,250	\$ -	\$ 68,250	\$ 67,600	\$ -	\$ 67,600
Grants	35,032	43,168	78,200	9,750	76,958	86,708
Donations & Memorials	17,229	-	17,229	128,601	-	128,601
Other Revenue	16,543	(264)	16,279	29,989	33,164	63,153
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 137,054</u>	<u>\$ 42,904</u>	<u>\$ 179,958</u>	<u>\$ 235,940</u>	<u>\$ 110,122</u>	<u>\$ 346,062</u>
EXPENSES						
Operations	\$ 101,692	\$ 18,269	\$ 119,961	\$ 89,561	\$ 13,368	\$ 102,928
Facilities	25,103	-	25,103	25,624	-	25,624
Programs	9,996	152,982	162,978	16,211	42,805	59,016
Total Expenses	<u>136,790</u>	<u>171,251</u>	<u>308,041</u>	<u>131,395</u>	<u>56,173</u>	<u>187,569</u>
NET (EXP OVER REV), REV OVER EXP	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ (128,347)</u>	<u>\$ (128,083)</u>	<u>\$ 104,545</u>	<u>\$ 53,949</u>	<u>\$ 158,494</u>
NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED						
Beginning Balance	359,019	659,266	1,018,285	245,631	614,160	859,791
Changes in Restrictions	(39,170)	39,170	-	8,843	(8,843)	-
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 320,113</u>	<u>\$ 570,089</u>	<u>\$ 890,202</u>	<u>\$ 359,019</u>	<u>\$ 659,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,018,285</u>

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10 Ways to Support Waseca County History!

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

1. Gather a group of family, neighbors, and friends for a “museum meet-up”!
2. Donate grain, WCHS has an account set up at most area grain facilities.
3. Donate to any one of our Endowment Funds for an endless gift.
4. Be a History Partner by pledging annually.
5. Gift a WCHS Membership to a friend or a family member.
6. Be a Sustainer with a \$100 new or renewed membership.
7. Like us on Facebook! Visit our website!
8. Give to our year-end Annual Fund for operations.
9. Donate to the Hofmann Apiaries Restoration.
10. Plan a bequest.



Our members are everywhere!

