

# WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY | MUSEUM & RESEARCH LIBRARY | 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Waseca, Minnesota

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New Research Library shelving



Waldorf, Minnesota had an exhibit.



Marty Tesch and Clark Meyer shared artifacts for Waldorf exhibit



Chautauqua at Trowbridge Park



Jan Hunter and Vern Ferch at the Herter Potluck



Dale and Judy Joecks at the Waldorf exhibit opening.

# 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

## Executive Directors' Letter *Joan Mooney and Sheila Morris*

Looking back over this last year makes us feel proud of what has been accomplished *together*. WCHS serves the community by being its reflection of the people, places, and events that happen over the years. It's the vitality of inviting visitors, making friends, and gaining members along with physical and financial support. Museum work is a lot of work! And the five part-time staffers and 15 board members cannot do it without you! So at this time, we thank you for another year of what makes living in a county community so rewarding and worthwhile. Our local history is important because it's ours—our stories, our memories—and the touch point for our futures. This is where most of us started. This is where we have lived our lives. This is what happened to WCHS in 2016:

### **The Bailey-Lewer Library had a big year.**

During 2016 our library finally got some upgrades. A very well-worn floor was refinished. Another Legacy grant funded a new digital microfilm reader-printer, funding for new efficient book shelves and library storage was reached, and to cap it off—Henry and Phyllis Lewer established the Bailey-Lewer Library Maintenance Fund to be sure his childhood home would be maintained for a long time to come.

### **The first year of the Timeline of Unique Stories, and the visitors come from everywhere.**

We are quite aware that in order to maintain community support for WCHS, we had to earn it. Earn it with something to teach and entertain you at the same time. Interestingly it has been the tourists and non-resident visitors who would stop in and ask, "What happened here?" The main floor exhibits varied on timely or seasonal themes, produced efficiently and affordably within the operating budget. But it had been a longtime goal to create a full timeline of Waseca County history from its beginning to the present. It was finally made possible with the passage of the Legacy Amendment, which provided for the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants program. A great deal of work went into obtaining match donations, working with exhibit consultants, and coordinating family histories and artifacts relating to the topics chosen.

The result was a permanent, state of the art unique exhibit

of Waseca County history from its beginnings in 1857 through the last decade 2000-2010. Indeed, we are requesting input from visitors now for events to add to the next panel, 2010-2020! *What would you include?*

The exhibit opened on October 8, 2015, and now we have completed a full year. Hundreds of people have experienced the exhibit, and it will serve as the basis for the county sixth-graders' Minnesota history studies when they visit in 2017. This first year we've let visitors browse without programming, but reading and embracing each topic at their leisure. Call it a "reconnaissance trip." We expect many return visits as friends and family are in tow, remembering and asking questions. What is the broader historical context? Where is there more information about the topics and where do I find it? Learning by curiosity is a good idea. We will maintain these same stories, but eventually more unique stories will be created and begin to be replaced.

Where will we add them? If the museum space expanded, we could add more exhibits. If the museum expanded we could provide more programs for different ages, and volunteer educators.

### **Three years of Herter exhibits**

It was a story too big to do all in one year. It took more than one year for past employees and even family members to be able to talk about their Herter experiences. In the end all agreed that George Herter was a phenomenon that put Waseca on the map. Herter's should have continued to thrive. Herter fans and collectors couldn't get enough information, and

absolutely loved learning about Herter's life in Waseca in the third and final show. He was outrageous, clever, and passionate about the outdoors; and perhaps, may never be fully understood. Throughout the 2014-2016 exhibits, George Herter's story attracted visitors from all over the country. If Herter's store and catalog still existed in Waseca, it would continue to be the outdoorsmen's mecca.

### **Waldorf Exhibit was the biggest little exhibit ever!**

The Waldorf exhibit was literally made possible by the personal collections and help from Clark Meyer, Judy Joecks, and Marty Tesch. WCHS staff needed only to set out the exhibit cases, and promote an opening event. Joecks had already self-

There are  
as many reasons  
to support WCHS  
as there are stories  
in our past!



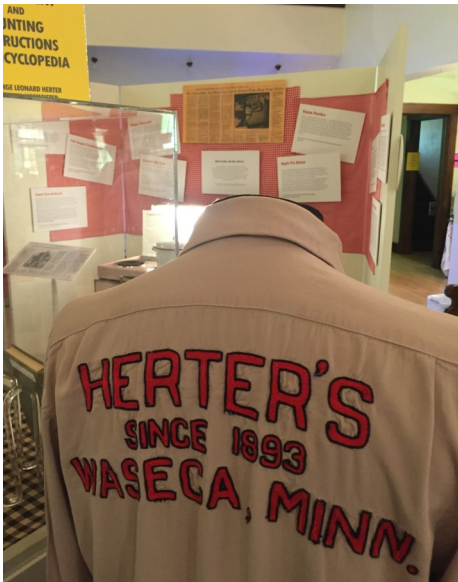
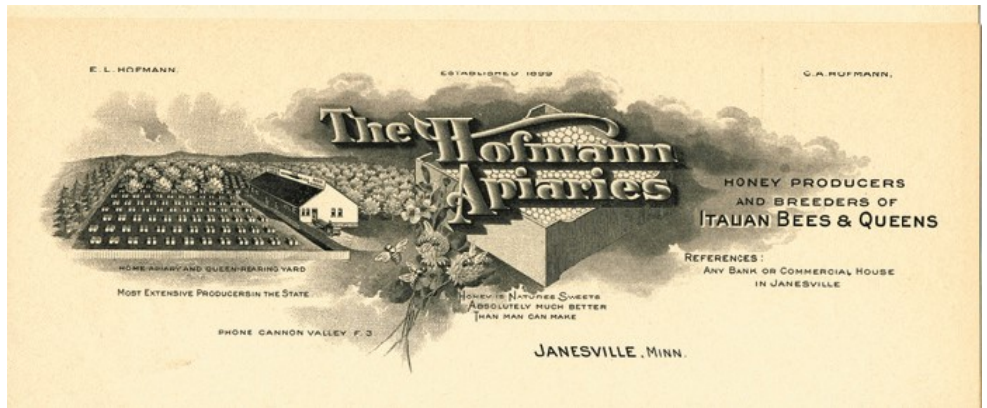
produced a book about the history of Waldorf. Meyer and Tesch had been collecting artifacts for years. Meyer had much of his collection already mounted on exhibit panels. Tesch loaned his pieces and helped write the exhibit labels. For our part, we invited the entire town of Waldorf, MN—and they came. There were several multi-generation groups of visitors, Waldorf/Pemberton High School reunions, officials, and young ones, but they visited every day during this very meaningful exhibit.

**The Hofmann Honey Farm is a state and national treasure.** This beautiful and historical site finally achieved its National Register of Historic Places status officially in January of 2016. Since that date Joan Mooney has written more grant requests and started working with an Advisory Board to plan the next steps. At this writing the \$16,000 needed to proceed with Phase 1: Architects' Drawings for the Hofmann barn and wax shed restorations. The funding included a Legacy grant, a Waseca Area Foundation grant, and several local match donations. WCHS is the acting fiscal agent for the Hofmann Apiaries.

**Finally, 2016 was a very unique year regarding memorable events and weather!** Will these be added to future timeline panels, or be remembered with oral histories and photographs?

- 1) The April fire that destroyed the Tink Larson Baseball Field. It was arson. And it was apparent the morning after what a historical and meaningful place it had been for hundreds of players and fans during the last 50 years.
- 2) The 14-inch downpour last September 22 and the unprecedented flooding in Waseca and beyond. Hundreds of homes, families and businesses were affected. Furnaces, washers, dryers, furniture, and personal items had to be tossed. FEMA came in eventually. The rebuild and restorations will go on for some years.

*With continuing support the Waseca County Historical Society will be here to help remember it all.*



**WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION - CASH BASIS**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**  
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	2016			2015		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Cash on Hand	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
Checking	102,130	30,000	132,130	23,486	32,128	55,614
Savings	-	26,628	26,628	-	26,615	26,615
Certificates of Deposit	22,525	-	22,525	22,446	-	22,446
Inventory	20,622	-	20,622	20,507	-	20,507
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 145,427</u>	<u>\$ 56,628</u>	<u>\$ 202,055</u>	<u>\$ 66,589</u>	<u>\$ 58,743</u>	<u>\$ 125,332</u>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>						
Buildings and Improvements	322,270	-	322,270	316,110	-	316,110
Machinery and Equipment	63,397	-	63,397	51,573	-	51,573
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(123,620)	-	(123,620)	(109,155)	-	(109,155)
Total Equipment	<u>262,048</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,048</u>	<u>258,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,528</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>						
Investments Held to Maturity	-	520,265	520,265	-	511,347	511,347
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 407,475</u>	<u>\$ 576,893</u>	<u>\$ 984,368</u>	<u>\$ 325,117</u>	<u>\$ 570,089</u>	<u>\$ 895,206</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>						
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
	<u>\$ 2,259</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,259</u>	<u>\$ 5,954</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,954</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>405,216</u>	<u>576,893</u>	<u>\$ 982,109</u>	<u>319,163</u>	<u>570,089</u>	<u>\$ 889,252</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 407,475</u>	<u>\$ 576,893</u>	<u>\$ 984,368</u>	<u>\$ 325,117</u>	<u>\$ 570,089</u>	<u>\$ 895,206</u>

**WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**  
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	2016			2015		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Contributed Support						
Appropriations	\$ 69,350	\$ -	\$ 69,350	\$ 68,250	\$ -	\$ 68,250
Grants	33,604	77,642	111,246	35,032	43,168	78,200
Donations & Memorials	25,599	-	25,599	17,229	-	17,229
Other Revenue	14,783	36,277	51,060	16,543	(264)	16,279
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 143,336</u>	<u>\$ 113,919</u>	<u>\$ 257,255</u>	<u>\$ 137,054</u>	<u>\$ 42,904</u>	<u>\$ 179,958</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Operations	\$ 99,079	\$ 21,166	\$ 120,245	\$ 101,692	\$ 19,219	\$ 120,911
Facilities	24,002	-	24,002	25,103	-	25,103
Programs	4,068	16,084	20,152	9,996	152,982	162,978
Total Expenses	<u>127,148</u>	<u>37,250</u>	<u>164,398</u>	<u>136,790</u>	<u>172,201</u>	<u>308,991</u>
<b>NET REV OVER EXP, (EXP OVER REV)</b>	<u>\$ 16,188</u>	<u>\$ 76,669</u>	<u>\$ 92,857</u>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ (129,297)</u>	<u>\$ (129,033)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED</b>						
Beginning Balance	319,163	570,089	889,252	359,019	659,266	1,018,285
Changes in Restrictions	69,865	(69,865)	-	(40,120)	40,120	-
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 405,216</u>	<u>\$ 576,893</u>	<u>\$ 982,109</u>	<u>\$ 319,163</u>	<u>\$ 570,089</u>	<u>\$ 889,252</u>

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As of December 31, 2016

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Samudio, Ken  
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Suttief, JoAnn  
Swenson, Dan  
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Zika, David  
Zimprich, Shirley

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Are those given with no directed purpose other than for WCHS general operations. These may include building utilities, technology expenses, staffing, insurance, materials and services to carry out the mission of WCHS. Income from WCHS Memberships, the Annual Fund, Memorials and Honoraria, unless otherwise directed, are all considered unrestricted donations.

### RESTRICTED

Are those given with the intended use for a specific endowment fund, a defined purpose or project within the mission or strategic goals of the Society.

### Ongoing Annual Fund

Born, Larry and Linda,  
*Remembering the Born Livestock Business*  
Crystal Valley  
Markus, Beth  
Thieme, Gary and Arlene  
Velett, Laurie Schroeder  
Fruechte, Neil and Sharon  
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Britton, Valerie  
Fischer, Larry and Marian

### Year-end Annual Fund

Initiated October 14

#### \$1,000 or more

Chaffin, Bob and Lois  
Gores, Marjorie  
Janesville City Council  
Thrivent (double match Diane Beckmann's donation)

#### \$500-\$999

Allen, Mary  
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Gerding, James and Josephine  
Giesen, Marjorie  
Goehring, Pam and Larry  
Grant, Linda  
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Joecks, Dale and Judy  
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Senne, Jacqueline, Thrivent Choice

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Lewer, Henry and Phyllis,  
*The special gift of \$20,000 to establish a fund, "Bailey-Lewer Library Maintenance Fund"*

Don and Margaret Wynnemer,  
*The gift of \$2,000, With ExxonMobil Match, \$2,000*

Dale and Judy Joecks  
*The gift of a copy of Harold Tesch's WWII book of photos and narrative Also, the gift of Waldorf history books to sell and benefit WCHS*  
Terry Hager family

*The gift of Ruth Ann Hager watercolor prints & archives of her writing career*

### Memorials

#### In memory of Katie Zika

by Henry and Phyllis Lewer  
by Linda Grant  
by Marilee and Milo Reck  
by Dave and Melissa Dunn

#### In memory of Marvin Kanne, to benefit the Bailey-Lewer Library

by Janette and Robert Larson  
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by Henry and Phyllis Lewer

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by Burton Anderson family  
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by Donna Fostveit

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#### In memory of Myron Wendt

by Donna Fostveit

#### In memory of Wally Skoglund

by Henry and Phyllis Lewer

#### In memory of Gwen Deppe

by Donna Fostveit

#### In memory of Robert Sutter

by RuthAnn and Don Miller

by Robert and Janette Larson

by JoAnn Sutlief

#### In memory of Gladys Deppe Kletschka

by Donna Fostveit

#### In memory of George Harding

by Donna Fostveit

#### In memory of Glynnis Phelps

by Donna Fostveit

#### In memory of Harold Ackman

by Dale and Judy Joecks

by Linda Grant

#### In memory of Ralph Huxford

by Dale and Judy Joecks

#### In memory of Brigitte Eisen

by Dale and Judy Joecks

#### In memory of Darlene McDonough

by Dale and Judy Joecks

#### In memory of David B. Hoversten and William T. Hoversten

by William and Patricia Hoversten

#### In memory of Brian Balfe

by Linda Grant

by Jane Dunn

#### In memory of Rod Searle

by Ruth Searle

#### In memory of great-great grandparents, Patrick and Mary (Bradish) Fitzgibbon

by Wendy Webber

#### In memory of Gudmund Nodland

by Catherine Lemke

### Honorariums

#### In honor of Newell Searle, for the Hofmann Honey Farm Restoration project

by Linda Grant

#### In honor of Pearl Hoversten

by William and Patricia Hoversten

#### In honor of Ron and Janet Johnson

by Kathryn Tollefson

#### In honor of Linda Grant

by R. Newell Searle

## APPROPRIATIONS

*We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from these entities for WCHS Operations. Without this support the Society would have no facilities or staff to grow the membership, donations and grants.*

Waseca County, \$60,000  
City of Waseca, \$4,500  
New Richland Township, \$1,000  
City of Janesville, \$1,000  
Alton Township, \$400  
Otisco Township, \$400  
Wilton Township, \$300  
City of New Richland, \$300  
Blooming Grove Township, \$250  
Byron Township, \$250  
Iosco Township, \$250  
St. Mary Township, \$200  
Blooming Grove All-in-One, \$174.90  
Freedom Township, \$150  
Woodville Township, \$150  
Janesville Township, \$150

## GRANTS

### **Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Grants**

\$9,387—For a Digital Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanner  
\$23,842—Final Implementation of Timeline grant:  
\$10,000-- For the Hofmann Apiaries Restoration Phase 1, Architectural Drawings, Specs and Scope

### **Rosenau Legacy of Angels Endowment Fund of the Minnesota Community Foundation**

\$1,485—For the museum de-humidifier for the preservation of artifacts

### **Exxon-Mobil Foundation**

\$2,000—For Operations, matching grant donation by Don/Margaret Wynne

## VOLUNTEERS

*WCHS has devoted volunteers as well as our Board of Directors and their families, who assist with annual and special events. We are grateful to all for their time and labor.*

### **Summer Intern**

Lewer, Ben

Buum, Marty  
Dunn, Dave  
Hasslen, Margaret  
Hofmeister, Marty  
Joecks, Judy  
Jones, Karl  
Kastelle, George  
King, Jim  
Lundquist, Ole/Jean  
Luther, Steve/Darlene  
Meyer, Clark  
Meyers, Justine  
Morris, Rick  
Rezac, Eleanor  
Rykhus, Bethany  
Tesch, Marty  
Youngberg, Henry

Zika, Dave  
Zimprich, Jon

### **Chautauqua Event**

Barens, Mick  
Boyce, Bruce  
Broughten, Jerome  
Buum, Marty  
Dunn, Dave  
Dunn, Melissa  
Forsythe, Diane  
Forsythe, Eliot  
Fostveit, Donna  
Jones, Karl  
Pribble, John  
Pribble, Teri  
Rose, Al  
Zimprich, Vanessa

### **Saturday Hosts**

Beckmann, Diane  
Dunn, Dave  
Grant, Linda  
Joecks, Judy  
King, Jim  
Lewer, Henry  
Youngberg, Katie

### **County Fair**

Carlson, Gladys  
Espe, Charles  
Fostveit, Donna  
Grant, Linda  
Halgren, Dawn  
Hunter, Jan  
Joecks, Judy  
Jones, Karl  
King, Jim  
Lewer, Henry  
Pope, David  
Youngberg, Katie  
Zika, Dave

### **For Hodgson Hall Maintenance**

Peterson, Cap  
Boje, Cory  
CJ Joecks Construction

### **WHS student volunteers with technology and narratives**

John Hanson, teacher, and students, Tyler Wendland and Sam Nelson

### **Visitor Groups**

Waldorf HS Class of 1954, 1956, 1959  
Waldorf Extension Club  
Northern Lights Good Sam Club  
Waseca Exchange Club  
Sacred Heart First-Graders  
Pat Hanson family reunion: From FL, MD, OR, MN, MA, MT, NY, CA, NV, and UK  
Lorenz family reunion  
Bagne family reunion  
Waseca HS Class of 1951, 1976  
Janesville HS Class of 1964, 1966  
Waseca HS Choirs and parents

### **Complimentary Access**

*Access is granted to these public facilities and organizations:*

Church of the Latter Day Saints  
Family Search/Library Rights  
City of Janesville  
City of New Richland  
City of Waldorf  
City of Waseca

Farmamerica  
Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council  
Waseca Area Senior Center  
Waseca County Courthouse  
Waseca County Planning & Zoning  
Waseca Medical Center  
Blue Earth County HS  
Minnesota Genealogical Society  
New Richland HS  
Olmsted County HS  
Rice County HS  
Janesville Public Library  
New Richland Public Library  
Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library  
NRHEG Schools  
Waseca Hartley Elementary  
Alton Township  
Blooming Grove Township  
Byron Township  
Freedom Township  
Iosco Township  
Janesville Township  
New Richland Township  
Otisco Township  
St. Mary Township  
Vivian Township  
Wilton Township  
Woodville Township



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**Judy Joecks  
2016 Volunteer of the Year**

Judy helped curate the wonderfully successful Waldorf exhibit; and she donated a dozen volumes of her *History of Waldorf* publication allowing WCHS to sell and benefit from the sales. Judy serves on the WCHS Board of Directors, and has hosted Summer Saturdays.

**Henry Lewer and Charles Espe  
"exhausted" board members  
retire.** Each contributing endless hours at meetings and events during their more than three terms or nine years of board service. Lewer created a generous fund to maintain the Bailey-Lewer Library.



## 10 Different Ways to Support Waseca County History!

1. **Make an Annual Fund donation for Operations!**
2. **Advocate for your Waseca County history by talking to neighbors and friends!**
3. **Farmers—donate grain—WCHS has an account set up at most area grain facilities.**
4. **Donate to one of our Endowment Funds at the Waseca Area Foundation—for an endless gift.**
5. **Gift a WCHS Membership to a friend or a family member.**
6. **Be a Sustainer with a \$100 new or renewed membership.**
7. **Join or renew for as little as \$25 annually.**
8. **"Like Us" on Facebook and other social media! Visit our website!**
9. **Host the museum, or volunteer at events!**
10. **Donate an artifact or conduct an oral history!**

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HELP!**