

**Exhibits:**

*E.F. Johnson Company*  
*City of Waseca Sesquicentennial Timeline*  
*A Timeline of Unique Stories from Waseca County*  
*Waseca County Fair Minnesota Maritime Exhibit*



**Events:**

*City of Waseca*  
*Sesquicentennial Celebration*  
*All School Reunion*  
*Teachable Moments at the History Center*  
*May Day at the Museum!*  
*Father McCabe Memorial Celebration*  
*2019 Waseca County Fair*  
*Pink School House Celebration*



**Accomplishments:**

*Bailey/Lewer House Ramp Replacement and*  
*Porch repairs completed!*  
*Hofmann Apiaries Restoration:*  
*Phase 1 completed!*  
*City of Waseca National Register Downtown Historic District!*



Grant Awards: Legacy Grant \$163,000

*Hofmann Apiaries Phase 1*

Waseca Area Foundation \$670

2019 Hodgson Hall Exhibit

*Maritime Heritage Minnesota Small Craft Project*

*Herter's Boats*



Number of artifacts in Collection: 56,512

Number of members: 395

Number of Visitors: December 31, 2019: 5060

They Came From:

Aitkin MN, Albert Lea MN, Amboy MN, Austin MN, Avon MN, Brainerd MN, Belle Plain MN, Burnsville MN, Center City MN, Courtland MN, Crookston MN, Duluth MN, Ellendale MN, Elysian MN, Fairmont MN, Faribault MN, Golden Valley MN, Hartland MN, Hayfield MN, Hutchinson MN, Janesville MN, Kasson MN, Lake Crystal MN, Le Sueur MN, Lino Lakes MN, Little Falls MN, Madison Lake MN, Mankato MN, Mapleton MN, Matawan MN, Milaca MN, Minneapolis MN, Morristown MN, Mound MN, Murdock MN, New Prague MN, New Richland, New Ulm MN, North Oaks MN, Owatonna MN, Pemberton MN, Princeton MN, Roseau MN, Rosemount MN, Royalton MN, Savage MN, Shakopee MN, St. Clair MN, St. Paul MN, St. Peter MN, Smiths Mill MN, Swansville MN, Truman MN, Vernon Center MN, Waldorf MN, Waseca MN, Waterville MN, White Bear Lake MN, Willmar MN.

Anchorage AK, Phoenix AZ, Scottsdale AZ, Sun City AZ, Citrus Hts CA, Los Gatos CA, Menifee CA, Paso Roble CA, Poway CA, San Francisco CA, Templeton CA, Ventura CA, Colorado Springs CO, Denver CO, West Hartford CT, High Point NC, Raleigh NC, West End NC, Conway SC, Greenville SC, Newart DE, Hollywood FL, Pensacola FL, Algonquin IL, Rockford IL, Springfield IL, Sycamore IL, Idaho, Iowa City Iowa, El Dorado KS, Lawrence KS, Stilwell KS, Belgrade MT, Kalispell MT, Hastings NE, Omaha NE, Rio Rancho NM, New Rochelle NY, New York NY, Fargo ND, Ohio, Portland OR, Roseburg OR, Sisters OR, Sioux Falls SD, Chuckey TN, Borne TX, Fortworth TX, New Braunfels TX, San Antonio TX, Chesapeake VA, Norfolk VA, Roanoke VA, Seattle WA, Sheboygan WI, Sturgeon Bay WI, Superior WI, Riverton WY, Australia, Germany, Ireland, Mexico and Winnipeg Canada.





**WCHS  
Executive Director**

Joan Mooney



**WCHS STAFF**

**Pauline Fenelon**

Artifact &  
Library Curator



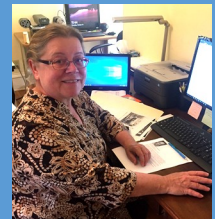
**Linda Taylor**

Research/  
Genealogy



**Jan Hunter**

Research



**Amanda Larkin**

Photo Archivist



**Best Wishes to:**

**WCHS**

**Museum Director**

Vanessa Zimprich



**2019 WCHS Board of Directors**

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**Thank you Linda!**

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**Dave Zika**



## Volunteers 2019 Donated 74 Hours of Service-THANK YOU!

Beckmann, Diane

Buum, Karen

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Youngberg, Katie

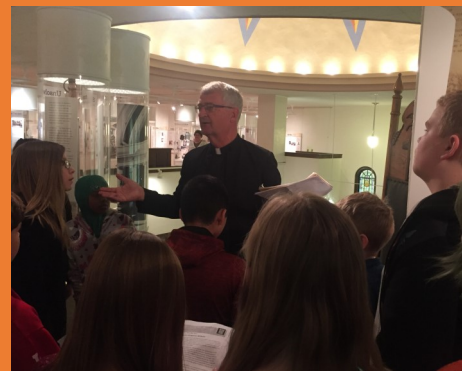
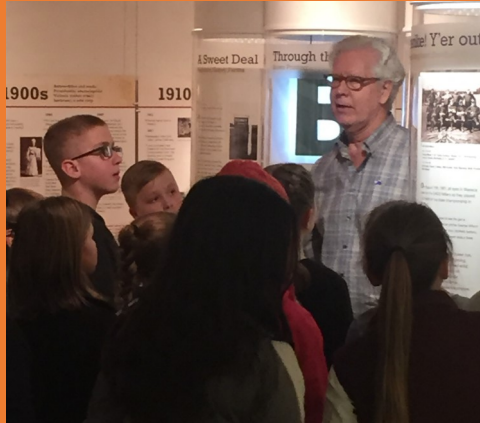
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Witts, Roger

Zika, Dave

Boy Scout Troop # 85

**Special Thanks to Artist Peggy Larkin for the hand painted mural adorning the east stairway to the Timeline exhibit and Dave and Melissa Dunn for the lighting upgrade at Hodgson Hall.**



## Current Members as of December 2019

Alton Township	Ray Anthony	Team Academy
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Waseca Art Center	Molly Byron	Kari Fenelon
Waseca County Courthouse	Paul Byron	Dale and Lanae Feser
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Mary Amsrud	Owatonna Chamber of Commerce	Becky Fuller

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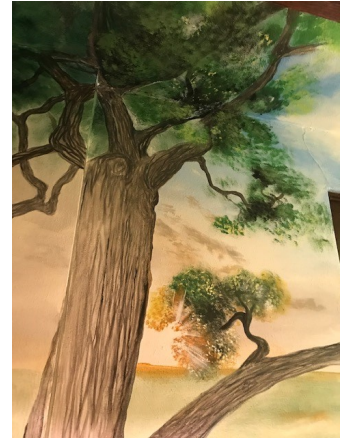
Boyd Fuller	Carol Jackson	Patrick Madden
Denis and Linda Garms	Robin Forrest Jacobson	R.P. and Mary Ann Madel Jr.
Gary Conrath	James Lundgran	Dennis Mann
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Bill Habeck	Ron Joyce	Paula Monteiro
Robert Hagen	Pat Judd	Joan Mooney
Tom and Nyla Hagen	Trevor Kanewischer	Eric Morris
Sharon Haley	Eugenia M Kastner	Sheila and Rick Morris
Dawn Halgren	Barbara Kiesler	Mike Murphy
John Hallman	Steve and Belinda Kiesler	Millie Neidt
Robert Halstead	Jim and Barb King	John Nelson
Gregory Hammel	James and Jennifer Kinkade	Susan Nelson
Dorothy Harguth	Robert Klinger	Jay and Nancy Nicolin
Lorraine Harter	Douglas Knoll	Beverlee Norman
Larry Henkensiefken	Lynn Koechel	Matt O'Brien
Scott and Peggy Hildebrandt	Barbara and Gerald Kopischke	John Oblak
Gail Hildebrandt	Peggy Korsmo-Kennon	Neta Oelke
Joanne Hintz	Robin Kramer	Kathleen Oftedahl
Gregory Hodges	Gayle Krause	Laura Olson
DuWayne and Barbara Hoehn	Lester and Jane Kroeger	Jean Page
Betty Hoffman	Michael and Kasondra Kubat	Mary Pascua
James Hogan	MB Kufrin	Timothy and Sandra Penny
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James Holmes	Dave Kunst	Jaqueline Peters
Harlan Holmquist	Thomas and Cheryl Kurkoski	Arlene Peterson
Maggie Holt	Janette Larson	Dawn Peterson
Susan Hovelsrud	Karen Lechner	Melissa Peterson
Patricia and William Hoversten	Cindy Lewer	Sharon Peterson
Nadine Hunt	Henry and Phyllis Lewer	LuEllen Pettengell
Jan Hunter	Linda Lorenz	Karen Philipson
Robert Hunter	Chuck Lucas	Roslyn Poehler
Mary Ihrke	Jean and Olof Lundquist	Lori Pommerenke
Randy Indahl	Ivan Maas	Arlene Pooley
Steven Inman		Janet Priebe

## Current Members as of December 31,

Pat Purcell  
Jeanne Putnam  
Terry Quickstad  
Carol Raimann  
Dr. Gyles and Carol Randall  
Duane and Cheryl Rathmann  
Bonnie Reak  
Thiel Reinecke  
Deborah Richard  
Richard Androli  
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Clinton Rogers  
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Warren and Susan Routh  
Janet Rudolph  
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Jeff and Ann Ruedy  
Linda Rutledge  
Thomas Ryan  
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DeNell Schroeder  
Kent Schultz  
Ruth Searle  
Bruce and Debbie Selvik  
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Scott and Vicky Singlestad  
Margaret Sinn  
Robert Sleen  
Ketih and Wilda Smith  
Martin Smith  
Maureen Smith  
Bruce and Mary Jane Stauffer  
Reid Strain  
Mel Strand  
Gary Streng  
Roy Stromme  
Sue Sutliff  
Peter and Teresa Suek

Daniel Swenson  
Lynn and Susan Swenson  
Virginnia Swenson  
Tammy Spooner  
Linda and Gary Taylor  
Marty Tesch  
Russell and Marie Tesch  
John Teskey  
James Tetzloff  
James and Moira Tippy  
Les and Karen Tlougan  
Kathryn Tollefson  
Nancy Tollefson  
Brian Tomford  
Richard and Jeannie Thompson  
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William Vogler  
Dave and Berni Wabner  
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Roger and Roberta Walker  
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Paul Ward  
Wendy Webber  
Geraldine Wegner  
Eugene Welch  
Janet Welch  
Helen Wendland  
Caryn Wendt  
Tom and Francie West  
Greg and Donnette Wheelock  
Gwen Whiting  
Bruce and Lorraine Wick  
Barb Wildgrube  
Beverly Wildgrube  
Marilyn Wilkus  
Jack and Mary Williams  
Keith Willis  
George and Sharlene Winegar  
Ann Wobschall  
Carol Wobschall  
Dennis and Beth Ann Wolf  
Patricia Wuger

Donald and Margaret Wynnemer  
Jody Wynnemer  
Stella Yamazaki  
Katie Youngberg  
LaVonne Zellmer  
David Zika  
Aera Zimprich  
Jon and Vanessa Zimprich  
Mike Zwach



Timeline Mural by Peggy Larkin



New ramp construction,  
Bailey/Lewer House



Porch Restoration,  
Bailey/Lewer House

## Memorials

**In memory of Connie Barrie**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Steven Conway**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Judith De La Fosse**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Connie Barrie**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Donna Flaten**  
by Jane & Mark Bartelt

**In memory of Kalvin Kiesler**  
by Barbara Kiesler

**In memory of Ruth and Joe Kozan**  
by Anita Kozan

**In memory Mary Jean Somers**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Pat Rohde**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Jerry Rutledge**  
by Sheila Morris

**In memory of Pat Loeffler**  
by Norma Witt

**In memory of Diane and Dick Wendland**  
by Jody Wynnemer

**In memory of Errel F. and Julie Wynnemer**  
by Jody Wynnemer

**In memory of Rena Hinton**  
by Jane Dunn  
by Linda Grant  
by Leo and Sabrina Nissen

**In memory of Mary Allen**  
by Milly Neidt  
by JoAnn Sutlief

**In memory of Gordon Foels**  
by Nancy Tollefson

**In memory of Joyce Josephes**  
by Richard Josephes

**In memory of Jerry McCarthy**  
by June Fell  
by Pauline Fenelon  
by Carollea Gilomen  
by Jane Haala  
by Dale and Dawn Halgren  
by Marty Hofmeister  
by Ivan and Janice Maas  
by Clark Meyer  
by Dan Swenson  
by Norma Witt

**In memory of Nancy Murphy**  
by Bob and Janette Larson

**In memory of Elaine Sack**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Beau Leon Tobin**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Diane Wendland**  
by Nancy Tollefson

**In memory of Mary Allen**  
by Beckmann, Diane  
by Oftedahl, Kathleen

**In memory of William Braun**  
by Fury, Ruth

**In memory of David Brown**  
by Fostveit, Donna

In memory of Verla Conway  
by Fostveit, Donna

**In memory of Sally Forrest**  
by Thompson, Jeanette

**In memory of Fran Gabiou**  
by Thompson, Jeanette

**In memory of Irma Lorenz**  
by Thompson, Jeanette

**In memory of Bernice Peterson**  
by Berger, Doris

**In memory of Jeanette Rosenthal**  
by Berg, Darrell and Nancy  
by Berg, Helen  
by Buker, Gary  
by Fostveit, Donna  
by Harty, Amber  
by Magee, Linda  
by Nelson, Blain and Joan  
by Pomeroy, Tracy and Shawn  
by Possehl, Bruce  
by Possehl, Janet  
by Rosenthal, Gene and Kathleen  
by Rosenthal, Tom  
by Tollefson, Nancy  
by Wobschall, Carol

**In memory of Bill Schroeder**  
by Beckmann, Diane

**In memory of Merton Schwarz**  
by Grant, Linda

**In memory of Beatrice O'Brien Williams**  
by Berger, Doris

**In memory of Parents and Grandparents**  
by Velett, Laurie and Kirk

## Honorariums

**In honor of Pauline Fenelon**  
by Linda Grant

**In honor of Charlene Roemhildt**  
by Alton Township

## Appropriations

City of Waseca \$4500  
Waseca County \$65,000  
Alton Township \$400.00  
Blooming Grove All In One Fund \$278  
Blooming Grove Township \$350  
Byron Township \$250  
Freedom Township \$150.00  
Iosco Township \$250.00

## Appropriations Cont..

Janesville Township \$200  
New Richland Township \$1000  
Otisco Township \$300.00  
Vivian Township \$250  
Wilton Township \$300  
Woodville Township \$150.00

## Donations

Diane & Scott Beckmann  
Dave & Melissa Dunn  
Hunter, Robert  
Simon, Jim  
Strand, Mel  
Forrest, Dan & Cheryl  
Kiesler, Barbara  
Kozan, Anita  
Prail, Janet  
Alton Township  
The Fenian Memorial Committee of  
America (George McLaughlin)  
Thrivent Financial  
Barbknecht, Rosanne  
Groskreutz, Lisa  
Schultz, Mary and Merrill  
Ewert, Margaret  
Fury, Ruth  
Johnson, Ron and Janet  
Lorenz, Linda  
Madel, R.P, Jr.  
Neidt, Millicent  
Peters, Jaqueline A.  
Searle, Newell  
Velett, Laurie and Kirk  
Welch, Elaine  
Welch, Eugene

## Volunteers

Beckmann, Diane  
Buum, Marty  
Byron, Molly  
Carlson, Gladys  
Dunn, Dave & Melissa  
Fostveit, Donna  
Groskreutz, Dale  
Haug, Roger  
Harguth, Char  
Hunter, Jan  
Joecks, Judy  
Jones, Karl  
Larkin, Peggy  
Lechner, Karen  
McCarthy, Virginia  
Oftedahl, Kathy  
Raimann, Carol  
Taylor, Linda  
Witt, Roger  
Youngberg, Katie  
Zika, Dave  
Zimprich, Vanessa  
Waseca Art Center Wednesday  
Group Members  
Boy Scout Troop #85





## How Are We Funded?

Dear Members and interested parties,

The above question is one of importance when seeking support from our members and the public at large. Public accountability and transparency is reflected in our mission and operations. WCHS Board of Directors are trained to understand the role they play in serving as a Board Member. The Executive Director oversees general operations, staff and finances. The WCHS Board oversees me. We refer to WCHS as the “mother ship”. We are currently the people charged with keeping the ship sustainable. This requires a unified understanding between staff, board, members and the public of how the organization navigates throughout the year.

I have included some charts illustrating where our funding comes from and how it is distributed on an annual basis. Some slices are larger than others, however, every slice is necessary to complete the circle. The information in the 2019 Annual Report is available to anyone on our website. Printed copies are also available upon request.

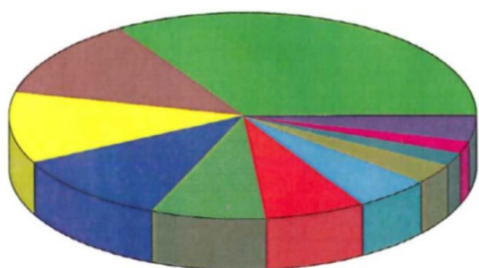
Thank you to everyone who contributes to our efforts. Your history is a keen investment. We are committed to the WCHS Mission:

*The mission of the Waseca County Historical Society is to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate the history of our county and citizens, and to create excitement and interest in our past.*

Joan Mooney, WCHS Executive Director

### Waseca County Historical Society

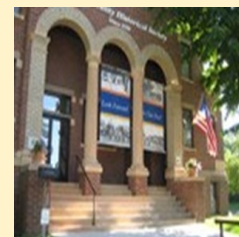
How We Are Funded



2019 Budget: \$134,700

2019 Actual Income: \$140,823

2019 Actual Expenses: \$117,730



**The Waseca  
County  
Historical Society  
2019  
Financials  
Posted  
Separately**