

The Waseca County Historical Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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.

From the Executive Director

Dear Waseca County Historical Society Members,

What a difference a year makes! The most notable change is the Covid-19 virus has subsided. Although still present, the vaccine is available and the number of deaths and hospital admissions are down substantially. 2022 was the year we began to see the pandemic come to an end. Halleluiah!

2022 was a good year for a fundraiser. On April 22, the WCHS Board of Directors hosted the second and last Rock & Roll Revue at The Mill in Waseca. Over 300 people came. We raised over \$20,000! The money is being used for many capital projects and improvements. Thank you to the many sponsors, volunteers and supporters.

WCHS hosted LakeFest 2022 on July 4, 2022. This was the second of a two year commitment to host this event for the community and visitors to Waseca. The 2023 LakeFest event was chaired by volunteers Tom and Jeanne Sexton with the help of many volunteers. Thank you for taking on this project as celebrating the 4th of July in Clear Lake Park is a long standing tradition and very much appreciated by all that attend.

The Waseca County Fair 2022 Hodgson Hall exhibit featured the work of WCHS Board Member Dale Groskreutz. Dale recreated his grandfather's barn based on his memories.

Dale spent more than 300 hours on this replica making sure it is 1/16th to scale and even adding extra buildings. The attention to detail is phenomenal. A wonderful testament to Dale's skills and a legacy piece for the Groskreutz Family.

The Bailey Lewer Historic Gardens, once again, hosted the Waseca Area Garden Tour in July. The gardens are designed with plants available in 1868 when this National Register house was built.

Hofmann Apiaries Phase 2 Restoration project resumed in the summer of 2022. Phase 2 was funded by a DNR Environmental Legacy Grant. Project completion is scheduled for Fall 2023. If you are interested in scheduling a tour please contact me. The National Register site is also the private residence of Jan and Larry Hofmann and is not open to the public at all times. We will try our best to accommodate all interested parties.

The 2021 WCHS Annual Meeting and Dinner was held on October 12, 2022 at The Willows in New Richland.

The Holiday Open House was held on December 3, 2022. Student intern and actor Grace Lapides brought some history theater through the doors with a preview to the Waseca High School Theatre production "Little Women" for visitors to enjoy. Also performing was the Waseca High School choir.

We ended 2022 with the Annual Giving Campaign. Each year, usually beginning in November, 501(C)(3) organizations have an opportunity to benefit from year end contributions from individuals and businesses. Year End Giving is way to show appreciation for the work nonprofits do. One third of annual giving occurs in December, 12% of all giving occurs in the last three days of December. Charitable donations can help taxpayers lower their taxable income via a tax deduction. WCHS has experienced a decline in charitable giving over the past 3 years. If you would like to make a contribution please consult your tax professional and consider including WCHS in your year end giving.

Thank you for another good year at WCHS.

Joan Mooney

Executive Director Waseca County Historical Society

501(c)(3) Charitable Organizations, History, Politics and the IRS

I would like to take this opportunity to share with members what the WCHS Board of Directors and Executive Director already know.

The IRS dictates how we behave as a charitable organization. We are in position to solicit donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations who support our mission (WCHS Mission Statement on the cover). Because your contributions are based on our mission, not the mission of other organizations, the WCHS Board of Directors created the following policy

June 13, 2018

Waseca County Historical Society Charitable Giving Policy

Donations

The Waseca County Historical Society (WCHS) does not participate in monetary donations to organizations, businesses or individuals. WCHS can support other organizations and businesses by purchasing advertising space in promotional publications or donating items from the gift shop at the discretion of the Executive Director and Executive Committee.

Waseca County Historical Society Professional Membership Policy

The Waseca County Historical Society (WCHS) may join other organizations that reflect the WCHS Mission or are in place to support 501(c)(3) organizations or provide support and services to history related organizations.

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Why is this relevant?

Though every year isn't an election year, you wouldn't know it as it seems the campaigning never ends!

WCHS is by law, a nonpartisan organization.

IRS

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.

This law does not pertain to staff, boards or members of a 501c3 organization. Individuals are free to support candidates of their choice on their own time during or after an election.

What About After the Election?

As referenced in the Director's letter, historic events take place in real time. After an election, the elected begins his/her service to the public. Activities associated with that service make up the history of the person serving the term. Unprecedented activities, good and bad, conducted during and after, make up the content of that service, which then becomes history.

Thank You WCHS Board of Directors!

2022 WCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Diane Beckmann
- Marty Buom
- Molly Byron
- Dawn Halgren
- Brian Harguth (Waseca County Commissioner)
- Dave Dunn
- Linda Finley
- Dale Groskreutz
- Gregg Johnson
- Trevor Kanewischer
- Jacqueline Peters
- Carol Raimann
- Dave Zika



Hofmann Apiaries Update 2022

Thanks to Senator Julie Rosen and Representative John Petersburg for recognizing the worth of the project. We thank them for bringing the project to the floor of the Legacy Finance Committee where it was included in the MN Department of Natural Resources Environmental Fund 2022! Phase 2 restoration includes, window replacement/restoration, paint, gutter replacement, stone wall and stucco foundation repair. Project completion date: Fall 2023.



Hofmann Apiaries Phase 2 Restoration was funded in part by the Waseca Area Foundation Community Grants and Funds provided by the MN Department of Natural Resources Environmental fund, through an appropriation by the MN State Legislature.



Legacy Giving, a Lasting Gift

Endowment Funds continue to give forever!

The heart of the ability to sustain funding over time is our family of endowment funds maintained by the Waseca Area Foundation. The Society has seven funds graciously initiated and contributed by generous members of WCHS and the Waseca County community. Our strategy is to keep building these funds to reach our goal of becoming a sustainable organization. If you believe in our mission, to maintain and interpret Waseca County history, you have an opportunity to leave a legacy in your name. Consider giving to one of the following funds, or talk to us about creating a new fund for your family legacy.

Nonprofit Endowment Funds are initiated by the Society with donated funds made directly to WCHS. The distribution from these funds is called *interest income*. A donation check is made payable to the *Waseca County Historical Society*.

Designated Endowment Funds are initiated by an individual's direct donation to an endowment—providing *grant income*. This donation check is made payable *Waseca Area Foundation* and is directed to one of these WCHS Endowments. Or, it is possible to create a new endowment fund with a minimum contribution of \$25,000.

THE WCHS NONPROFIT ENDOWMENTS

WCHS Lifetime Endowment Fund By board policy all Lifetime (\$1,000) Memberships are forwarded to this Fund created in 2008. All of our Lifetime Members understand the need for membership support and they do so with this commitment. Many continue to donate every year over and above this Lifetime Membership.

Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund This endowment was created in 2005 from a donation by Dorothy Moriarty in memory of her beloved aunt and uncle. Frank Goodspeed was a native Wasecan and served on the first WCHS Board of Directors for many years. Dorothy Moriarty left a substantial bequest to this fund at her death in March 2012.



THE GOODSPEEDS

Marvin and Ardis Sutter Fund NEW IN 2014 At the end of 2013 we had identified some significant needs in our nearly 100 year-old museum building. On January 3, 2014 we received a humble envelope with a handwritten note and a generous check from the Sutter family of Blooming Grove Township. They asked that we continue to preserve the history of Blooming Grove Twp., as well as the history of the Schuette, Saufferer and Sutter families; and in talking with Ardis Sutter, she said she had read about our museum building's needs. Half the donation was set aside for the roof replacement and half was directed to the Waseca Area Foundation to form the Marvin and Ardis Sutter Fund.

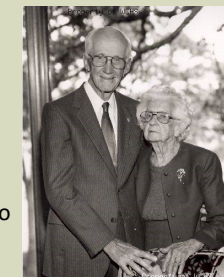
Ardis Sutter died on April 27, 2017. Marvin Sutter passed away October 1, 2017.



MARVIN AND ARDIS SUTTER ANCESTORS—SAUFFERER FAMILY

THE WCHS DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS

Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Fund In 1923 Edgar and Ethel Johnson started a small business in their garage in Waseca that grew to become the E.F. Johnson Co., manufacturers of radio components, CB radios, and forerunners of cellphone technology. It no longer exists, but during its time it won the coveted Navy "E" Award for WWII bond sales and radio service provided overseas. Edgar and Ethel, as well as Edgar's brothers Everett and Marvin and their wives, were proud of the company that employed so many in the Waseca area and cultivated a great work ethic and community pride. The Johnsons were especially supportive of the Waseca County Historical Society by purchasing the present museum building, renovating, and donating it to the Society in 1964. The Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Foundation was the first Waseca Area Foundation Fund created to benefit WCHS.



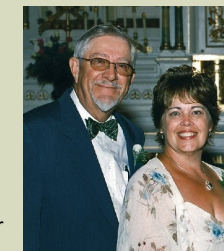
EDGAR AND ETHEL JOHNSON

WCHS Endowment Fund This endowment fund was created in 2000 by the Board of Directors and then Executive Director Margaret Sinn with a special anonymous donation. In 2014 this fund received a generous bequest by longtime board member, member, volunteer, supporter and good friend, Rod Searle, who died on January 5, 2014.



ROD SEARLE

Jerry and Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund The Rutledges created this endowment fund in 2006, a statement of his continuous support for Waseca County history. Jerry is a native and lifelong resident of Waseca and retired CEO of Waseca Mutual Insurance Company. He served on the WCHS Board of Directors as President in 2008. During his term as Board President, he led and challenged our membership and the community to participate in the first-ever WCHS capital campaign to celebrate Waseca County's 150th Anniversary. Not stopping there, also in 2008, Jerry and Linda announced a generous Charitable Remainder Trust that will eventually benefit WCHS.



JERRY AND LINDA RUTLEDGE

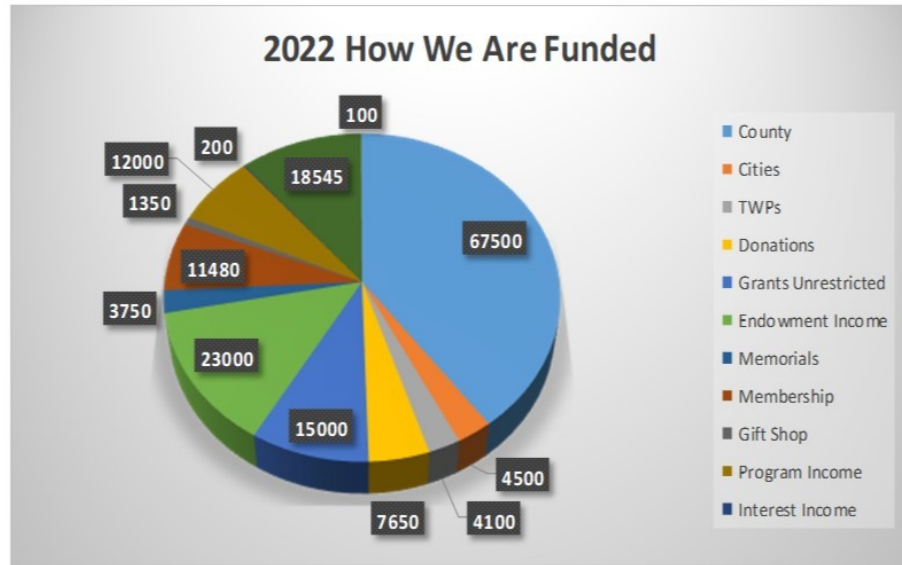
Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund Dr. Wesley Howard Rethwill Jr. was raised in Waseca, in the same beautiful brick home he was born in just off east Elm Avenue. His love for Waseca County history goes beyond remembering. He relishes the past events and people that gave him such a full life as a dentist in a small town. Besides creating this endowment fund in 2007, Dr. Rethwill has sponsored events and donated many artifacts, photographs and an oral history. Dr. Rethwill died in June 2013.



DR. WES AND CAROL RETHWILL

How We Are Funded in 2022

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| County | 67500 |
| Cities | 4500 |
| TWPs | 4100 |
| Donations | 7650 |
| Grants Unrestricted | 15000 |
| Endowment Income | 23000 |
| Memorials | 3750 |
| Membership | 11480 |
| Gift Shop | 1350 |
| Program Income | 12000 |
| Interest Income | 200 |
| 2022 Fundraiser | 18545 |
| Misc Income | 100 |
| Total | 169175 |



We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, accountable to the state of Minnesota, the county communities, and especially the WCHS members all over the country. Although WCHS maintains a strong partnership with Waseca County, WCHS staff are not employees of the county. One of our goals is to be able to provide a living wage to staff in order to continue showcasing and preserving Waseca County History.

2022 Waseca County Annual Appropriation: \$67,500

The Waseca County Historical Society receives an annual appropriation from Waseca County. Over the years the funding has been applied to staff wages. Again, WCHS staff are not employees of the county. We are our own 501C3 organization. WCHS serves Waseca County residents, stores and preserves county records, pays for upkeep and insurance for county owned buildings like Hodgson Hall and the Bailey/Lewer Research Library.

2022 Township Annual Appropriations: \$4100, Cities: \$4500

Townships and cities appropriations are an important component of our annual operating budget. We appreciate this support as we are here to serve all of our residents, not just the city of Waseca.

2022 Grants Unrestricted: \$ 15000

This category is for (4) of our (7) endowment funds that were established through the Waseca Area Foundation on our behalf.

2022 Endowment Income: \$ 23000

This reflects the other three endowment funds that we initiated and brought to the Waseca Area Foundation. In total we received \$38000 for operations.

2022 Memorials: \$3750

Throughout the year Memorials are given to WCHS in remembrance of the loss of a special someone.

2022 Membership: \$11480

This income is generated by annual membership renewals, new memberships and new Lifetime Members.

2022 Program Income

Program income includes earnings from event concessions, ticket sales, research fees and grants designated for specific programs. Special Fundraising event \$ 18545

Thank You Rock N Roll Review II Sponsors

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| The Mill | Dave & DeeAnn Britton | Hofmann Apiaries |
| Thrivent Financial | Healing Hands Wellness Group | The Speckled Hen |
| Scott and Diane Beckmann Family | JR's Barn | Kibble Equipment |
| Robert and Ruth Mishek | Kevin Walter—Ameriprise | Sun Honey LLC |
| Richard and Elaine Westrum | John & Vicki O'Neil | Awaken Vibrance |
| Elm Homes | Waseca Vet Clinic | Dave & Lisa Zika |
| Minnwest Bank | First National Bank | Virginia McCarthy |
| Byron law Office | Barney's Drive In | Amanda Leiden Prost |
| O'Brien Accounting | Ben Priebe Aviation | Peggy Larkin |
| M. Peters Enterprises, INC. | Sorenson's Appliance & TV | Jerome Broughten |
| Born Well Drilling | Scheels | Keith Deike |
| Keisler's Campground | Fleet Farm | Jim Kozan |
| Personalized Printing | Bomgaars | Randy Keeley |
| Waseca Floral | Ace Hardware | Steve McLoone |
| KAMP Automation | Zinnias | Dan Westphal |
| El Molino Mexican Restaurant | Morgan's Meat Market | Mark Barens |
| Harguth Farms | Suburban Furniture | Marty Buum |
| Johns, Doerhoefer & Miner P.A. | Waseca Walmart | Jon Lucca |
| Janesville State Bank | Waseca Dental | Bob Stephan |
| The S.H.O.P. | Carol Wobschall | Larry Hofmann |
| Dave's Body Shop | Mike Linnihan Photography | Family Tradition |
| Past & Present Antiques & Gifts | Waseca Music | Mariah Miller |
| Southside Marine | Pearl Button Primitives | Mark Denn |
| Deml Ford Lincoln INC. | Neighbor's Meats | WCHS Board |
| Waldorf Welding & Machine | Creative Touch in Bloom | WCHS Staff |

Memorials Continued

In memory of Cindy Proehl
By Dale and Lynn Groskreutz

In memory of Chuck Youngberg
By Tim and Audra Boyer

In memory of John Matz
By Tim and Audra Boyer
By Kent Schultz

In memory of Jurgen Peters
By Dave and Melissa Dunn
By Sheila and Rick Morris
By Diane Beckmann

In memory of Don and Margaret Wynnemer
By Sheila Morris
By Dave Dunn
by Keith and Wilda Smith
By Jody Wynnemer
By Russell and Marie Tesch
By Lucille Youngberg
By Earl and Kathryn Stockman
By Pam and Dennis Born

In memory of Lowell Root
By Brenda Byron

In memory of Loy Spies
By Janette Larson

In memory of Joseph McCarthy
By Janette Larson

In memory of James R. Miller
By Juanita Miller

In memory of Roger Kozan
By Romelle Deef

In memory of Don Goltz
By DeeAnn Britton

In memory of Cheri Clow
By DeeAnn Britton

In memory of Penny Peters
By Jon Peters

In memory of Jan Wadd
By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Gert Schubbe
By Nancy Tollefson

In memory of Keith Smith
By Nancy Tollefson

In memory of Nathan Selby
By Linda Grant

In memory of Delency Sutlief
By JoAnn Sutlief

In memory of Verna Schoenrock
By Dave and DeeAnn Britton

In memory of Rodney Brandt
By Dave and DeeAnn Britton

In memory of Gene Rosenthal
By Kathleen, Kelly and Blair Rosenthal

In honor of Ronald Johnson's 80th birthday
by Kathryn Tollefson

Appropriations

Alton Township
Blooming Grove All in One Fund
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
City of Waseca
County of Waseca

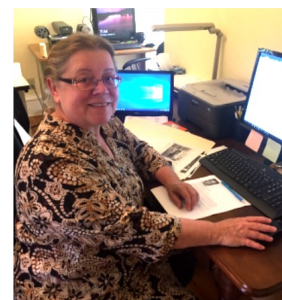
WCHS STAFF 2022



Joan Mooney
Executive Director



Pauline Fenelon
Artifact & Library Curator



Jan Hunter
Research & Genealogy



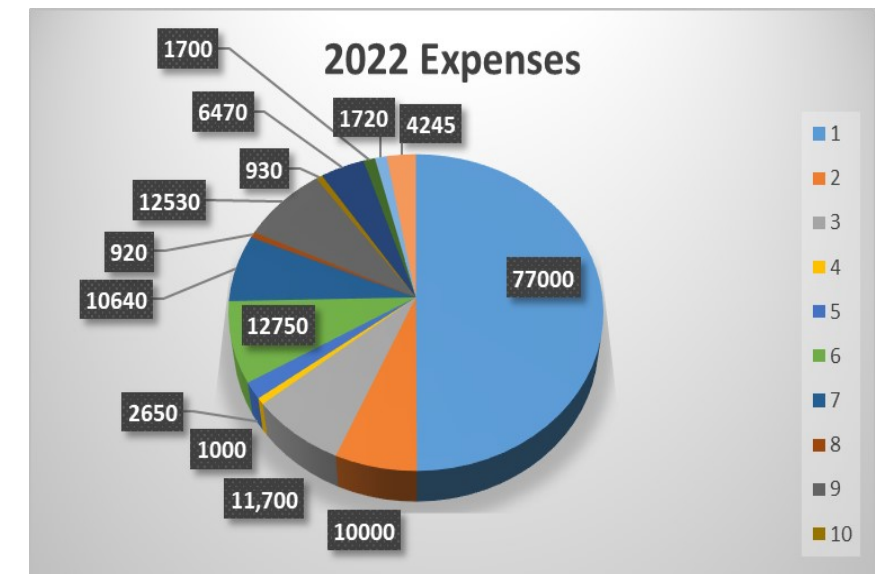
Virginia McCarthy
Research & Genealogy



Amanda Larkin
Museum Manager

How We are Funded Expenses 2022

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Wages and Payroll tax | 77000 |
| Insurance | 10000 |
| Professional/contract fees | 11,700 |
| Advert/Marketing | 1000 |
| Supplies | 2650 |
| Utilities | 12750 |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 10640 |
| Postage/shipping | 920 |
| Tech/Software | 12530 |
| Giftshop | 930 |
| Programs/events | 6470 |
| Exhibit/Collection | 1700 |
| Misc | 1720 |
| Fundraising | 4245 |
| | 154255 |



Wages and Payroll \$77000

WCHS employs (4) part time employees. The Executive Director, Collections Manager, Photo Archivist / Museum Manager and Researcher.

Employees receive PTO hours according to length of employment as well as 6 paid holidays; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Insurance \$10000

MCIT, Liability and Property-\$5000 deductible in reserve.

Professional Fees \$11,700

Accounting, consulting.

Utilities \$12750

Gas, Electricity, Water, Sewer and related fees, garbage service.

Repairs and Maintenance \$10640

Cleaning services, repairs, equipment, elevator service, landscape expenses, pest control, lawn and sidewalk services.

Technology/Software \$12530

Computer upgrades, software licensing

Program Expenses \$6470

County fair concessions, LakeFest 2021, education, and program expenses.

Exhibits and Collection \$3420

Other Operating Expenses \$9745

Supplies, advertising and marketing, bank fees, Board functions, staff development, postage and shipping, gift shop.

2022 Volunteers THANK YOU!



Independent Study
Grace Lapides, a senior at Waseca Junior/Senior High spent her senior year with WCHS assisting with the collection processing and indexing newspapers. Grace is currently studying theater in the Twin Cities.



This summer we have been lucky to have Daniel Kohler and Diane Moe volunteering at the museum. Daniel has been helping us with computer updates and scanning photographs at a higher resolution for the website. Diane has been scanning photographs and helping out anywhere else that is needed.



Program and Event Highlights



Rock N Roll Review Fundraiser



Dale Groskreutz Barn Display at County Fair



Thank you Ron Joyce for the brand new extension ladder safety's now first, not last!



A performance of a scene from Little Women



Kindergartener Native American Presentation



May Day Event



Memorials

Memorials

Ross, Jackie
 Rudolph, Janet
 Scheels
 Schumacher Electric
 Senne, Jacqueline
 Singlestad, Scott and Vicky
 Smith, Maureen
 Sno-Biz
 Sorenson's Appliance & TV
 Southside Marine
 Speckled Hen
 St. Mary Township
 State Bank of New Richland
 Suburban Furniture
 Suek, Peter and Teresa
 Swenson, Dan
 Tesch, Martin
 Tetzloff, James
 The Bar on Main
 The Fermentals Brew Club
 The Pink School House
 The S.H.O.P.
 Thrivent Choice Dollars
 Thrivent Financial
 Tlougan, Les and Karen
 Tollefson, Kathryn
 Touch in Bloom
 Vogler, William
 Waggoner, Linda
 Waldorf Welding and Machine Shop
 Walmart
 Walter, Bonnie
 Walter, Kevin
 Ward House Brewery
 Waseca Dental
 Waseca Floral
 Waseca Glass
 Waseca Music Co.
 Waseca-Clarks Grove Veterinary Clinic
 Welch, Eugene
 Welch, Janet
 West, Tom and Francie
 Wick, Bruce and Lorraine
 Wildgrube, Beverly
 Wolff, Dennis and Beth Ann
 Woodville Township
 Wynnemer, James
 Zinnias

In memory of John Bernard Slattery
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of John Slattery
 by Jean Slattery

In memory of Bob and Lois Chaffin
 By Jackie Peters

In memory of Todd Adler
 By Joanne Hintz

In memory of Molly Gallagher Carter
 By Nancy Nelson-Deppe

In memory of Jody Nelson
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Ruth Fostveit Michaelis
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Parents and Grandparents by Laurie Velett

In memory of Marge Finley
 By Mike and Linda Finley

In memory of Charlie and Dorothy Gigeay
 By Marjorie Giesen

In memory of Bob Gigeay
 By Marjorie Giesen

In memory of Bob Cowles
 By Audrey Hayes
 By JoAnn Sutlief
 By Janette and Bob Larson

In memory of Donald Sutter
 By Janette and Bob Larson
 By JoAnn Sutlief
 By Audrey Hayes

In memory of Stanley Oftedahl
 By Janette and Bob Larson
 By JoAnn and Sutlief
 By Audrey Hayes

In memory of Wayne James
 By DeeAnn and Dave Britton

In memory of Joyce Ziemke
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Irene Nicolin
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of William (Fred) Foster
 By Jody Wynnemer

In memory of Irene Bathke
 By Dale and Lynn Groskreutz

In memory of Larry Roesler
 By Virginia McCarthy

In memory of Ruth Sybilrud
 By James and Cathy Dey

In memory of Barbara Ann Cliff
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Donald B. Larson
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Janet Carlson Quiram
 By Donna Fostveit
 By Russ and Terri Ingram

In memory of Sharon R. Allen
 By Steven Inman

In memory Thomas L. Jackson
 By Carol E. Jackson

In memory of Bonnie Lou Zimmerman
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Marlene Korman
 By Jo Ann Sutlief

In memory of Vickie Patraw
 By Jo Ann Sutlief

In memory of Mary Ann Landkammer
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Elizabeth "Betty" McIntire
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Melissa (Farley) Gerdts
 By Sean Farley-Cowdin

In memory of Michael Hecht
 By Janette Larson
 By JoAnn Sutlief
 By Marjorie Giesen
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Margaurette (Sutter) Fairfield
 By Bob and Janette Larson

In memory of Judy Greeney
 By Donna Fostveit

In memory of Bob and Lois Chaffin
 By Russell and Marie Tesch
 By Sheila Morris

In memory of Dorothy Buker
 By Joanne Hintz

Waseca County Historical Society Members Continued

Ryan, Thomas
 Samudio, Ken and Noeline
 Schepp, Gary
 Schwarz, Ann
 Selvik, Bruce and Debbie
 Sheehan, Aaron
 Singlestad, Scott and Vicky
 Smith, Martin
 Smith, Maureen
 Spies, Loy
 Spies, Lynferd
 Sutlief, JoAnn
 Swenson, Lynn and Susan
 Takala, Sally
 Taylor, Linda and Gary
 Tesch, Marty
 Tesch, Russell and Marie
 Teskey, John
 Thompson, Brian
 Tlougan, Les and Karen
 Tollefson, Kathryn
 Tollefson, Nancy
 Turner, Marilyn
 Twisselman, Alan
 Veit, Anita
 Velett, Laurie
 Vogler, William
 Wabner, Dave and Bernie
 Waggoner, Linda
 Walker, Roger and Roberta
 Walter, Bonnie
 Walther, Dianne
 Welsh, Janet
 West, Tom and Francie
 Whitney, Robin
 Wildgrube, Barbara
 Wildgrube, Beverly,
 Wilkus, Marilyn
 Williams, Jack and Mary
 Witt, Eugene and Fauniece
 Wobschall, Ann
 Wolff, Dennis and Beth Ann
 Wynnemer, Jody
 Yamazaki, Stella
 Young, Brook-Ann
 Zabinski, Mary Pat
 Zwach, Donald and Fran

Donations

Ace Hardware
 Adelmann, Marianne
 Alton Township
 American Motel
 Ameriprise Financial
 Barbknecht, Rosanne
 Barney's Drive-In
 Beckmann, Andrew
 Beckmann, Diane and Scott
 Berger, Doris
 Bluhm, Joan
 Bluhm, Jody
 Bluhm, Robin and Jane
 Bomgaars
 Born Well Drilling
 Britton Plumbing & Heating
 Britton, Valerie
 Buker, Barbara and Mark
 Buland, Eric
 Byrne, Robert
 Byron Law Office
 Carlson, Gladys
 Cashwise Liquor
 Cawley, Jerome
 Cinch Connectivity Solutions
 Dave's Body Shop
 Deef, Romelle
 Deml Ford Lincoln Inc.
 Dey, James and Cathy
 Dobberstein, Deb and Gary
 Dunn, Dave and Melissa
 Durban, Silvan
 Engle, Diane
 Ewert, Margaret
 Fette, Jeff
 Finley, Joseph
 Fitzsimmons, William
 Fleet Farm
 Flitsch, Kathleen
 Foremost Brewing Cooperative
 Forrest, Daniel and Cheryl
 Friends of the Historical Society
 First National Bank
 Giesen, Marjorie
 Goehring, Pam and Larry
 Gores, Marjorie
 Groskreutz, Dale
 Half Pint Brewery
 Harguth Farms Inc.
 Harguth, Dorothy
 Haslip, Kari
 Healing Hands Wellness Group

Hofmann Apiaries
 Holmquist, Harlan
 Holt, Maggie
 Hovelsrud, Neil and Susan
 Hoversten, Patricia and William
 ICAN Inc. of Waseca
 Indian Island Winery
 Inman, Steven
 Iosco Township
 Jackson, Carol
 Janesville State Bank
 Jean Ashbacher
 Joecks, Dale and Judy
 Joecks, Judy
 Johnson, Doerhoefer, & Miner PA
 Johnson, Jody
 Johnson, Ron and Janet
 JR's Barn LLC
 KAMP Automation LLC
 Kibble Equipment
 Kiesler, Barbara
 Kiesler's Campground & RV Resort
 Klinger, Robert
 Korsmo-Kennon, Peggy
 Kroeger, Lester
 Kugath, LeAnn and Bruce
 Kwik Trip
 Lindner Liquor
 Lundquist, Jean and Olof
 M Peters Enterprises, Inc
 Madel Jr., R.P. & Mary Ann
 McCarthy, Virginia
 Mighty Cause
 Miller, Gene and Bonnie
 Mineral Springs Brewery
 Minnesota Valley Federal Credit Union
 Minnwest Bank
 Mishek and Westrum Families
 Moonan Walbran, Mark
 Morgan's Meat Market
 Neighbor's Meats
 Nelson, John
 Nelson, Susan
 O'Brien Accounting
 O'Neil, Jon and Vicky
 Otisco Township
 Past & Present Antiques & Gifts
 Pearl Button Primitives
 Personalized Printings & Apparel
 Peters, David and Deb
 Purcell, Pat
 Raimann, Carol
 Roemhildt, Terry and Debra
 Roesler, Neil

Collection Highlights

New to the WCHS Collection in 2022



Waseca Fire Department Relief Association Cap worn by volunteer fireman, Ewald Lewer in about 1915



Dr. Homer Marlatte McIntire Portrait by artist Andi Hanson



1928 Vista Luther League Convention Badge, Cliff Hokanson, New Richland



Betsy McCall Doll of the 1950s donated by Vicki Gedosch Oeljen.

2022 EXHIBITS

This years exhibits featured information about Civil Defense, local artist Bernie Anderson and our Holiday exhibit was book themed.



Waseca County Historical Society Members

Lifetime Members

Bartelt, Craig
 Beckmann, Diane
 Born, Suzanne
 Deef, Romelle
 Dunn, Dave and Melissa
 Farley-Cowdin, Sean
 Fette, Jeff
 Fette, Leo J.
 Fischer, Larry and Marian
 Fostveit, Donna
 Gaytko, Bernie
 Gerding, Dr. & Mrs. James
 Giesen, Marjorie
 Gores, Marjorie
 Haley, Sharon
 Hildebrandt, Scott and Peggy
 Johnson, Ronald
 Johnson, Wendell and Elaine
 Kastner, Eugenia
 Kiesler, Barbara
 Klinger, Richard
 Kopischke, Barbara and Gerald
 McCarthy, George and Jean
 Miller, Gene and Bonnie
 Miller, Helen
 Nelson-Deppe, Nancy
 Penny, Timothy and Sandra
 Pommerenke, Lori
 Pooley, Arlene
 Roemhildt, Charlene
 Rutledge, Linda
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