



The Record

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1980s Christmas Exhibit was "Totally Awesome"

By Mary Ann Hoffman

Despite some days of snow and bitter cold, the Fridley History Center was a warm and welcoming stop for 440 visitors during our "Totally Awesome 1980s Christmas." Those who were young during the '80s were able to relive the decade -- and sometimes share it with their children -- by pointing out Cabbage Patch Kids, Care Bears, Simon, Transformers, Rubik's cubes, an Espirit shoulder bag, and many other items. Other attractions were the sports memorabilia, Fridley High School '80s yearbooks, Christmas catalogs, trivia, visiting with Santa, and drinking a cup of Christmas tea. A raffle, sales of vintage Christmas ornaments, proceeds from the Ms. PAC-MAN arcade game, and donations added a total of \$482.50 to our coffers.

Many people were involved in preparing and hosting the exhibit. The committee members who planned and built the exhibit were Mary Aguilar, Donna Damm, Kathleen Cleberg, Dorothy Gargaro, Mardi Gohla, Tom Heryla, Mary Ann Hoffman, and Mary Sue Meyers. Many others gave us a helping hand, whether by providing cookies, playing Santa, clearing snow, getting the history center in tiptop shape, or helping out in other ways. They include: (I hope this is a complete list) Judy Anderson, Pete and Mark Bonesteel, Carol Christenson, John Fitzpatrick, Lori Greiner, Rick and Theresa Hitt, Eileen Hohensee, Patty Jaakkola, Peggy Kalm, Bernadine Matushak, Margaret Pitts, Al and Jacob Taylor, and Rob Zelenak. Many, many thanks!

The door prize was won by Karen Milcarek, while raffle prize winners were Lorrie Nalezny of Columbia Heights, Peggy Kalm of Spring Lake Park, Laura and Josh Chatham of Fridley, Bernie Stawski of Fridley, and Alyssa Montgomery of Maple Grove.

And, on behalf of the committee, thanks to those of you who visited the exhibit and passed along such nice comments. We'll soon be making plans for next year.



Adorable!



Reading along to a 45 recording of a Star Wars story.



Discovering Ms. Pac-Man.

Fridley Historical Society

Board & Committees

The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Officers

President	Dorothy Gargaro
Vice President	Mary Ann Hoffman
Secretary	Lori Greiner
Treasurer	Judy Anderson

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Pete Bonesteel
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Members interested in attending a committee meeting, please call the Chair to confirm time and date.

Archives

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Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Upcoming Events

All events are at the Fridley History Center unless otherwise indicated.

Open House

Saturday January 28th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday February 2nd 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday February 11th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Trivia Contest

Saturday February 11th 6:30 pm

Valentine Potluck Dinner and Bingo

Monday February 13th 6:00 pm

Open House

Saturday February 25th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday March 2nd 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday March 11th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Vintage Sale

Thursday and Friday March 16th –17th 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Open House

Saturday March 25th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday April 6th 4:30 pm

Open House

Saturday April 8th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Open House

Saturday April 22nd 11:00 am—3:00 pm

27th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, and Live Auction

American Legion Post 303 7365 Central Ave NE

Saturday, April 30th, 2016

Doors open 4:30 pm—Dinner served 5:00 pm

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Thursday January 5th, 2017

Board Members Present: Mary Ann Hoffman, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Lori Greiner, Mary Sue Meyers, Judy Anderson, Allen Taylor, Mary Bonesteel
The meeting began at 4:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report:

Judy submitted the balance sheets as of October 31st and November 30th 2016 and the profit and loss YTD comparisons as of October and November 2016. Al made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mary Ann and approved by all. Also Judy is arranging for our annual audit to be done.

Secretary report:

Mary Sue mad a motion to approve the November board meeting minutes which was seconded by Al and approved by all. A note was made that we did not hold a December board meeting.

Membership:

Mary Ann distributed the 2016 membership list.

2017 Docents:

Mary Sue passed around a sign up sheet for 2017. Please sign up for 3 to 4 dates.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Events: Mary Sue

- *The Valentine potluck and bingo event will be held on Monday February 13th at 6pm.
- *2016 Hall of Fame Luncheon—We served 113 meals. It was well attended and a very good event. A special thank you is extended to John Fitzpatrick and Ralph Messer for each donating \$25.00. Our 2017 HOF luncheon will be held on Saturday November 4th.
- *Kindergarten Art Fair—The art was displayed on Saturday December 10th in our school room. 200 children had their art displayed. Many children and their families came to admire the art and afterwards visited the Christmas exhibit where they enjoyed beverages and cookies and met Santa. Next year's event will be held on Saturday December 9th.
- *Trivia contest—We will hold a trivia contest on Saturday February 11th at 6:30 pm.
- *The Manomin on the Mississippi tour is tentatively scheduled for Saturday June 26th from 11 am to 2 pm.
- *The 2017 Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday October 9th.
- *The 27th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, and Live Auction will be held on Saturday April 30th.
- *The tea party that was held during the Christmas exhibit was very enjoyable.
- *The Totally Awesome 1980s Christmas exhibit was stupendous and really well received. 440 visitors came to see it and we made \$482.50. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this exhibit a success!
- *Thank you very much to Allen Taylor and Jacob Taylor for portraying Santa and his helper. Everyone had a great time!

Maintenance:

Al stated that we have completed around \$2,000 in necessary repairs and maintenance this year. He also thanked Rick Hitt, Tom Heryla, and Jacob Taylor for assisting with snow removal.

Other Business:

Mary Ann will look into getting more tables.

Mary Ann bought a new 43" tv for the center. Al made a motion, Mary Sue seconded, and it was approved that we purchase it. Mark Bonesteel has 3,000 scans of pictures and will get prices on equipment so that we can make them accessible to the public.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 pm..

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Greiner



Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo

Please join us on Monday February 13th at 6:00 pm at the Fridley History Center for our annual pot luck dinner followed by bingo. Each bingo winner will be able to make a selection from the prize table. This free event is sure to be a fun night!

Vintage Sale

*You'll never know what treasures you will find at our vintage sale!
It will be held in the lower level of the History Center on
Thursday and Friday March 16th and 17th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.*



The 27th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, and Live Auction

will be held on Saturday April 30th beginning at 4:30pm at the American Legion Post 303, 7365 Central Ave NE. If you have an item that you would like donate as an auction or raffle prize, please call the History Center to leave a message and we will contact you. Thank you!

2016 Kindergarten Art Fair

On Saturday December 10th children, their parents, and other visitors came to the school room in the history center to admire the art and to take their art work home. Afterwards many toured The Totally Awesome 1980s Christmas exhibit where they had cookies and juice. Santa Clause greeted them with a "HO HO HO!", asked what they wanted for Christmas, and passed out candy canes.



Pictured are Keira (age 5) and Leif (age 8) playing in the school room after admiring the art work and Mary Sue Meyers with Santa.



The Fridley Hall of Fame

Do you know of someone who has most significantly contributed to the growth and success of the City of Fridley? Nomination forms for this year's induction ceremony are available at the Fridley History Center or you may call us for a form to be mailed to you. Nominations are due by July 1st. The 2017 HOF luncheon will be held on Saturday November 4th.



Group photo from the 2016 Hall
Of Fame induction ceremony.

2004 Inductees
Herb Bacon
William Beery
Satveer Chaudhary
Arthur Christenson
Carl Hartman
W. Harold Hayes
Stan Kowalski
William Nee
Harvey Peterson
Donal Savelkoul

2005 Inductees
John Gargaro
John Hansen
Charles Johanson
Gordon Sangster
Robert Schroer

2006 Inductees
John Haines
Barbara Hughes
Ernest Madsen
Marcia Schaaf
Wyman Smith

2007 Inductees
Gretchen Hanson
Lillian Meyer
Tom Myhra

2008 Inductees
Robert Barnette
Robert Cook
Edward Fitzpatrick

2009 Inductees
Barney Buss
Constance Metcalf
Suzanne Miskowic

2010 Inductees
Robert Christenson
Jerry Manley
Maynard Nielsen

2011 Inductees
Mary Martin
Donald Meyers
Mary Sue Meyers
Doyle Mullin

2012 Inductees
William Flannery
Gloria Hayes
DeWayne Schleiss
Lee Switzer

2013 Inductees
Gordon Backlund
Charlotte Fitzpatrick
Char Hatten
Earl Hatten
John Meyer

2014 Inductees
Dorothy Gargaro
Genevieve Peterson
Johnson Swanson

2015 Inductees
Earl Bakken
Ralph Messer
Connie Thompson
Siah St. Clair

2016 Inductees
Scott Lund
Mel Manley
Carole Miller



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It's Membership Renewal Time

Please fill in the 2017 renewal form below, make you check payable to the Fridley Historical Society,
and mail it to us at 611 Mississippi St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432.

We are no longer sending out membership cards-your renewal will be acknowledged in the newsletter.



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2017 dues: One senior—\$10, One individual-\$12.50, Family (2 adults, same household)-\$18.50

Please consider making an additional donation to help us reach our goals.

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Thank you!