

The Record



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 27
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

History Center Open House

Saturday, October 11
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

History Center Open House

Tuesday, October 14
6:00 p.m.

Harvest Potluck Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, October 25
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

“Minnesota Disasters” Exhibit at History Center Open House

Sunday, October 26
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Mark Moran Appraisal Event At Minnesota Banquet Center

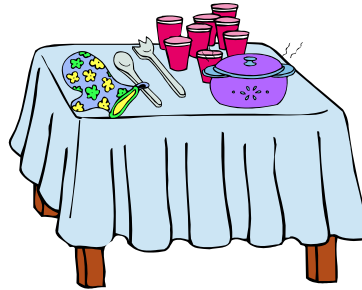
Saturday, November 1
1:00 p.m.

Fridley Hall of Fame Dinner At Fridley Community Center

Saturday, November 8
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Opening of Christmas in the 1960s Exhibit At Fridley History Center Free admission

Harvest Potluck Dinner and 2014 Annual Business Meeting



Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. come for our annual Harvest Potluck Dinner to be followed by the annual business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share if you can. There is always plenty of delicious food so come even if you can't bring a dish. Plates, table ware and beverages will be provided.

Be sure to mark the date on your calendar, your input as a member is important.

Make Plans to Attend the Fridley Hall of Fame Luncheon

The 11th Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon will be Saturday, November 1, 1:00 p.m. at the Fridley Community Center, located at 61st Ave. and 7th Street in Fridley. The doors will open at 12:30 p.m. The cost will be \$20. You will receive a mailing with more information soon.

Each year since the Fridley Hall of Fame was established in 2004 we have recognized those people who through dedication, work and accomplishments have contributed most significantly to the growth and success of the city of Fridley.

The 2014 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Dorothy Gargaro:

Dorothy has contributed to Fridley as a volunteer for over 41 years, at first along with her husband, John, before he passed away and since. She has been a great team member and a leader in various activities, which include the Fridley 49ers Days Committee; Fridley Historical Society, of which she is currently president; Fridley Lions Club and St. William's Catholic Church, In 2006 the Fridley City Council proclaimed a Dorothy Gargaro Appreciation Day, recognizing her for her countless contributions to the city. That year she also received the Values First Initiative Community Individual Recognition Award.

Genevieve Peterson:

Genevieve was the first editor of the Anoka County Union and wrote a column about Fridley. She also worked at Fridley City Hall. She served as President of the League of Women Voters for seven years. *(Continued on pg. 4)*

Fridley Historical Society

Board & Committees

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

Officers

President	Dorothy Gargaro
Vice President	Mary Ann Hoffman
Secretary	Grace Norton
Treasurer	Judy Anderson

Other Board Members

Pete Bonesteel
Mary Sue Meyers
Allen Taylor

Committees & Chairpersons

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

Archives

Pete Bonesteel — 763-572-1009

City & Family History

Dorothy Gargaro — 763-792-1080

Finance

Judy Anderson — 763-767-2566

Fundraising

Allen Taylor — 763-422-3878

Maintenance Committee

Rick Hitt

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter & Public Relations

Grace Norton—763-571-9286

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Old Business:

There was a discussion about the newsletter and use of flyers to publicize events in light of my resignation as of the annual business meeting in October.

Commemoration event of the 50th anniversary of the May 6, 1965 tornadoes was discussed. Susan Scott brought several copies of her book, "Pea Soup and Tomatoes," that will be sold for \$10 each. She will receive \$5 and the Historical Society will receive \$5 for the sale of each book.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: Rick Hitt said he plans on trimming the plants around the air conditioner behind the building.

Gargaro reported that the painting of the lower level is almost finished. Thank you to her for taking down the picture frame holder railings and putting them back up.

Membership: Hoffman reported that \$75.50 in dues and \$1.50 in donations has come in since the last Board meeting.

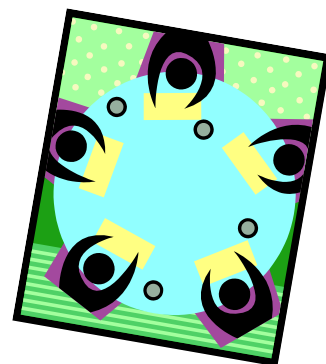
Hall of Fame: Taylor announced he is resigning as Hall of Fame Chairman. He plans on devoting more time to fund raising and helping with exhibits.

Programs and Events: We discussed the poor attendance we have had at AugustFests in recent years. Also, Meyers reported that the health department has several new difficult and stringent regulations for the preparation of the food sold at AugustFest. As a result Meyers made a motion that this should be the last AugustFest. The motion was seconded by Hoffman and passed by the Board.

Hoffman reported that the Minnesota History Center's exhibit, "Minnesota Disasters," will be set up in the classroom October through February.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Grace Norton,
Secretary



Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting Thursday, September, 4, 2014

Old Business:

Finding a secretary: The search for a new secretary and editor of the newsletter was discussed. No decisions were made.

Weather Station donation: Ken Ackerman has 37 years of weather history and instruments to donate to us from the Middle School weather station, which is no longer being used.

Exhibits: Hoffman reported that we are responsible for getting the Minnesota History Center, "Minnesota Disasters" display, which we have requested, here from Mankato by Oct. 25. It will be here until Feb. 18, 2015.

Hoffman reported that work on the "Christmas in the 1960s" exhibit will begin Sept. 30. It will open Saturday, December 8, and run Tuesday afternoons and Saturdays through Dec. 20.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: The lower level was painted last month by Dave Halik. The cost was \$618 for labor and paint. Gargaro took down the picture frame railings and put them up again after the painting was done.

Membership: Hoffman reported that we have 173 members and no new money had come in last month.

Hall of Fame: Meyers has arranged for a caterer for the Hall of Fame dinner. It will be on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Community Center. The 2014 inductees will be; Dorothy Gargaro, Genevieve Peterson and John Swanson.

Programs and Events: The Kindergarten Art Fair will be Sat. Dec. 13. Norton agreed to greet. We will not take pictures since most of the parents come equipped to take pictures.

City and Family History: Gargaro reported that she has put up the September display in the Mississippi branch library entry and is working on a permanent 1965 tornado display.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Grace Norton
Secretary

Thank You!

Thank you to following for their generous gifts given to the Fridley Historical Society:

Tom Myhra gave a gift of \$185 in memory of his wife Gloria.

JoAnn Johnson gave a gift of \$100 to purchase bookshelves which are in the classroom.

The Fridley Lions Club gave \$850 to paint the lower level and our sign.



(Hall of Fame continued from pg. 1)

Genevieve was the Fridley Cable Television Commissioner and also worked at City Hall. She volunteered with the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. She started the Fridley Bluebirds and Campfire Girls, and was one of the founders of the Fridley Dancers. Countless individuals were affected by her well rounded community involvement. She and her husband, Harvey, lived in Fridley and raised their family here. She served the community for over 60 years.

John Swanson

John graduated from Fridley High School in 1975 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and his JD (Juris Doctorate) from the University of Minnesota. He has served as Minneapolis Assistant City Attorney, Attorney/Management Consultant with Goldberg, Swanson and Paulson. He now has his own solo practice. He has served as a youth sports coach, official, league administrator and a mentor to youth coaches in the city of Fridley for 40 years. His service to the City and School District #14 has gone on for such an extended period of time that he has coached players and their children. He started coaching and officiating games when he was in high school. For four decades he has been making a positive difference in the lives of young people in Fridley. He has served on the Fridley Youth Sports Association Board and been head coach in youth football. For the last 12 years he has been the Director of the North Suburban Youth Football and Twin City North Youth Football Leagues.

Minnesota Disasters: Stories of Strength and Survival



By Mary Ann Hoffman

A Minnesota Historical Society Traveling Exhibit detailing a series of Minnesota disasters will be on display in the upper level of the Fridley History Center beginning Saturday, October 25 and running through Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Through the use of photographs, film, and interviews, disasters both manmade and natural are profiled, including the 1965 Fridley tornado.

The exhibit will be on display during regular museum hours, including the days we are open for "Christmas in the 1960s" (see article on page 5.) Admission is free.

This exhibit is made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008.

October Appraisal Event

By Mary Ann Hoffman

Mark Moran will appear for his second appraisal event for the Fridley Historical Society on Sunday, October 26 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Instead of taking place at our history center, the event will be at the new Banquets of Minnesota facility at 6310 Central Avenue (the former Maple Lanes Bowling Alley.) There is an extensive waiting list for appraisals, but the public is welcome, for no charge, to come and observe Mr. Moran as he appraises valuables, invaluable, and, in my case, nonvaluables. It's also a good opportunity to check out Fridley's newest banquet venue. Refreshments will be served



Membership Renewals

Beth Hitomi and Barbara Hughes

Come, Enjoy Christmas in the 1960s Exhibit

By Mary Ann Hoffman



Due to the popularity of our two previous Christmas exhibits, this year we're presenting "Christmas in the 1960s." You are invited to join us at the Fridley History Center to view and remember life 50 years ago. Experience the lifestyle of the 1960s through home furnishings, fashion, music, TV, and more. In addition, take part in trivia, a children's craft, see our model railroad, and more. As always, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Hours: Saturdays, November 8 through December 20 (11:00 AM to 3:00 PM) and Tuesdays, November 11 through December 16 (2:00 to 4:00 PM).

AugustFest Photos

AugustFest was August 13, a beautiful Wednesday night. The Fridley City Band played a concert of rousing, toe-tapping music and there was a good crowd to enjoy it. Since our ball field was not in useable condition, representatives from the Quick Steps Old Tyme Baseball team put on an entertaining demonstration of how baseball was played in the late 1800s. One of our fire trucks was there and some of our Fridley fire fighters. Mayor Scott Lund introduced the new Fridley Ambassadors. In the History Center there was a Trivia Challenge game.

The one glitch in the evening was that our grill would not work. Fortunately Rick and Teresa Hitt live across the street from the History Center. They saved the day when they brought their grill over. Thank you, Rick and Teresa!



Director Phil Raaen and the Fridley City Band



Al Taylor serving Pete Bonesteel a hot dog



Dorothy Gargaro welcoming the audience



Mayor Scott Lund introducing Fridley Ambassadors, Shelby Lindboe and Kylee Swendsrud.



Howard Luloff from the Quick Steps explaining the demonstration .



The Fridley Ambassadors with Fridley fire fighters: Left to right; Walter Messer, Kylee Swendsrud, Shelby Lindboe, James Lange and Bob Belmore



Tom Heryla emceed the Trivia Challenge



Left to right; State Representative Connie Bernardy and Judy Anderson



Some of the audience enjoying the band concert



More of the audience enjoying the band concert



Watching the Quick Steps demonstration



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URGENT NEED: Editor for this Newsletter!

After almost eight years I am resigning from editing and mailing **The Record**. If you enjoy writing and doing layout this is an opportunity for you. The Record is published every two months and requires about 10 hours to produce. You will need to have a publishing program on your computer. If you are interested please call the Fridley History Center, 763-571-0120, and leave a message; someone will return your call.

Our New Website is Now Easier to Find

If you had trouble finding our new website fridleyhistoricalsociety.org after doing a search with a search engine such as Google or Yahoo it will now direct you to the new website. Thank you to Robert Christenson, who working with Start Logic, was able to make our new website supersede our outdated website when a search is done to find it.

