



The Record

611 Mississippi Street Fridley, MN 55432 (763) 571-0120 phone
Website <http://fridleyhistoricalsociety.org/>

Manomin on the Mississippi Tour

On Sunday June 28th during Fridley 49ers Day, the Fridley Historical Society hosted the 2nd Annual Manomin on the Mississippi Tour. The event began at the Fridley History Center where the gathered guests toured the center before boarding a restored 1950s bus. The tour included members of our community in period dress representing important members from the early days of Fridley's history. Jim and Nancy Lambert, playing Henry and Matjilda Rice, narrated as we passed by important landmarks on our route. The first stop was at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Cemetery located at the intersection of Mississippi Street and East River Road. There Warren Woods narrated the history of the cemetery where many of his relatives are buried. The tour continued on and were met en route by C. R. Barragan, acting as Father Hennepin, who boarded the bus and gave a history of his time in Fridley. The next stop was at the John Banfill House, currently the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, where guests heard a history of the home as explained by Leon Madsen and Dorothy Gargaro portraying John and Nancy Banfill. After exploring the home the tour continued on arrived at the historic Reidel House where guests were served refreshments before being served a lunch that was typical of the period. Father Hennepin gave the invocation before the meal and Mayor Lund, as Abram Fridley, gave his closing comments.



Luxury Transportation



Henry and Matjilda Rice (as portrayed by Jim and Nancy Lambert)

See more pictures on pages 5 and 6

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

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 and Teresa Hitt 763-571-6310

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

Public Relations

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Upcoming Events

Fridley History Center Open House (FREE ADMISSION)

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month
Come and Visit Us between 11 am and 3 pm.

Appraisal Event

Sunday August 9th, 2015 2:00—7:00 pm

American Legion

The cost is \$15

Please call Mary Ann at [763.780.5911](tel:763.780.5911) for more information or to register.

20th Annual August Event

Wednesday August 12th —6:00 pm

Fridley Historical Society

\$1 hot dogs and root beer floats

Fridley Historical Society Open House

Saturday August 8th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Saturday August 22nd 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Saturday September 12th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Saturday September 26th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Saturday October 10th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Annual meeting and Potluck

Tuesday October 13th

Fridley History Center

Fridley Historical Society Open House

Saturday October 24th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Trivia Contest

Saturday October 24th, 2015 6 :00 pm—8:00 pm

Fridley History Center

Call Lori at 612-963-1485 to register

Hall of Fame Induction

Saturday November 7th

Fridley Historical Society Open House

Saturday November 14th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Saturday November 28th 11:00 am --3:00 pm

Kindergarten Art Fair

Saturday December 12th

Fridley History Center

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Thursday June 4th, 2015

Board Members Present: Judy Anderson, Mary Ann Hoffman, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Lori Greiner, Mary Sue Meyers, Allen Taylor

Also in attendance: Mary Bonesteel

The meeting began at 4:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer report—Judy submitted the May 2015 Profit and Loss YTD comparison. On the last page is a summary of income vs expenses. Contact her if you have a question. We received \$300 from Al's books. Mary Ann made the motion to approve, Lori seconded, and all approved.

Secretary report—Judy made a motion to approve the April and May board meeting minutes. Judy made the motion to approve, Al seconded, and all approved.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising—Al has new supply of both editions of the tornado books. He sold 150 books. We discussed the creation of the dvds of the 50th anniversary of the Fridley tornados.

Events— Sue. We are not going to be in the 49er day parade. The Fridley band will play patriotic songs at the History Center on August 12th. We should invite the Lions and have a cook out, possibly at no charge to attendees. Our Christmas display will feature what it was like in the 1920s. The trivia contest is tonight. The deadline for nominations for the Hall of Fame is July 15th.

Maintenance—Sue—The air conditioners need to be set up soon for the year. Al will contact Rick.

Old Business:

50th anniversary of the Fridley tornados program—We will send dvds to the guest speakers as a thank you. We have a thank you note from the executive director at Anoka County Historical Society.

Manomin on the Mississippi Tour and Lunch—Mary Ann and Dorothy. The event is Sunday June 28th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. It will start and end at the history center.

Hayes 3rd grade class tour of History Center—The children visited on Tuesday and Wednesday May 19th and 20th.

Cleaning at the History Center—On Tuesday June 9th 9:00 we will be cleaning inside and outside at history center.

New Business:

50th anniversary of the Fridley tornados program—50 more tornado dvds are being made. We sold 30 and 14 are reserved for people to pick up, Al picked up 250 more programs and dropped them off at the history center.

Tour of History Center by middle and high school children—Mary Ann. Roberta Peterson of the girls scouts will bring the children on Wednesday July 22nd evening for 45 minutes.

Tour of the History Center—On Saturday August 15th Robert Christensen bringing a group of former students that graduated here 50 years ago.

Donations—John and Sue Ann Coklin donated Fridley high school memorabilia. Dr. Lee Switzer donated Hayes elementary school of excellence award...1989-1990 which lists staff members and students, a large framed picture, a flag, and a child's school chair that was in the original tornado. Mary Ann donated \$50 from the garage sale. Carol Miller donated some of Don's homemade wood tools.

History of the US Postal Service—Interest in having a program about US Postal Service was discussed.

New Brighton Rhubarb Festival—For anyone that will be able to attend, the festival is Sunday June 7th from 1-4.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Thursday July 2nd, 2015

Board Members Present: Judy Anderson, Mary Ann Hoffman, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Lori Greiner, Mary Sue Meyers, Allen Taylor

Also in attendance: Mary Bonesteel

The meeting began at 4:38 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer report—Judy submitted the June 30th 2015 balance sheet. A motion to approve was made by Mary Sue, seconded Dorothy, and all approved. Mary Sue brought up and we all concurred that we appreciate the good work that Judy does on the books.

Secretary report—Lori submitted the June board meeting minutes. Judy made the motion to approve which was seconded by Al and all approved

Committee Reports:

Membership—Mary Ann reported that we had collected \$176.50 in dues and \$204.50 donations since our last meeting. We have a few new members this year but some still haven't paid their dues yet, perhaps 25 or so. We will not put the dues reminder in next newsletter.

Maintenance—Al reported that Rick took care of the air conditioning. We had our cleaning day. Craig will work on sprinkler head. Dorothy called Dennis Craft, the School District Head Custodian, to confirm that when the other schools are checked for hail damage that the History Center will also be checked, and he confirmed that it will be. It was decided to clean out the store room on Tuesday July 19th at 9:00 am.

Fundraising—Al reported that Mounds View held a very interesting tornado program. Ron Hughes from Minnetonka donated the book "Minnetonka Tornado Story in Pictures" for our tornado collection. 2 DVDs of the tornado program donated by Vanessa at the city of Mounds View. Last weekend we sold 8 dvds and 2 books \$135. Al donated the \$55 for the books to the center. The New Brighton Rhubarb Festival was attended by several of the Fridley Historical Center members. It is a popular fundraising event for the New Brighton Historical Society. Ideas were discussed for fundraising including a movie night or selling bricks from Columbia arena. More discussion will be held.

Events—Mary Sue stated that the docent schedule still has a few open dates. We will have a hall of fame meeting during the last two weeks of July.

Old Business:

Appraisal event—Mary Ann stated that the antique appraisal event will be held August 9th from 2pm until 7pm at the American Legion. She is contacting people who were interested in getting items appraised. We will advertise it on the outdoor board at the history center.

Manonmin on Mississippi tour—We held the 2nd annual tour on Sunday June 28th during the Fridley 49er days celebration. The tour was sold out two years in a row.

50th Anniversary of the Fridley Tornadoes—We only have 28 dvds of the event remaining. We received a letter from Rob Zelenak thanking us for the dvd.

New Business:

August event—On August 12th at 6pm we will hold an appreciation event for businesses that support us in so many ways. The city band will play patriotic songs and we will have hot dogs. We will send invitation postcards to the businesses.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Greiner, Board Secretary



The tour group enjoying the ride on a restored 1950s bus.



Father Hennepin (C. R. Barragan) gives an memorable talk.



Warren Woods explains the history of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Cemetery to a rapt audience.





The crowd gathers outside of the John Banfill House, now the Banfill-Locke Center For The Arts.



A hearty handshake is exchanged by John Banfill (Leon Madsen) and Abram Fridley (Fridley Mayor Scott Lund).



The 19th century kitchen staff takes a break. They were portrayed by Julie Doth, Stephanie Ostwald, Carole Miller, and Mary Ann Hoffman.



A meal typical of the era was served.

Between April 27th and July 25th, the following renewed their memberships in the Fridley Historical Society. A name followed by an * indicates that the membership was accompanied with a donation up to \$50, ** indicates a donation of \$50 or greater, and *** indicates a lifetime member.

Thank you for your support!

Bob Aldrich
Bob and Jane Barnette
Bill Beery * * *
Elaine Butorac * *
Lee and Dick Carlson *
David Cartensen *
Bud Dauphin and Marcia Schaaf *
Jim Ehlert *
Jim and Jan Golden *
David Harris
Eric and Pat Jaakkola *
Byron Jensen

Julie Jones
Dorothy Lee
Charles Lindberg * *
Ron Malcolm *
Tom Myhra *
Andrea Oman and Pat Billig *
Robert Powell
Mary Rozmark
Virginia Steinmetz
Agnes Shaw *
Cindy (Rose) Torfin *
Agnes Wolf *

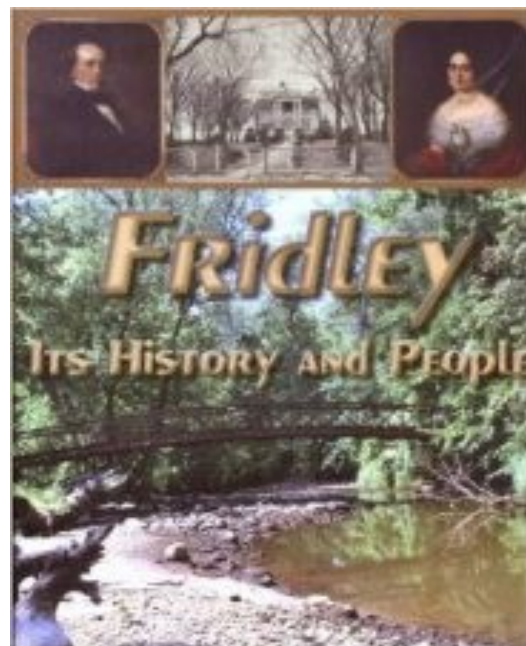
Welcome New Members!

Nancy and Jim Lambert *
John Perry and Sue Doak
Margaret Pitts *
DeEtta Watts *



Fridley—It's History and People

by Fridley Historical Society, Fridley, Minnesota was published in 2008 and provides a wealth of historical information and family information of the pioneer families that settled and built our community. This book is available at: Bob's Produce and the Fridley History Center.





FRIDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

11 Mississippi Street Fridley, MN
55432 (763) 571-0120 phone

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

NONPROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE PAID
TWIN CITIES, MN
PERMIT NO 31193



*Celebrating Fridley's past
and securing its future*

**DVDs of the 50th Anniversary of the Fridley Tornadoes
Program are now available.
Please stop by the Fridley History Center during our open
house events or call 763-571-0120 for your copy.**