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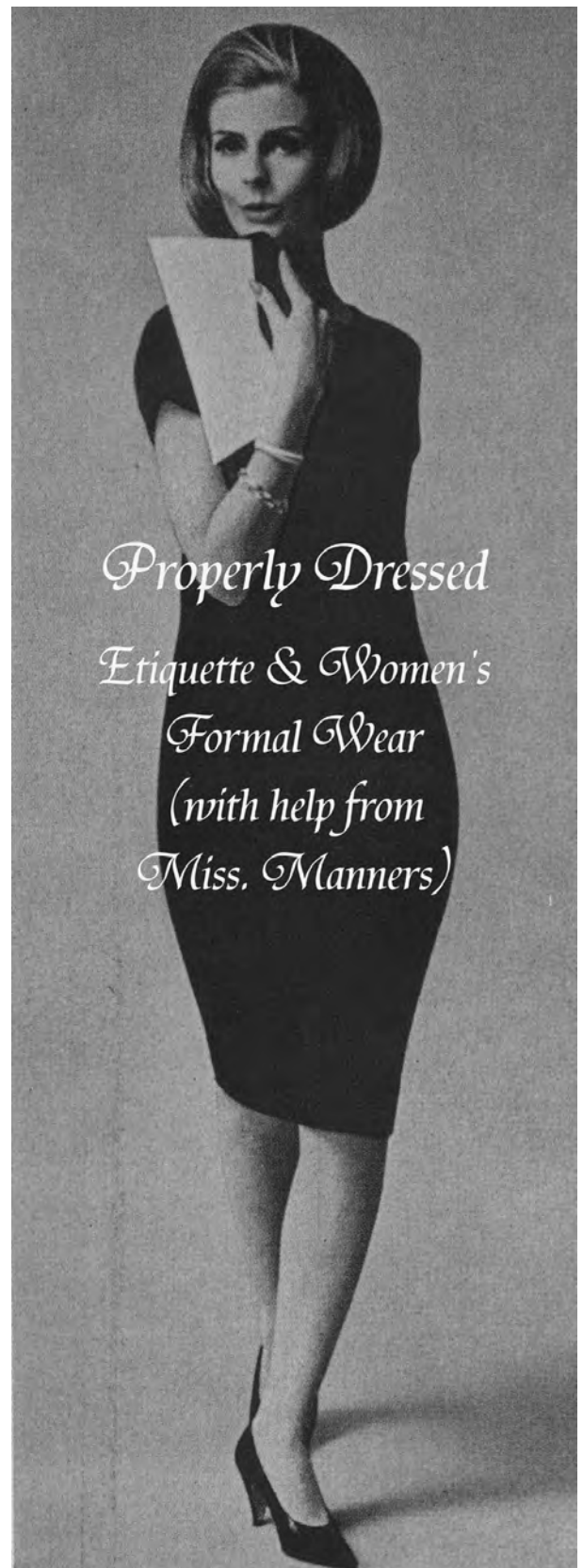
Properly Dressed: Etiquette and Women's Formal Wear

Are you attending any parties this season? Do you know the difference between black tie, white tie and informal wear? You will after visiting the new exhibit at the Scott County Historical Society. On view in this exhibit is a century of women's formal wear with a bit of etiquette on the side.

Women's dresses and accessories are on display, accompanied by quotes from etiquette experts such as "Miss Manners".

Included in the exhibit are wedding dresses from the early 1900s to the 1950s; "Tea" dresses circa 1920-1930, "Party" dresses from Miss Shakopee to a Washington political function, prom dresses...as well as coats and "must-have" accessories.

The *Properly Dressed: Etiquette and Women's Formal Wear* exhibit runs from November 14, 2009 through April 3, 2010.



*Properly Dressed
Etiquette & Women's
Formal Wear
(with help from
Miss. Manners)*

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From the Director's Chair

By Kathleen Klehr

The "joint was jumping" at Turtle's 1890 Social Club in early October as we celebrated our first major fundraiser - *Cool Night-Hot Music*. Over 270 people attended and over 60 items were on the auction table - all of which helped to bring in over \$4,000 for the Society's general operating expenses. Thank you to everyone involved! Our next mini-fundraiser takes place at The Landing's Maple Syrup event on March 20 - watch for details.

As you know, SCHS hosts college interns each summer for a variety of projects. This November we welcome Adam Haecker as a new longer-term intern who will work exclusively to organize and digitize our oral history tapes. You can find Adam at SCHS on Tuesdays and Thursdays, organizing, digitizing, selecting segments of stories for our website, and much more. It is our goal to digitize all the oral histories, and create an index to make them accessible to researchers, young and old. Stop in and welcome Adam to the SCHS family.

In addition to digitizing the oral history tapes, we are working with local author, Tom Melchior to create and publish a book based on Scott County WWII Veteran's memories. These memories are recorded in our Scott County Greatest Generation Oral History Project started in 2006. It is our goal to have the book available in late 2010. We are partnering with Tom to apply for grants to research, write and publish the book.

In order for us to continue hosting interns, to collect and preserve memories, and to share our common history we continually work to secure funding - such as the *Cool Night* fund raiser, MN Grant-in-Aid, and Gannet KARE11 awards. While these efforts have been successful, we constantly struggle to balance the budget while providing a strong public service. Which is why it is necessary for us to ask you to help support our efforts through an annual gift. Letters are in the mail asking you to consider a financial contribution to SCHS. Please join us in preserving and sharing the great history of Scott County - every contribution helps. Thank You!

Legacy Grant Update

Last year voters approved a 3/8% increase in the sales tax to support outdoors, arts & culture. Of those funds, 19.75% is dedicated to an Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. These funds are to supplement traditional sources of funding, and may not be used as a substitute. The Legislature has indicated that they have high expectations for the use of these funds, and that the funds must be used to provide a Legacy - a gift to future generations and for projects of an enduring value. The awarding of these funds must be transparent, there must be accountability, and no precedents (this is one-time funding).

Of the Arts & Cultural Heritage 2010-2011 biennium, appropriations for history is estimated at \$22 million., which is divided as follows...

- * \$6,750,000 is dedicated for statewide historic and cultural grants
- * \$7,750,000 for MN Historical Society programs
- * \$2,500,000 for MN Historical Society exhibit
- * \$4,000,000 History partnerships
- * \$500,000 for MN Digital Library
- * \$500,000 for Archaeological & Historic site survey

The statewide historic and cultural grants (which most historical societies are eligible for), are further divided into two grant categories a) local history projects and b) historic preservation projects, and three funding levels 1) small grants up to \$7,000, 2) mid-size grants from \$7,000 - \$49,999, and 3) large grants over \$50,000. Any one organization may only have two open/active grants at any one time, and the funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2011.

Although we anticipate tough competition for these grants, it is our intention to apply for grants, including support for the writing and publication of the WWII Veteran's oral history book. In addition, we are exploring the possibility of partnering with Scott County Parks & Trails on a preservation project.

SCHS is also a resource to other eligible organizations for guidance and help in writing grant applications.

(July 30 - November 10, 2009)

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SCHS strives to ensure our member and donor lists are accurate. We sincerely apologize if your name was missed. Please let us know so we may make a correction.

Curator Corner

Programs

As the SCHS finishes 2009 with its traditional Christmas teas we look forward to new and exciting programs in 2010. Director Kathy Klehr will be launching a new program titled “Coffee Conversations.” Held at 12:00pm on the first Wednesday of every month, her program will share stories about music from the 1950s, the Cold War, Scott County pageants, and so on.

Other programs during the first few months of the new year include a jewelry making class, Valentine’s Day teas featuring a Victorian-era program about love and courtship during the late 1800s, author Gordon Fredrickson’s talk and book signing for his children’s books, a member’s only preview of the Saint John’s Bible exhibit, and Clarence Johnson’s homemade wine from the garden.

Teachers - Parents - - Scout Masters

SCHS offers excellent educational programming for students and scout groups including

- * Puppet shows
- * Hands-on learning
- * Guided tours of the museum exhibits
- * Guided tours of the historic Stans House

Our new “Immigrant Trunk” program for K-3 grade students, introduces students to historical resources and is a fun and engaging complement to the regular history curriculum. For school groups that prefer to come to the museum, expanded versions of programs involving additional hands-on artifacts are available.

Now is the time to book a program at your school, or to schedule a visit to the museum and historic Stans House. Please contact us at (952) 445-0378, or email info@scottcountyhistory.org. The cost for education programs is \$2/student (plus mileage if at your site).

VALENTINE TEA

Invite a friend, sister, mother,... to enjoy tea and a first-person Victorian era program where we will discuss the

Language of the Flower



Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
 Historic Stans House
 Scott County Historical Society, Shakopee, MN
 Reservations Required through the Shakopee -or- Prior Lake-Savage Community Education.
 For details call 952-445-0378 or info@scottcountyhistory.org

**BEGINNING IN JANUARY
 “COFFEE CONVERSATIONS”**

Stop by the Society for informal talks from noon-1:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Staff will offer a quick overview of the topic and get the conversation rolling. **No reservation needed, just drop in.**

We’ll explore topics connected to the “Read All About It” exhibit such as...

January 6 - 1950s Music (Rock-n-Roll, Jazz, Polka - what was popular in Scott County?)

February 3 - Cold War (Spies among us - what started the Cold War, did it ever end?)

From the Programs Desk

The SCHS is excited to announce the opening of its newest exhibit “Properly Dressed: Etiquette and Women’s Formal Wear (with help from Miss Manners!).” Featuring wedding dresses, party and prom dresses, dresses worn by Kathleen Stans to White House functions, fancy tea dresses, coats, hats, purses, and shoes, the exhibit explores formal wear from the museum’s collections and whether it adequately conforms to the expected etiquette of Miss Manners. Come view clothing and accessories from the turn of the 20th century through the 1970s and see if you think each item conforms to Miss Manner’s expectations. Thank you to SCHS interns and volunteers along with the Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative for

providing the funds and manpower needed to install this exhibit, which opens November 14, 2009 and runs through April 2010.

As we look forward to the New Year, our 2010 exhibits schedule includes “The Saint John’s Bible,” a traveling exhibit of prints from the world-renowned handwritten bible commissioned by St. John’s University in Collegeville, “Scott County’s Greatest Generation,” stories and oral histories from Scott County’s World War II veterans, and “Great Scott: Mysteries of Scott County,” which will explore strange and unusual stories from the county’s history.

THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS, MORE HISTORY SAVED, PRESERVED, SHARED

Panoramic photograph of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Mary’s Catholic Church from Marlin Pauly

-Five calendars from Clarence and Connie Johnson - Paper hat reading “I Like Ike” from eBay

-Booklet “Cemetery Transcriptions: St. Benedict’s Cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery, Spirit Hill Cemetery; Scott County, Minnesota” from the Germanic Genealogy Society

-Baseball caps, copy of ‘Teen magazine from October 1994, and booklet “Immanuel United Methodist Church, Jordan & Lydia Zion Methodist Church, Jordan” from Kurk Marston

-School books, photographs of a train wreck in Shakopee, photographs of bridges over the Minnesota River, and items related to Dan Patch from Connie Dinham

-Booklets from Shakopee Public Schools’ kindergarten reading program from the late 1960s from Pearson Elementary School

-Book “The Klein Connection: A Family History of the Descendants of Wilhelm Johann Klein” from Raymond Marschall

-Advertising blotters, school booklets, photographs and a World War II naval uniform from Mary Bach

-World War II navy whites and a stuffed monkey from Virginia Goemer

-Prior Lake High School wrestling uniform from Sandi Andersen

-Polaroid Highland Land Camera from Edmund Neal

-Wall vase, handmade pillow, and five ladies purses from LaVonne Garoutte

-Diplomas, varsity letters, photographs and other memorabilia from Shakopee High School, political card, and photographs and postcards of Shakopee from the 1920s-1930s from Pat Anderson-Young



Donations help to tell our story. Please consider donating items to help fill in the gaps in the SCHS collection. Give us a call. We accept most items that have a Scott County connection.

From the Research Library by Betty Dols

Now that the days are getting shorter and most of summer pastimes are gone, many turn to the fastest growing hobby of genealogy. Because the Scott County birth and death records do not begin until 1871 and the marriage records, which begin in 1856 don't give very much useful information (such as parents of the bride and groom), it is necessary to use other sources when researching the early families into the area. When one considers that the first European immigrants arrived in the area shortly after 1851, twenty years before the county started keeping records, it is evident that a whole generation of immigrant ancestors could be lost. This deficit can be remedied three ways: 1. Census records, 2. Cemetery records, 3. Church records.

Federal census information was recorded every 10 years and are available for Scott County in 1850-1860-1870-1880-1900-1910-1920-1930. In addition most states, including Minnesota, took a census in the 5 year intervals i.e. 1865-1875-1885-1895-1905. These schedules can provide valuable information on the members of a household including the birth order of the children. We have all of the federal and state census films in our collection and many have been indexed. In addition every public library has a subscription to Ancestry.com to facilitate census research.

All of Scott County cemeteries have been recorded and most are in our collection. Gravestone inscriptions can provide personal information available nowhere else. However, care must be taken as dates are sometimes wrong.

Probably the most important of these three sources are the church records. Records in the early churches of Scott County generally begin in the mid 1850s and supply needed family information. Fortunately, most churches

have sought to protect the information in their sacramental records by having them preserved on microfilm. The Scott County Historical Society has in its collections, all of the microfilmed records of the county's Catholic Churches, as well as the Catholic Church records from LeSueur and Carver County, as well as part of Dakota and Ramsey County. We also have St. Peters Episcopal Church records and many of the Lutheran and Presbyterian records of the county.

Our collection of family histories of Scott County families is growing steadily and we are always happy to add these to our collection. If someone in your family is working on a family history, please consider donating a copy to the Society.

We will offer again in January a beginning genealogy class, through Shakopee Community Education. Watch for it in their Winter publication.



If you are interested in submitting an article for *Connections*, please contact Kathy at info@scottcountyhistory.org or 952-445-0378. Articles should be approximately 400 words, include a photo (if possible), and relate to Scott County History.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*For additional information call 952-445-0378 or email
info@scottcountyhistory.org*

November

- All Things Minnesota book club Nov. 19 at 6:30pm
- Scott County Crazy Quilters Nov. 19 at 6:30pm.
- Kids' Kraft = Christmas. Saturday, Nov. 28 at 10:30am. We will read "When Cows Come Home for Christmas" by Dori Chaconas and then make Advent calendars. Registrations required.

December

- Frohliches Weihnachten! A German Christmas Tea for Adults at the Stans House. Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6:30pm.
- Frohliches Weihnachten! A German Christmas Tea for Girls at the Stans House. Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1:30pm and Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:30pm.
- Teas: \$10 for SCHS members, \$15 for non-members. Registrations required.

January

- Coffee Conversations = '50s Music. Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 12:00pm.
- Genealogy 101 with Betty Dols. Saturday, Jan. 9 at 10:00am. Register through Shakopee Community Education.
- All Things Minnesota book club Jan. 21 at 6:30pm.
- Sparkles and Spangles jewelry making class and tour of "Properly Dressed: Etiquette and Women's Formal Wear." Saturday, Jan. 23 at 1:00pm. Register through Shakopee Community Education.
- Scott County Crazy Quilters Jan. 28 at 6:30pm.
- Kids' Kraft. Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10:30am. Registrations required.

February

- Coffee Conversations = The Cold War. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 12:00pm.
- Valentine's Day Teas. Victorian-era program will discuss the language of the flower. Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Register through Shakopee or Prior Lake-Savage Community Education.
- All Things Minnesota book club Feb. 18 at 6:30pm.
- Scott County Crazy Quilters, Feb. 25 at 6:30pm.
- Kids' Kraft. Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10:30am. Registrations required.

March

- Coffee Conversations = 1950s Films. Wednesday, Mar. 3 at 12:00pm.
- Talk and book signing with local children's author Gordon Frederickson. Thursday, Mar. 11 at 6:30pm.
- All Things Minnesota book club Mar. 18 at 6:30pm.
- Scott County Crazy Quilters Mar. 25 at 6:30pm.
- Kids' Kraft. Saturday, Mar. 27 at 10:30am. Registrations required.

April

- Coffee Conversations = Transportation. Wednesday, Apr. 7 at 12:00pm.
- All Things Minnesota book club Apr. 15 at 6:30pm.
- Members only preview of "The Saint John's Bible" traveling exhibit.
- Scott County Crazy Quilters Apr. 22 at 6:30pm.
- Kids' Kraft. Saturday, Apr. 24 at 10:30am. Registrations required.
- Homemade Wine from the Garden with Clarence Johnson. Thursday, Apr. 29 at 7:00pm. Registrations required.

Crazy Quilters

Come & join us as we stitch! Learn how to crazy quilt or bring any hand-stitching project to work on (quilting, cross-stitch, knitting, etc.). Lots of free fabric, trims, threads, tips, fun and friendship, all for just annual dues of \$15 - includes individual membership at SCHS! For more information contact Sandi at (248) 868-4058.

***Fourth Thursday of each month
6:00-8:00p.m.***

SCHS WISH LIST

The following items would make wonderful in-kind donations! Contact us at 952-445-0378 E-mail at info@scottcountyhistory.org, or stop by!

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| * Conference table | * LCD Projector |
| * Copy paper | * Step Ladder |
| * HP Photo paper | * Cleaning supplies |



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