



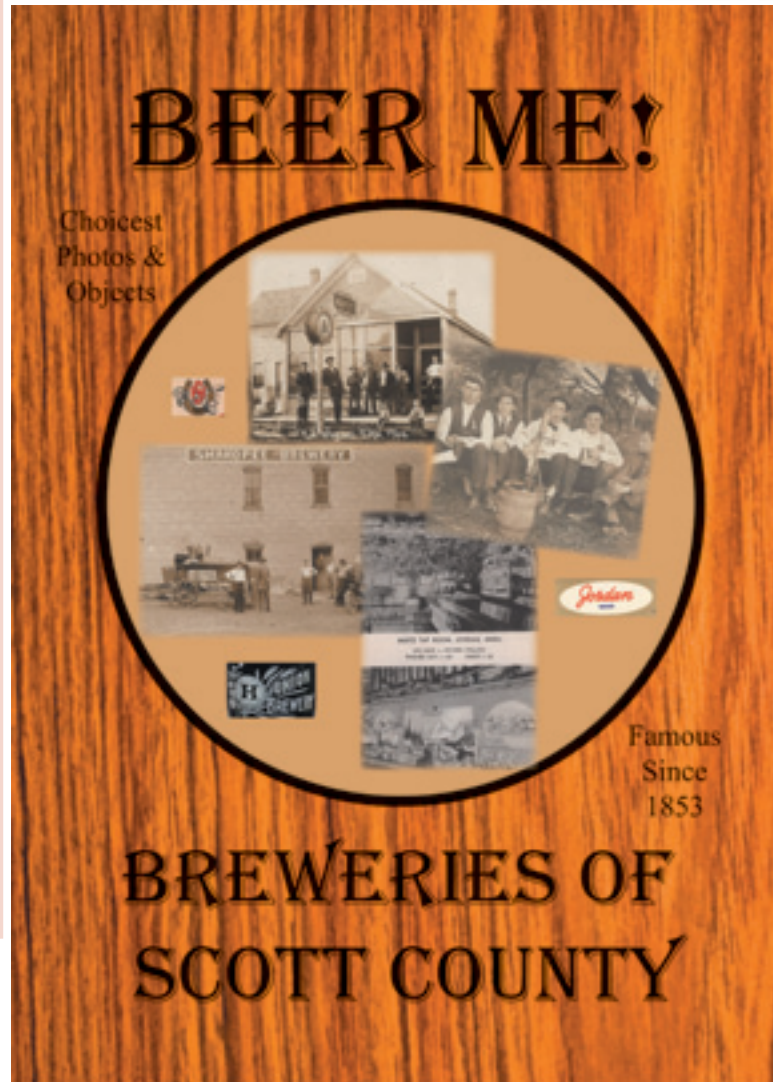
CONNECTIONS

Spring 2011

EXHIBIT OPENING

Serving Scott County

- Belle Plaine
- Blakeley
- Credit River
- Elko
- Lydia
- Jordan
- Marystown
- New Market
- New Prague
- Prior Lake
- Savage
- Shakopee
- St. Benedict
- St. Patrick
- Belle Plaine Township
- Blakeley Township
- Cedar Lake Township
- Credit River Township
- Helena Township
- Jackson Township
- Louisville Township
- New Market Township
- Sand Creek Township
- Spring Lake Township
- St. Lawrence Township



Each community in Scott County had their own brewery. Unfortunately none are running today and so, whether we drink a beer bottled by the “King of Beers”, the local pub, or your buddy next door, this exhibit toasts the beers that came before and the brewers who brought them to us!

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Opening Night Festivities include a Presentation and Beer Tasting with Doug Hoverson, author of *“Land of Amber Waters: The History of Brewing in Minnesota”* 6:30 p.m. April 28, 2011

Opening Event sponsored by Rahr Malting

From the Director's Chair

By Kathleen Klehr

What a winter we are having! Seems like the snow shovel never gets a rest. I'm extremely happy to have some muscle at home to do the heavy work, and really grateful to the Sentence-to-Serve crews for their help at the museum, garden and Stans house. Although snow shoveling is a great way to work off the excesses of December, I could use more days with sun and less snow.

January has traditionally been the month of new resolutions, and at SCHS we are setting some ambitious resolutions. We're kicking off the year with a commitment to develop detailed short and long-term strategic plans to guide our future. The plans will help us define and set benchmarks for achieving goals and furthering our mission.

We're starting this process by completing surveys to analyze exactly where we are now. If you have received one, I encourage you to please complete and send it back. Your input will help to ensure our goals are accurate

In the surveys we are looking at external operations - how well does SCHS do with core mission programs, including exhibits, research library, programs for youth (schools, tours, workshops...), programs for adults, publications, visitor services, museum store, member and donor services, public relations and marketing, web site, building & grounds? We are also evaluating our internal operations including personnel, collections, facilities, safety & security, finances, board responsibilities, and board/staff relations.

Thank you for your continued membership support. Please share this newsletter with friends and family and encourage them to join the SCHS family!

MINNESOTA ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (LEGACY) AWARD

The Scott County Historical Society was awarded a Legacy grant in the amount of \$2,105 to support the transfer to microfilm of a two-year backlog of Scott County Newspapers. These newspapers are a vital resource that document our daily lives.

Not only with the funds help us to preserve this valuable resource, it will also help to free limited collection storage space. One reel of film will contain nearly a full year of newspapers.

The impact of the projects supported by the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds will be felt throughout the state for many years to come, and SCHS is grateful to be a grant recipient.

The Board and Staff of SCHS wish to acknowledge and thank Jerry Hennen for his dedication, keen insight, and support to SCHS as a board member and Scott County Liaison. His presence will be missed. Thanks Jerry!

Please join me in welcoming Scott County Commissioner Dave Menden to the SCHS Board. Mr. Menden has lived in Shakopee all his life. He retired as the Scott County Sheriff after 35 years of service. Welcome Dave!

SCHS WISH LIST

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

- * two saw horses
- * LCD Projector
- * Copy paper
- * Table saw

THANK YOU!

(November 4, 2010 through January 25, 2011)

THANK YOU New and Renewing MEMBERS

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.

Business - \$100

Klein Bank, Ben Ohlander

Sponsor - \$50

Tom Dubbe
David Egger
Kathy Isles
Connie & Mark Romo
Bill & Gini Wermerskirchen
Richard Wilson
Ronald Zweber

Household - \$25

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William & Agnes Chard
Victor & Judy Diller
Jessica & Marshall Emerson
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Jerry & Janet Hennen
Ron & Vicki Mornson
Rose Patchen
Tom & Marie Rees
Paulette & Mike Rislund
Steve & Jean Sinell
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Will & Janet Williams
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Individual - \$15

Shirley Anderson
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Marge Duffy
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Kenneth Koppes
Priscilla Larsen
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Charlie Pass
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Don Wruck

THANK YOU to Our Donors for Their Generous Support

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Mary Fitzgerald

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Scott County Historical Society Preserving our Future

Planned Giving...takes the resources that you have, and uses them for the future. Planned gifts can be made in many ways and you can tailor your gift for your purposes. Your lawyer or financial planner can help you with the best plan for you. Or you can contact Kathleen Klehr at 952-445-0378.

Sponsorship opportunities...

- K-12 Curriculum development
- Author Talks / Presentations
- Kids Kraft Supplies
- Scott County Brewery Tour (August)
- "Prohibition" Hangar Dance (September, see page 7)

If you are interested in any of the above sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kathy at 952-445-0378.

It would be great if every member of the Society would recruit a new member in 2011. Not only would it help the Society, but it would introduce the fascinating history of Scott County to more people.

Curator Corner

The Army-Navy “E” Award

The Army-Navy “E” Award was an award given to companies during World War II for outstanding production of war equipment. On June 23, 1945, Port Cargill in Savage was honored as a recipient of the Army-Navy “E” Award.

The award was first created in the early 1900s and was known as the Navy E-Award, a commendation for excellence in naval service. The Army established a similar award during World War I and by 1941; the military was issuing the Navy E-Award, Army A-Award and Army-Navy Star to private enterprises engaging in military pursuits. In July 1942, the awards were merged into the Army-Navy “E” Award in an attempt to promote unity and encourage the production of war time materials.

When World War II ended in September 1945, 4,283 plants had been given the Army-Navy “E” Award. That number comprised less than 5% of the war plants in operation across the United States. Roughly 50% of those awards were presented to factories with less than 500 employees, known as “smaller war plants.” Factors for earning the award include: excellence of quality and quantity of production, overcoming of production obstacles, low rate of absenteeism, avoidance of work stoppage, maintenance of fair labor standards, training additional labor forces, effective management, and conservation of critical and strategic materials. The award was terminated in December 1945.



Launching of the auxiliary oil and gas tanker “Genesee”, constructed at Port Cargill and being put into the MN River.



Program from the Army-Navy E Award banquet for Part Cargill employees on June 23, 1945 (currently on display in the exhibit and on loan from the Dan Patch Historical Society)

From the Collections Desk

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

- Novelty notebook advertising Rock Spring Beverages from Mary Beckrich.
- Crazy quilt baby quilt and pillow sham from Leanne Goetze.
- Shakopee Fire Department uniform worn by Clarence Schmitt from Judith Kidder.
- Wedding portrait of Minnie Dueffert and M. Baumeister and a postcard of the Prior Lake Depot from Linda Solheim.
- Albumen print showing Jordan Elementary School's Fourth and Fifth Grade class and a family genealogy book from Maureen Hantge.
- Two razors and a hair roller from Lisa Goemer.
- Ladies fur coat from Berniece Hoffman.
- Book "Whatever Happened to Lady Justice?" by Vincent Carraher from Vincent Carraher.
- Booklet "Nosek Family Tree and History" by Eugene Pexa from Eugene Pexa.
- Book "Belle Plaine; A Country Year" by Patricia Clark from Patricia Clark.
- Savage Resident's Guide and a booklet from St. John the Baptist School's all school reunion from Jack Kennelly.
- Book "Never Forgotten: Stories by Scott County, Minnesota, WWII Veterans" by Tom Melchior and the Scott County Historical Society.
- Political signs from Jerry Hennen.
- Two Prior Lake Elementary School report cards and a school photo album from Linda Brown.




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 (will return soon)

**Held in the Heartland:
German POWs in the
Midwest, 1943-46**

February 24, 2011 6:30pm



Presentation by Michael Luick-Thrama, Traces Executive Director

TRACES is a non-profit educational organization created to gather, preserve and present stories of people from the Midwest and Germany or Austria who encountered each other during World War II.

FREE

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**WASP
Women Airforce Service Pilots
History Player Presentation**




March 24, 2011 6:30pm

WASP Virginia Mae Hope of MN, flew planes and performed wartime duties in the US, freeing male pilots for combat.

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Ghosts of Scott County and Other Scott County Mysteries
Told by "Minnesota's Master of Real Ghost Stories", Duke Addicks
April 2, 1:30pm.
FREE

Schell's Brewery Tour

Saturday
June 11, 2011



* Tour the brewery including the old copper kettle area
* Sample - Beer & 1919 Root Beer at the Bathskellar tap
* Lunch - Downtown New Ulm

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Bus leaves SCHS at 9 a.m. & returns at 3 p.m.
FEE: \$30 (\$25/SCHS Members)
Includes bus & tour
Lunch on your own

Bev' Me! Brewing in Scott County
Exhibit runs April-October 2011

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SAVE THE DATE
September 24, 2011
"1920s Prohibition Hangar Dance"



Great evening of fun in support of SCHS
Roseville Big Band, Charleston Dance Contest,
Best Costume Contest and more.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- **Big Cheese:** \$1,500+ = 8 free tickets (1 table), name on promotional items - posters, banner, event signage/program, and newspaper advertisement
- **Cat's Meow:** \$1,000 - \$1,499 = 6 free tickets, name on promotional posters, banner and event signage/program
- **Real McCoy:** \$500 - \$999 = 4 free tickets, name on promotional posters and event signage/program
- **Swell Egg:** up to \$500 = 2 free ticket and name on event signage

Contact Kathy at 952-445-03468

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're looking for volunteers to help with the following projects. Please contact Kathy or Theresa for details.

- Hangar Dance Planning Committee
- Oral History Digitizing Project
- Oral History Transcript Editing Project
- Program Delivery (including tours for Scouts)
- Write *Connections* & *SCENE* articles
- Research topics for program development

You have skills - we have needs! Give us a call and let's do something great together. 952-445-0378

PROGRAMS - EVENTS

EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AT SCHS:

“Heroes Among Us: Scott County World War II Veterans” runs through August 2011.

“Picture This: Then & Now”, through April 2011

“Great Scott: Mysteries of Scott County” through April 2, 2011

“Beer Me! Breweries of Scott County” Opens April 28, runs through October 2011.

COMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

February

17th: All Things Minnesota Book Club, 6:30pm.

21st: Closed for President’s Day

24th: “Held in the Heartland: German POWs in the Midwest” presented by Michael Luick-Thrams, 7-8:30pm. FREE!

24th: Scott County Crazy Quilters, 6:30pm.

26th: Kid’s Kraft, 10:30am. “Favorite Read” FREE but please register by calling 952-445-0378.

March

1st: World War II Film Series, “The Boy in the Striped Pajamas” at the Shakopee Library, 6:30pm. FREE!

12th: Girl’s Spring Tea. Enjoy a tour of the Stans House, American Girl doll purse-making craft, tea and treats, 1:30pm. Limit 12 girls. (\$10/ \$8 SCHS Members). Registrations required.

15th: World War II Film Series, “Life is Beautiful” at the Prior Lake Library, 2pm. FREE!

17th: All Things Minnesota Book Club, 6:30pm. Reading: “Little bee” by Chris Cleave

24th: History Player “Virginia Mae Hope” presents the true-life story of a female army pilot during World War II, 7pm. FREE!

26th: Kid’s Kraft, 10:30am. FREE but please register by calling 952-445-0378.

April

2nd: “Ghosts of Scott County” with storyteller Duke Addicks. Don’t miss out on this last opportunity to see the “Great Scott! Mysteries of Scott County” exhibit and listen to Duke’s tales of the

ghost of Dan Patch, the monster in Boiling Springs and other stories, 1:30pm. FREE!

5th: World War II Film Series, “Swing Kids” at the Savage Library, 6:30pm. FREE!

19th: World War II Film Series, “Valkyrie” at the New Prague Library, 6:30pm. FREE!

21st: All Things Minnesota Book Club, 6:30pm.

Reading “Greed, rage, and love gone wrong: Murder in Minnesota” by Bruce Rubenstein

28th: Exhibit opening “Beer Me! Historic Breweries of Scott County”.

28th: Talk, book signing and beer tasting with Doug Hoverson, author of “Land of Amber Waters: The History of Brewing in Minnesota.” Regular admission

30th: Kid’s Kraft, 10:30am. FREE but please register by calling 952-445-0378.

May

3rd: World War II Film Series, “Mrs. Miniver” at the Shakopee Library, 6:30pm. FREE!

14th: Behind the Scenes tour of SCHS, 10am

17th: World War II Film Series, “Casablanca” at the Belle Plaine Library, 6:30pm. FREE!

19th: All Things Minnesota Book Club, 6:30pm.

Reading: “Inspiration Sandwich” (alternate: The Good Fight: A Life in Liberal Politics” by Walter Mondale)

All Things Minnesota Book Club – meets at 6:30 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at SCHS.

Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Scott County Historical Society. Fees may be charged for some events. Call 952-445-0378 or email info@scottcountyhistory.org for more information.

Crazy Quilters

The Scott County Crazy Quilters welcomes all handcrafters. Mark your calendar to join in the stitching (knitting, crocheting..., beginners through masters). fun on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm.

February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26 - Summer Vacation - Picnic August 25, September 22, Oct 27, No meeting in November, Christmas Potluck December 1.

For more information contact Sandi at 507-868-4058



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 Th 9am - 8pm
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Veteran's Day Luminaries



Organizing Collection Storage



Book Release Party Signing

SCHS Membership Application

Name _____

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Mail to: Scott County Historical Society,
 235 Fuller Street South, Shakopee, MN 55379

YES! I would like to support SCHS at the following level (please check one).

- Individual Member.....\$ 15
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