Antique Appraisal & Flea Market: Sunday, March 17th-1-4 PM
Museum Meeting Room
$2 Admission or $7 per Appraisal Item, $15 for 3 Items

It’s time for our Annual McLeod County Historical Society Antique Appraisal Fundraiser. Over the past five years the Museum has taken the show on the road to Glencoe, Winsted, Biscay, Silver Lake, and Stewart. This year, we are bringing it back to the Museum in Hutchinson, adding a new twist. For the first year ever, you will be able to shop for your treasures and then have them appraised! Using the Museum’s large meeting room space, we are adding Flea Market style vendors to this fun day. As a bonus, the vendors will be having some of their own items evaluated, so you will know if you are getting a good or a great deal!

The appraisal program is narrated by auctioneer Kathy Krone. Kathy not only aids in appraising items, but picks out key items of value and/or interest and explains what makes the item valuable or unique. Kathy has many years of experience and has seen just about everything walk through her auction house doors. Kathy will be joined by appraisers Lynn Buck and Guste Blad. Lynn lives in Hutchinson, MN and specializes in quilts, textiles, china, glass, and flatware. Guste, who resides in Hector, MN, focuses on antique toys, metal signs, agricultural tools and manufacturing implements. Although our appraisers deal in antiques, auctions, and collectables, not all items can always be evaluated the day of the auction. If your items do not fit into one of the categories listed above, just give us a call or send us an e-mail and we will let you know if your item or items can be appraised at the event.

An appraisal costs just $7 per item, or $15 for three items. You can choose to have the item shown as a part of the program, or evaluated privately. If you have more than one item, you can save money with three items costing just $15. Even if you don’t have an item, this program is a fun and educational way to learn more about antiques. Admission is just $2 for adults; children under the age of 12 are free. We hope you will join us!
Mission Statement
The McLeod County Historical Society is dedicated to connecting with the past, understanding the present and making informed choices about the future by finding, preserving, explaining and sharing McLeod County history.

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Individual $20, Family $35
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The McLeod County Historical Society Newsletter is published
eleven times per year, monthly except for December/January.

Board of Director’s Meeting
Fourth Monday of each
Month at 7 P M
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Director’s Review:
Here at the Museum, we are off and running with another great year of programs and projects!
The Senior Center Tour, planned by volunteer coordinator Julie Jensen, filled the Museum’s meeting room for a home cooked style meal and some homegrown homicide. The Tour took guests to Murder sites and to Jail! Not to worry though, everyone was later released and had a lot of fun. Look for more programs on our theme topic for 2013, “Murder and Mayhem in McLeod County”.

Our singing Valentine Fundraiser kept me singing all day and raised some much needed funds for the Museum. I want to thank Crow River Floral & Gifts for being our sponsor again this year and for providing the beautiful roses given. As a part of Crow River Floral’s Sponsorship, each person who donates $50 or more to the Museum to send a Singing Valentine, is entered into their Free Flowers for a Year contest. This year the winner was Anne Schumann, who received a Singing Valentine from her husband Ken! What a great gift!!

I also want to thank our terrific volunteers for all their help with our Valspar Painting Grant, we couldn’t do it without all your hard work and talents!!
The McLeod County Historical Society will be researching the topic of Murder for our 2013 theme! Through the research done by board member and McLeod County Sheriff, Scott Rehmann, the Museum has compiled a number of the most sensational crimes to occur in our boundaries. Each month, the Museum will feature an excerpt from our theme booklet, “Murder and Mayhem in McLeod County”, which will be available for purchase in the Museum’s gift shop in March. The booklet will cover McLeod County’s earliest Murders in the 1800s, through the 1950s. Each case has its own mystery and historic lore to explore and we hope you will join us as we play detective and learn more about a small part of our County’s notorious and tragic past.

Taken from: The Glencoe Enterprise, December 8th, 1910

AGED BOHEMIAN WOMAN MURDERED AT HER HOME BY AN UNMASKED MAN

Assassin Enters the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fimon at Swan Lake and Demands Hidden Hoard---Husband Escapes Intruder.

A cold blooded murder was committed near Swan Lake about three miles northeast of Silver Lake, last Sunday evening, when a defenseless old woman fell victim to an unknown assassin's bullet, who demanded their hidden hoard.

Mrs. Joseph Fimon, aged 65, who lives with her husband, a man past 67 years, on a small farm, was killed with a bullet fired from a 32-calibre revolver which entered her right temple. So close was the muzzle of the weapon held to her head when it was discharged that it laterally shattered the tissues of her face. There is every indication that the crime was committed by a person fully acquainted with the habits of this aged couple, and the manner in which the criminal set about to accomplish his purpose was that of a novice.

Bandit Enters:

About 6 o'clock, shortly after the aged couple had had their supper and were seated in their living room, a loud knock was heard at the door. Immediately it was thrown open and a man entered with one hand in his pocket. He quickly drew out his hand which contained a nickel-plated revolver and pointing it alternately at the fear-stricken pair, said: "Put your hands up and give me your money, or I will kill you."

The old man replied that they had no money, but upon the robber becoming more threatening he gave him about three dollars. He said: "That will not do," and Mrs. Fimon then went down to the cellar and brought back five or six silver dollars which she had hidden in a baking powder can. She laid these on the table, and while the man was taking this money, demanding more or their lives, the old man taking advantage of the robber who had his back turned toward him slipped upstairs.

On noticing he was gone, the robber shouted upstairs: "Fimon come down." The old man threw up the window on the south side of the house in an effort to get away, and placing his left foot and body outside intended to jump to the ground. The window, however, fell on his right foot and he was held dangling head downward.

With much difficulty he extricated himself and fell to the ground a distance of about twelve feet onto his side. Aside from bruises he sustained no injury. He then ran over to James Miska's and related to him what had happened.

Miska armed himself with a shotgun and accompanied him back to the house. When a short distance from the place, Miska fired his gun, and they listened. As they saw no one they approached the
house and peered in at the window, and by the light of the burning lamp saw the aged woman lying prostrate on the floor, her face covered with blood and a key on a string and a broken lantern lying near by.

Other neighbors were immediately summoned and the authorities notified.

Fimon says the man was a heavy set fellow and had a smooth and red face. He was not masked, and wore a grey cap the visor of which was pulled down over his eyes. He had a long grey coat which was buttoned up to his chin. Fimon is near-sighted and says he is unable to tell whether the murderer was any man he knew personally.

The aged man and woman had $410 in currency hidden in the house, which was found to be intact in the place where it was kept when a search was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Fimon are a couple who have lived to some extent in seclusion, their advanced age accounting no doubt for their lack of coveting the society of their neighbors.

Sheriff Frank Klaus and Coroner T. Hovorka left this city for the Fimon home Sunday evening as soon as notified regarding the affair, and a careful investigation has been made by them. There is no clue as to the perpetrator of the deed, but a diligent effort is being made to apprehend the guilty party.

An Autopsy was held on the body of the murdered woman by Dr. T. J. Trutna, of Silver Lake, and an inquest was held Monday morning: Orrin Vaughan, Frank W. Urban, Frank Navratil, Joseph Chalupsky, Frank Nuwash and J. H. Kosek served as jurors and brought in a verdict that the deceased "was killed by a gunshot wound in the head inflicted by a person whose identity is to said jurors unknown."

Search Being Made.

Sheriff Klaus has been near the scene of the murder during the entire week, and those to whom the finger of suspicion has been pointed have been given thorough examination by the sheriff. It is said one party in particular is under surveillance and that a close watch of his movements is being kept. Pinkerton detectives are aiding the sheriff in the search.

To be continued…
Welcome New and Life Members:

Jane Brown, St. Cloud, MN

Museum Artifact Donations: The society thanks you for your donation!

- Donor: Janice Ardolf
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History:
Clear Glass 7 fl. Oz. soda pop bottle from Mayer & Son, of Glencoe, MN. The following excerpt was taken from the 1917 History of McLeod County...

The J. B. Mayer Bottling Works, Glencoe, was started by O’Leary and Jameson about 1886 and subsequently passed into the hands of Sam Appleton. Then J. B. Mayer bought an interest in the business and conducted it with Mr. Appleton until 1891, a period of about two years, since which date Mr. Mayer has been the sole proprietor, having bought out his partner. He is engaged in exclusively the bottling of all kinds of carbonated beverages, though for awhile formerly, both were associated with Mr. Appleton and subsequently, the bottling of beer was carried on, which branch of the business, however, Mr. Mayer gave up in 1895. His factory is fitted up with the latest and most rapid machinery, including an automatic Junior filler; rapid bottle washer and Bishop and Babcock carbonator, etc. Both electric and steam power are used.
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