Annual Antique Appraisal Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29th 2 pm - Glencoe City Center
The Glencoe Historical Preservation Society
History Room
1107 11th Street East-Glencoe, MN 55336

$7 Per Appraisal Item, $15 for 3 Appraisal Items!
$3 Admission without Appraisal

It’s time for our Annual Antique Appraisal Fundraiser, and we are so excited to take the show on the road to the Glencoe City Center. The Glencoe Historical Preservation Society History Room is the ideal place to hold our event, with historic displays that tell the history of Glencoe, MN. Each year you bring us family heirlooms, collectables, and garage sale finds that our well trained appraisers identify and appraise, for either re-sale or insurance purposes. Many guests though also want to know how they can preserve their antique treasures. So Museum Director Lori Pickell-Stangel will be giving advice on how to handle, store, and display items, as well as recommending preservation products for family heirlooms.

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, rare or unique. Kathy will be joined by appraiser Lynn Buck. Lynn lives in Hutchinson, MN and specializes in quilts, textiles, china, glass, flatware, jewelry and collectibles. Not sure if we can appraise your item, give us a call 320-587-2109.

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, and after your appraisal, you can get preservation advice for Free! Even if you don’t have an item to be appraised, this program is a fun and educational way to learn more about antiques. Admission is just $3 to watch and learn. See you at the Antique Appraisal!

Visit our Website: www.mcleodhistory.org
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**Director’s Review:**

I want to give a huge Bravo and thank you to Deborah Jean Templin for the two outstanding performances of SINGING FOR THE COWS, Homesteading a Dream! It was a huge amount of work on the part of Deborah, our volunteers and myself, but so worth it. We had almost 400 guests who attended the two shows.

A country school display and barn display set up in the entryway of the Hutchinson Event Center, was used by guests as a backdrop to share their stories to Channel 10, who recorded them for the Historical Society. We collected stories of growing up in rural Minnesota and attending country school. The displays brought back many memories and was made up of artifacts that have been donated by local McLeod County Citizens to the Historical Society. If you missed the show, Deborah portrayed characters from her family and from throughout her own life. She started with Carl Templin traveling across the Ocean to meet his new papa in Chicago and went all the way to teachers who influenced and inspired her in her own life. All the stories were accompanied by historic photos, videos and recordings. A favorite poem read by her father, recorded before he passed away, and a video of her 95 year old mother talking about milking the cows everyday on the farm were just some of the highlights of the show.

A huge thank you to the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council for the Legacy Grant that paid for Deborah to write and perform SINGING FOR THE COWS. The Legacy Amendment, passed by the people of Minnesota, has made these grants possible and we thank you! I also want to thank Citizens Bank & Trust Co. for their tremendous support, as well as McCormick’s, Security Bank & Trust of Glencoe, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Elena’s Bakery and McLeod Dairy Association.
Remembering Country Schools:
Sibley County Book Presentation & McLeod County 2015
“History of Country Schools”
Theme Kickoff
Sunday, March 15th- 2-3 PM
Museum Educational Media Center

Great Minds think alike...or at least that is what Dorothy Peterson and I decided when Rommie Peterson dropped off the Sibley County Historical Society book, “Remembering Country Schools”. We had only months earlier decided to have “History of McLeod County Country Schools” as our 2015 theme. When I contacted Dorothy, who was one of the many volunteers at Sibley County who helped research and compile the over five hundred page history book, I asked Dorothy if she and some of the volunteers who worked on the book for the past three years, would be willing to give us some advice on how to take on such a huge project. She was happy to help, and volunteered to present at our Theme Kickoff program on country schools. The Sibley group will present how they collected the stories, photos and artifacts that they used to create this massive book.

The McLeod County Historical Society, using their new in-house searchable database, will feature some of the Museum’s collections of artifacts and photos that will be a part of our Country School theme this year. We will also unveil new displays that feature all things country school, as well as a huge McLeod County Map showing the location of each of the country schools that once existed in McLeod County.

The Hutchinson Family Singers
“Singing For Freedom”- May 2nd
Register for the Tour Now at the Hutchinson Event Center:
1005 State Hwy 15 So.-Hutchinson, MN
320-234-5659

The Hutchinson Family Singers, namesake of the city of Hutchinson, were 19th century superstars. They promoted a progressive political agenda that included abolition, worker’s rights, women’s suffrage and temperance. Learn more about Hutchinson Family when the St. Paul based Choral Group, The Rose Ensemble, presents a fully staged and costumed production called, “Singing for Freedom: The Antislavery Campaign of the Hutchinson Family Singers”. The Tour is sponsored by the Hutchinson Senior Center, but has no age restrictions. Registration has begun, and continues until April 14th. The tour departs from the Event Center at 11:45 am and will return by 5:30 pm. The fee is just $41 and includes motor coach transpiration and a ticket to the performance. For more information on this and other Senior Center Tours, call September Jacobsen, Event Center Coordinator at 320-234-5659.
Meet and Greet Brunch:
Meet the author, William Kent Krueger at our Author Brunch Fundraiser
$25 per person (limit 2 tickets per family)
Sunday, April 19th at 11 AM at the Village Co-op Community Room in Hutchinson, MN
Tickets available at the Hutchinson Public Library

Author Presentation: William Kent Krueger
-Author of “Ordinary Grace”
Date: Sunday, April 19th- 2 PM
Location: Hutchinson Event Center

Visit heartofhutch.com/bookread to register and learn more.

“That was it. That was all of it. A grace so ordinary there was no reason at all to remember it. Yet I have never across the forty years since it was spoken forgotten a single word.”
The McLeod County Historical Society is thrilled to announce our 2015 Historical theme, “History of the Country Schools of McLeod County”! The Museum will feature the development of free public education in the state of Minnesota and in McLeod County. We will feature our collection of country school artifacts, photographs and documents that help tell the story of rural McLeod County education. We are also looking for your memories of teaching and/or attending a McLeod County country school. Contact us or go to our website to share your story! I think I hear the school bell ringing...so don’t be late for class—and be sure to join us for a year long look at all things country school!

**History of the Country Schools of McLeod County**

The McLeod County Historical Society Newsletter

McLeod County History, 1978, p 28 School District #1

Many of the settlers of Glencoe were from New England so that the “Little Red Schoolhouse” and what it had done for the Puritans was strong in the hearts and minds of these first pioneers. They put a school together of logs, hewn roughly, chinked with a grass-mud mixture, and sturdy enough to withstand whatever weather might be conjured up in this edge of the big woods area.

This cabin stood on the east side of Hennepin Avenue and north of the railroad tracks. It was the first school house west of Carver in Minnesota and was some 18 by 20 feet in size. It was used not only for schooling children but was also a church and a common meeting hall. Here were the social events and parties that drove away pioneer memories of hardships and homesickness.

Names such as Colonel Stevens, G. K. Gilbert, B. F. Buck, F. E. Ford, A. H. Reed, William Armstrong, H. Little, G. Harris, J. Bell, S. Harris, J. W. Smith, J. Phillips and their families were some of the first settlers whose muscle built this first schoolhouse and whose children sat in this primitively furnished big room to learn their three “R’s” in June of 1865.

On May 28th, 1860, the school district of Glencoe bought lots 3 and 4 in block 27 and a school was erected there. This building was larger, better, and more modern than the log house.

**Taken from:**

The Glencoe Register, April 16th, 1885, p 5

Every child of school age-between eight and sixteen years—in this state, is now required by law to attend school at least twelve weeks during each year, six weeks of which shall be consecutive, unless excused by the school district officials, for reasons specified by the law. The penalty for violation is a fine of from $25 to $50 to be paid into the school fund. School district officers as well as parents and guardians are liable to fine for neglect under this law, which ought to be enforced.

**Taken from:**

McLeod County History, 1978, p 28 School District #1

Sketch of the Log house structure that served as District #1 School, built in 1856
The first school that I attended was in Minneapolis in 1863 at the age of five. It was an ungraded school located near Hennepin Avenue about six blocks from Bridge Square. Miss Mullin was the teacher in my room of students from the beginners, five years old to several years older. We learned the letters of the alphabet and sentences like “The sun is up and it is day, the sun is on the new mown hay.” I remember her rigid discipline and the switch on her desk.

On our return to Glencoe in 1864 after two years residence in Minneapolis, there was a one room small school with students of all ages from five year to eighteen. There were only a few families in the district with children to send to school. Of the eighteen or twenty students, I can see their faces and recall the names of every one. I remember the names of the teachers who were all men. Young men educated in the east coming to the west to start in some business or profession, needed the money they could earn by teaching a district school. The man who influenced me the most was A. M. Knight, a college man from the state of Maine. This one-room school served Glencoe until 1874 when a two story frame building was erected with two rooms on the first floor and one large room on the second floor. In this room, attending only in the winter terms, I finished my school days in Glencoe.

My last term was the winter of 1876 and 1877. In the spring of 1877 the county public school teachers’ examinations were held. To test my knowledge, I took the examination and, to my surprise, I was one of the few who got a second Grade Teacher’s Certificate. Only second and third grade certificates were issued at the time. There were no advanced subjects taught in the county schools that required a First Grade Certificate.

On application I was elected teacher of the Bergen School located about twelve miles from Glencoe. I decided to earn all the money I could during the summer and enter Carleton Academy in the Fall. I earned the largest amount in the harvest field. I took my pay in wheat and hauled it to Glencoe with a yoke of oxen…

I went to my school in Bergen where I had been engaged to teach the winter term of four months at the salary of $25 a month. I engaged a boarding place in the home of a civil war soldier. It was a log house with two rooms on the first floor and a stairway and two rooms, unfinished, on the second floor. My bed was homemade, with straw ticks for a mattress. There were cracks in the shingles where I could look through and see the stars. I paid $2 a week for bed and food. I did not have a room for myself and studied by candle light in the kitchen on the subjects my class in the Academy was studying. I wanted to join the class at the close of my school. On my return, I found that I had kept up with the studies of the class and came out even with them at the close of the year.

I taught the same school in Bergen the next winter with the same arrangements for salary and board. In the summer vacation my time was fully occupied with work on the farm and with painting…

The two winters in Bergen were happy, pleasant and strenuous. We had something doing at the school house one evening every week. One evening would be a spelling school. It might be a contest with another school or it might be a spell down in our own school. During the week young and old would be studying spelling books and dictionaries to prepare for winning the contest. On another evening there would be a debate on some question of historical, national, or current interests. Such meetings, called Lyceums, were very popular for entertainment. Discussions of public questions with expression of individual opinions was very popular in country communities. It was a great opportunity for men to post themselves on the current issues of the times. We were slowly recovering from the financial panic that started in 1873 in Grant’s Administration. There would be recitations and singing of the old familiar hymns and songs. We did not have any musical entertainment…

Children used to go part of a day each week for instruction in religion. Such was the community life in the township of Bergen in 1877 and 1878.
Welcome New and Life Members:

Glenn Farenbaugh, Brownton; Bruce & Anita Crosby, Hutchinson; Kurt Schulz, Glencoe, MN
Paul Warshauer, New Ulm, MN; Joel Griebie, Brownton; Verona Bussler, Glencoe;
Carolyn Bomstad-Bah, Hutchinson; John Graupmann & family, Plato, MN; Betty Dahlke, Green Isle, MN;
Janice Arford Vazquez, Willmar, MN; Mary Jo Schimelpfenig, Glencoe, MN

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

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Spotlight on the Collection/Artifact of the Month:

Donor: Deloris Olson Bollin
Accession #: 2014-0153-001

History: 5 Gallon Crock Water Cooler, commonly used in country school houses. The water cooler is labeled by Medalta Potteries Ltd., Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. The piece has a mismatched cover, is missing one handle, and is missing its spout. It has decorative horizontal stripes and is glazed on the outside and not on the inside. Medalta Potteries produced pottery from 1924-1954 and was located by clay fields and natural gas supply and made 3,600 items a day.

This water cooler was used at Country School District #41, Lynn Township, Heatwole.
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