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Pine City Area History Association

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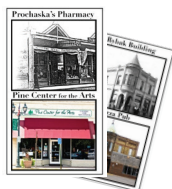
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HISTORY SPACE



HISTORY HUNT



Looking back at our second year

Message from the Board

While much of our first year was devoted to laying the organizational ground work year two found us taking on a number of exciting projects that really encompass our mission to *collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of the Pine City area.*

- With the cooperation and help of the City of Pine City and the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce we were able to establish a history space in the Chamber Office. This space is home to our interactive kiosk. The kiosk is the result of two grants and provides the public with access to newspapers, maps, our digital exhibits and more. A grant written by PCAHA member Darcy Pinotti covered the cost of the iPad and an East Central Minnesota Energy Round Up grant helped fund the rest of the kiosk set up.
- The loan of a display case from the Pine City public library and two display panels from the Pine Center for the Arts allowed us to also stage an exhibit in the history space. Our first, and current exhibit is "*Pine City Through the Lens of Bob Thiry.*"
- Our third major project this year was launching the Pine City History Hunt. Geared toward families this program allowed us to package some of the wonderful information and photos we have been collecting and target delivery to a population that we haven't had as much contact with.

In addition to these three major projects but we also managed some other tasks:

- Our general meetings have been well attended. Topics this year were; backyard archeology, local geology, growing up on a farm, and clamming and the button industry.
- We continued our occasional feature in the Pioneer called "A Moment in Time" This year we featured, a fishing gaff, the 61 Way Cafe, the history kiosk, and the backdrop from the Family Theatre.
- We helped with displays in the Pine City Public Library Meeting Room on the Orphan Train and the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
- We continue to host a weekly local history discussion group and this year we added a monthly group geared toward women.

This second year has been a busy one but we want to take a moment and reflect on the quiet passing of Harold Kick. Harold was an active member of the Thursday local history group. Harold had a keen interest in local history and worked hard to preserve it. Harold's gentle encouragement and example helped to establish the history association. Thank you Harold, we miss you!

MISSION

The collection, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of the Pine City area.



Pine City Area History Association

Treasurer's Report

Expenses	
Mn Historical Society - membership	\$25.00
Frandsen Bank-Deposit Slips	\$16.15
Grant & Office Supplies	\$2,154.50
Pine Area Chamber - membership	\$55.00
MinPack - Printing	\$308.75
Pine City Township - Road Signs	\$145.56
Pine Co Ag. Society - Fair Booth Rental	\$100.00
Total	\$2,804.96

Income	
Memberships	\$660.00
Donations, Memorials, Grants	\$2,514.56
Total	\$3,174.56

Checkbook Balance as of 6/30/2015
\$755.55.

Collections

We have over 200 objects cataloged ranging from photographs, postcards, print material and advertising items connected with local businesses. Cindy Novy donated Bob Thiry's negatives from his years as a professional photographer. We are in the process of cataloging them.

Local History Group

The local history group from which the history association evolved continues to meet weekly. You are invited to join us on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in the meeting room of the Pine City Public Library.

The meetings are free and open to the public. They are casual meetings with no set agenda. Often participants will bring items of historical interest to share.

Discussion usually lasts about two hours.

Going Forward

Some of our goals this year include;

- Work on collecting oral & family histories and make them available to the public.
- Create more digital presentations.
- Increase awareness of the Pine City Area History Association.
- Increase membership
- Work towards providing more online resources for people interested in learning more about the history of the Pine City Area.

Numbers	2014	2015
Members	29	36
FaceBook Friends	249	364

Some of our Needs

- A person or persons who would be willing to enter data into the computer.
- Photos and memorabilia of the Pine City Area.
- People to help staff a booth at the county fair.
- Help cataloging the Bob Thiry negatives.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

We are supported by memberships. An annual membership is \$20.00.

Please help by purchasing a membership.

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