

THE COUNTY CHRONICLER

Polk County Historical Society

August 2008

MUSEUM HOURS Memorial Day through Labor Day 12 noon – 4 p.m.

**PINE PARK
POTLUCK PICNIC
311 Tuttle
Balsam Lake
6 p.m., Tuesday, August 26**

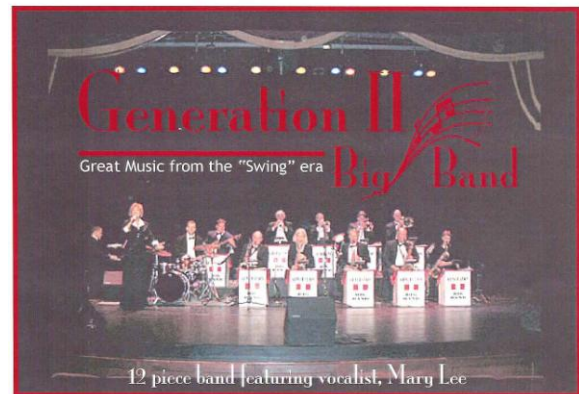


ST. CROIX OJIBWE TRAILS YOUTH DANCE TROUPE

This wonderful troupe has performed at the Hulu Bowl in Hawaii, World Eskimo Indian Olympics in Fairbanks, on a Carnival Cruise in the Bahamas, the U.S. Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, 500 Year Bone Dance in Miharu, Japan, the Ordway in St. Paul, and many schools, festivals, parades and community events in the upper Midwest. We are very fortunate to have this group perform for us. Let's invite friends!

Bring chairs for performance.

Swinging Live at the Tac



Social Hour 5:00 p.m. • Buffet Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Music and Dance 7:30-11:00 p.m. • Silent Auction
Dinner and Dance - \$50 • Dance Only - \$17
Tickets available at the Polk County Historical Museum

Saturday, August 23
Tac Entertainment Center
County H, north of Amery

715-483-3970 • 715-485-9269
Call for reservations



MARTHA FILIP CHICAGOANS COME TO WISCONSIN

For the past 100 years Polk County's summer population swells with vacationers coming from the Chicago area as they escape from the city into the forested lake land of Northwest Wisconsin. Martha Naylor's family started trekking here about 1948 and later bought the home where Martha and her husband Louis now live.

Martha married her high school sweetheart Louis Filip on August 25, 1956. They have three married sons: Louie Jr., Kevin, and Mike and six grandchildren.

The Filip family has lived in various cities in the Midwest: Chicago, Illinois, Fargo, North Dakota, Omaha, Nebraska, and Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

During most of those stops Martha worked at various jobs: the last was a 23 year stint with the Osseo Minnesota Public School System in the purchasing department where as a buyer she bought everything from apples to zippers. She said, "I saw great changes in the education of young people in those 23 years."

During the later years Louie and Martha enjoy wintering in Mesa, Arizona, where she spends part of her time managing the Chicago Cub's souvenir warehouse.

An article in the Inter-County Leader concerning the possibility of a style show as part of Polk County's sesquicentennial celebration opened a door for Martha to put her vintage clothing collection to use. Martha wrote the script, supplied clothing, and directed the show at the fall celebration at the Polk County Fair grounds. She also wrote and directed the wedding style show sponsored by our historical society

Martha headed the team that cleaned and redecorated our magnificent Fine Arts Room and says about it, "The Fine Arts Room is my favorite exhibit area. I enjoy working with artifacts of historic background and in the process learn about the area and the people who settled, populated, and remain here."

The Polk County Historical Society enjoys working with Martha. Her work continues to be a great asset. Her latest project being the yet-to-be named third floor arts and craft room. Our museum is great because through the years people like Martha have given their time and talent. Thank you, Martha!

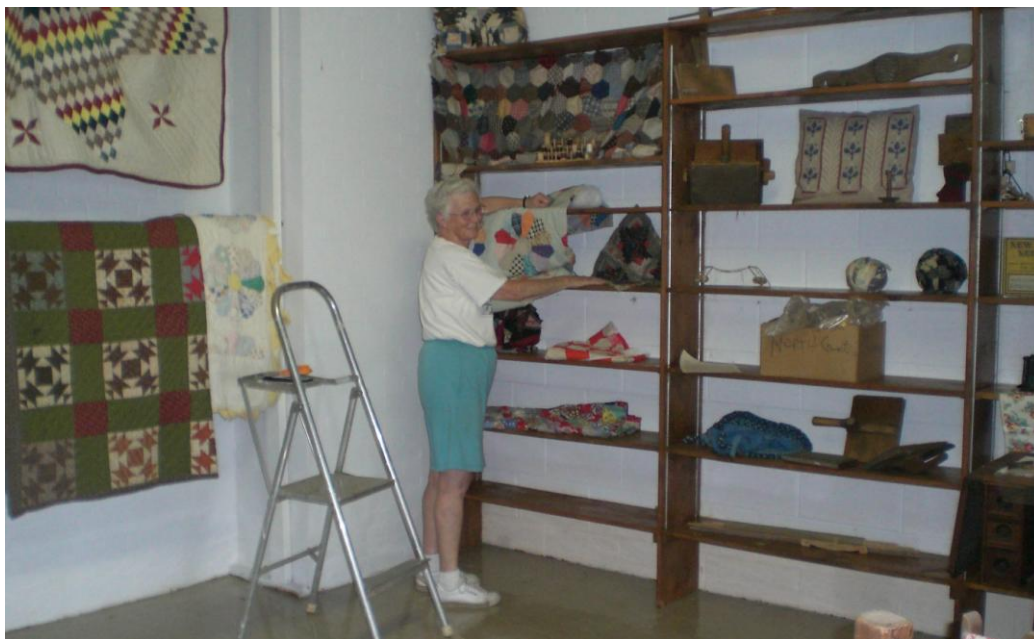
MARTHA AND LOUIS FILIP LUCK, WISCONSIN

The Fine Arts Room is one of the many museum projects that Martha has headed in the last five years. This lovely room receives more oohs and aahs than any other in the museum and rightly so—it is gorgeous! It holds the most beautiful display of antique and vintage glass, china, and pottery in the upper Midwest. The lovely grandfather clock below was donated by them.



FINE ARTS ROOM





Martha arranging in the sewing display.



A great display of tools used in the home in bygone years.

THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION RETURNS TO ST. PAUL



In September Republicans will make history as they meet in St. Paul at the Excel Energy Center. Two thousand eight will mark the second time the Republican Party has convened in Minnesota. Minneapolis hosted the 10th Republican National Convention in 1892 when Republicans nominated Benjamin Harrison. He was defeated by Grover Cleveland for his second term. The pass above was given to Charles S. Roberts who was Polk County District Attorney, 1914-1920. It was found by the display ladies while cleaning in the second-floor museum storage room. Martha Filip, Marilyn Reiten, and Rosalie Kittleson have spent many hours preparing this room for the visitors that we expect. This room connects the old museum to the new addition and previously was not open to the public. It has been collecting “storage” for 33 years so you can imagine the job it has been to make it presentable. Martha is the “idea” lady and she has practical ideas.



AUTHOR'S DAY FUN



Gallagher Family



Ruby Hanson



Ben and Dee Anderson



Carolyn Wedin



MUSEUM RESEARCH ROOM'S
first visitors, Harveta and John
Rockwell visited August 9, 2008.

THANK YOU

Polk County Historical Society and museums exists because people give: time, talents, artifacts, and money. We are thankful for every gift. This last month we received an additional gift from the Manfred Davidson which will be used in our new Stitching through Time exhibit. Dr. Mauszycki gave money for research that we helped him with. Helen Stoltz-Wood gave a basket to be auctioned off at the Dinner Dance. We are also recipients of a portion of the Myron Daellenbach estate.

I give my apologies to Greg Marsten for misspelling his name in the front page of last newsletter.

ST. CROIX OJIBWA T.R.A.I.L. YOUTH DANCE TROUPE Traditions Respecting American Indian Life Styles

TRAILS Dance Troupe began in 1996 with five dancers led by Mark Soulier. Today they have over thirty dancers ranging from age 4-17. The youth dancers represent the cultural heritage by educating the public with their traditional dances and songs. The dances are of different styles: grass, jingle, fancy feather, and fancy shawl dancers.

The Troupe has received many awards including the Gold Medal for the best Indian Dance Team for two years in a row 2000-2001. They performed four days at the U.S. Olympic Games in 2002. Today the dancers perform at school, festivals, parades, and other community events statewide. They currently perform the during the summer months at the Fort Folle Avoine Historical Park north of Webster, Wisconsin.

The group's main purpose is to provide an alternative to substance abuse and to educate the public about the Ojibwe heritage with songs and dance.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Where has the summer gone? I know that we are all asking ourselves that question. Last September we started a huge commitment of a 1,857 square feet addition with elevator. Today it is August 11, 2008, and the addition and elevator project is complete with the elevator operating. The only thing pending now is the door to the new addition which has a few hang ups and hopefully will be operative soon.

Along with the addition project we had a major job of organizing areas that probably haven't been cared for in several years. Many hours and helping hands have worked on making the large storage area and Law Library on the third floor presentable to walk through and work has begun on the basement laundry room and hardware store. I cannot thank the following enough for their creative ideas, talents, and love of Polk County history: Ruby Hanson, Darrell Kittleson, Wally Andren, Martha Filip, Marilyn Reiten, and Judy L. Wester. The new wall dividing the storage area from the display area is definitely an improvement thanks to Darrell and Wally.

The plans for the 2009 Northwestern Convention are being discussed and the date will be September 19, 2009. Polk County Historical Society will host the event. Please call Darrell Kittleson if you would like to be part of the planning committee.

I will be meeting with the Polk County Board to discuss the 2009 museum budget this Tuesday, August 12th.

I have been following the other society's remarks about the funds that they receive from outside sources, and I think that we need to be very thankful for the assistance that our County Board gives to keep the county museum existing.

Thoughts for today,
Rosalie

2008 Northwest Region Convention will be held at Hurley, August 23rd.
2008 Local History and Preservation Conference will be September 10th.

**Polk County Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting July 22, 2008**

Call to Order: Vice President Ralph LaDuke called the meeting to order at 5:35.

All directors were present except Dorene Hendrickson and Darrell Kittleson.

Secretary's Report: Approved as printed in the newsletter on a Greg/Carl motion.

Treasurer's Report: Approved on a Greg/Carl motion.

Director's Report: Given by Rosalie Kittleson. We have received a \$285 memorial for Manfred G "Ben" Davidson, and a \$300 United Way Grant for new lights.

President Darrell arrived after the reports and conducted the rest of the meeting.

Old Business:

July 5th Freedom Fest Summary:

There were plenty of cookies. Brats were sold both Sat. and Sun. Next year we need to have more water. Thanks to Jensens for providing their Pierce Arrow that carried Rosalie, Darrell, and Ruby Hansen. It looked great with the flag attached to the back of the car.

Fair Building Displays:

The DVD of the museum will be shown on a TV at the Farmington School. The Festival Theater would like to have a display at the school; a Joyce/Patricia motion was approved requesting that they provide someone to man their display.

August 23rd Dance:

A Muriel/Greg motion was approved to spend up to \$400 for advertisements.

Greg Marsten is in charge of the auction which will be theme baskets this year. Helen, Muriel, Rosalie, Joyce, and Greg said they would donate one. Call Greg @472-8465 with questions.

Building Update:

Walk through was done July 16th; work will be completed by end of this week.

New Business

State Convention: Darrell and Rosalie have been encouraged to attend. A decision on how much funding to provide was tabled until August meeting.

Museum Hours and Newsletters for 2009:

A Patricia/Muriel motion was approved to change to a quarterly newsletter. Judy would like to be relieved of the newsletter responsibilities but will continue doing them for now. Discussion about being closed for part of the week was carried forward to the August meeting.

Open House:

The Open House will be held August 30- Sept. 1st during "Corn on the Curb" Days.

Workers will be needed to get everything cleaned and ready.

Dedication:

Our official dedication will be on Memorial Day in 2009. Invitations will be sent to dignitaries. The addition will be known as the "Marian Park Dever Annex" and a plaque will be placed on an inside wall. The elevator will be named in honor of Willis Erickson.

Setter Family Cutter:

This is the cutter that is sitting outside; it is not in the ascension book and someone wants to purchase it for restoration. There is one in the museum and no room for this second one. Lilly Setter has given permission to sell the cutter and she will be asked to sign a release form. A Joyce/Muriel motion to sell it for \$700 after the Society receives a signed release form was approved. Proceeds will be recognized as a donation from the Oscar Setter Family.

Adjournment was at 7:00 on a Muriel/Larry motion.

Our next meeting on **August 26th** will be at Pine Park in Balsam Lake at **5:00. (Please note time change.)** The potluck picnic will be at 6:00. Chief Dan Mosay will be our speaker and he will present Native Dancers and Drummers. We will be passing the hat to help cover their expenses.

Submitted by Patty Young, Sec.



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the Polk County Historical Society:

Lifetime.....\$100
 Yearly\$15
 Student\$2

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