



Spring 2009 Newsletter

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2009 Has Full Calendar of Volunteer Opportunities

As you fill-out your social calendar for 2009 with graduations, reunions, weddings and finales to Dancing With The Stars . . . keep in mind the many opportunities available in helping the Ankeny Area Historical Society with fundraisers and day-to-day chores.

Each month there is the opportunity to help host the Sunday afternoon two-hour public tours. It is always the first Sunday of the month and consists of welcoming visitors, handing out printed tour information and answering general questions. If you would like to join in the effort with some other members, just call the office at 965-5795.

In the springtime there is also the annual pick-up, trim up, clean up inside and outside of the museum

grounds. As the crown jewel of uptown Ankeny we want to continue to be the best that we can be inside and out. Again, call if you would like to dust, weed, clean or rake. We will let you know dates when others will be there to help.

Six fundraisers have been set for 2009 and you are welcome to call and join in the work or just come and enjoy the event. The red-letter dates are Spring Tea Luncheon, Saturday, April 25 – Garage Sale, Saturday, May (date to be set at a later time) - Ice Cream Social, Sunday, June 28 – SummerFest BBQ Luncheon, Saturday, July 11 – Santa’s North Pole Village, Saturday, November 7 – Christmas Cookie Sale, Saturday, December 5.

Barn Mortgage Below \$63,000

Planning for the barn addition to the Ankeny Area Historical Society museum began in about 2003. Design plans and specs with bidding took place in 2005. With our grand opening in 2007 the Society has worked tirelessly to pay down the mortgage on the \$685,000 project.

In January of 2009 the amount still owed to the bank for the barn is \$62,750 or approximately 10% of the original amount. The effort comes from generous gifts from members, Ankeny alumni, memorial gifts and annual donations by deep-rooted supportive Ankeny families.

Despite current economic challenges, the Ankeny Area Historical Society is optimistic about getting the barn paid off in the next few years. The new facility

has proven to be functional, flexible, durable and beautiful. Compliments on the structure and its “user-friendliness” come from virtually every visitor and group.

If you have an idea to raise money on the home-stretch of fundraising, please call or write to the Society. Thank you!



Cookie And Lefse Fests Bring In Donations!

Two holiday feasts brought in nearly \$1,000 last November and December as 24 visitors were treated to a traditional Norwegian dinner of fish and lefse with all of the trimmings followed two weeks later by a Christmas Cookie Sale attended by over 50 folks.

Loren and Arlene Sampson along with children Linda, Ron and Wendy prepared and served the lefse feast and Norma Righi coordinated the cook sale.



Norma Righi's Cook Sale was a sweet success!



A fish and lefse explained and constructed.



Fish, potatoes and lefse—a Norsky tradition.



24 eager eaters fed by the Sampsons in 28 minutes

School Program Continues To Update Displays And Education

The Historical Society is again this year partnering with the American Culture class at Ankeny High School. American Culture class is offered to juniors. The class incorporates English, History and technology.

Some of the areas the students are working on are displays, promoting the historical society to the community and pod cast tours.

They are also doing a video about two of buildings on SW Maple that have been home to several business. Do you recognize the picture on the right? This building has been a hardware store, restaurant and Ford Dealership. It is now home to Bear's Restaurant. The students are also doing research on the Yankee Clipper building.



2009 Historical Calendars Now \$5

As time marches on, historical photos become more and more valuable. With that in mind, the Ankeny Area Historical Society has taken the unprecedented direction of actually LOWERING the price of the 2009 collection of historic photos that accompany their calendars.

That is correct. Now, \$5 singles, a five-dollar bill, 20 quarters, 50 dimes or 500 pennies will buy you an entire year of entertainment. Great for gifts, refrigerators, garages, churches, businesses and physicians waiting rooms.

Call today after you preview these outstanding calendars on this page and order as many as you wish. Add an additional \$2 per calendar, if you would like them mailed to you. If you don't, you'll wish you did. 965-5795!



JANUARY 2009

**Great Mother's or
Father's Day Gift!**

**A Keepsake &
Donation to the
Historical Society**



FEBRUARY 2009



MARCH 2009

**Everyone in the
Class of 1949
needs one!**



APRIL 2009



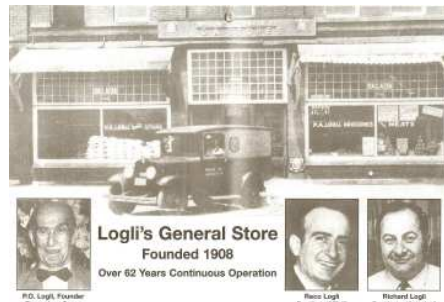
MAY 2009



JUNE 2009



JULY 2009



AUGUST 2009



SEPTEMBER 2009



OCTOBER 2009



NOVEMBER 2009



DECEMBER 2009

ANKENY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
“NEW BARN” PROJECT MENU OF SUPPORT

LEGACY: \$250,000 - \$500,000

Dennis & Sue Albaugh & Family

DIAMOND: \$100,000--\$249,999

City of Ankeny

RUBY: \$50,000--\$99,000

Don & Charlene Lamberti & Family

Rod & Dee Lein

SAPPHIRE: \$10,000--\$49,999

John Deere Des Moines Works

Des Moines Register & Ankeny Press Citizen

Ankeny Building Association

Prairie Meadows Race Track & Casino

Ray Miller

PEARL: \$5,000--\$9,999

VGI Design

Snyder & Associates, Inc.

Polk County

Community State Bank

First American Bank

Northwest Bank

Richard Logli & Dena Randolph

In Memory of the P.A. Logli Family

Ward Mally

Wells Fargo

Winnifred Spahr In Memory of Wayne R. Spahr

PLATINUM: \$1,000--\$4,999

Ankeny Hy-Vee

Norma Righi & Delores Manny

In Memory Frank & Mary Ghitalli, Paul & Isola

Fontana, Leno & Rose Carzoli

Dorothy Wyant

Gene & Bev Samuelson

Family and Friends In Memory of Richard Logli

Family and Friends In Memory of Orville Ballard

L & L Insulation & Supply Company (In-Kind)

Bell Brothers Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Family & Friends In Memory of Verna Howard

Family & Friends In Memory of Jack Dennler

John Deere Community Credit Union

Don & Barbara Penquite

Barbara White, Family & Friends

In Memory Dale A. White

Family and Friends In Memory of Larry Donaghy

Valley Bank

Family & Friends In Memory of Evelyn Dann

Zane Smith In Memory V.W. and Ann Smith

Rich and Patrick Taylor (In-Kind)

In Memory of Cor Hutton

Family & Friends In Memory of Nello Lamberti

Family & Friends In Memory of Jean Jones

Family & Friends In Memory of Blasco Fontanini

Terry & JoAnn Adamson

Albaugh-McGovern Legion Post #42

Gerald & Marie Ballard

Orville & Bonnie Ballard

Bruce & Jeanette Beckwith

Casey's General Stores

Lynn & Nancy DeLapp In Memory Delma DeLapp
Marilyn Dennler

Larry & Dorothy Donaghy

Jeanne Ersland, Eleanor Tilton & Gale Gibson

In Memory of the Max & Ella Gibson

Nevin & Bonnie Harmon

Handley, Block, Lamberti, Zinno & Gocke, P.C.

Huber Grading, Inc.

Harris & Deloris Manny

Ralph Mathis

Abel McCleary Family

MidAmerican Energy Foundation

Carl Moyer

Donald & Norma Righi

Everett Sather

Roger & Sandra Spahr

Evelyn Sexauer

Myrtle Sexauer

Ollie J. Weigel

Don & Carolyn Zuck

Dream Steam (In-Kind)

GOLD: \$500--\$999

Richard Logli In Memory of Rico Logli

Bill & Barb Agan

Phillip M. Thompson (In-Kind)

Fred & Fran Smith

In Memory of Manilla Coppock

In Memory of Ralph Mathis

Ankeny High Class of 1956

Bob Brown Chevrolet, Inc.

W.H. & Marjorie Chase

Commercial Federal Bank

Craig R. Hawkins In Memorial of Nina & Harold Weston

Joyce Lundstrom

Amanda Kuhns-American Bank of Iowa

Scholes Family

Eric Sheldahl

Struthers Bros. - Lee Lundstrom

Silver: \$100-499

Family & Friends Memory of George Hart

Family & Friends In Memory of LeRoy Bachman

Vince Sanders

Alpha Rho of Beta Sigma Phi

Glen Cornwell Family In Memory Clifford Cornwell

Evelyn Dann In Memory Ralph C. Dann

Gerald & Marilyn Dennler

Evelyn Rigby

Cecil & Carole Ballard

Denman & Company LLP In Memory of Larry Donaghy

Marilyn Shay In Memory Bill Shay

Ankeny High School Class of 1967

Friends of Rod Lein

Herbert J. Brown In Memory Mary N. Brown

Beryl Coulson - Coulson Signs

Don & Carole Lea Kraber

Maurices Inc. - Match to Carol Lea Kraber

Loren Sampson Family

Doug & Ellen Smith

Silver: \$100-499 (Cont.)

David & Anne Gardner In Memory of John Price, Edith & Bee
 Morris, J. Arthur, Evelyn, Judy Ault, & Hazel Ault
 The Mutchler Family
 Ben & Jean Norman
 Clarence & Betty Altenburger
 Ethel Harmon, Jill, Robert, & Jan
 In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
 Lee Ahlberg
 James W. Anderlik
 Duane Anderson
 Ober & Iolene Anderson
 Ankeny Genealogy Chapter
 Ankeny Lions Club
 Ankeny Visual Image Committee
 LeRoy & Evelyn Bachman
 Victoria Bachman
 Gary & Toni Baugher
 Geri Begg In Memory of Wayne Begg
 Joe, Charles, & Maribeth Begg In Memory of Wayne Begg
 James Blair
 Ruth Bond
 Dennis & Pat Brazelton
 Barb & Patrick Breen
 Rob & Jennifer Davies
 Gail Dippold
 Mary Doubleday In Memory of Art Doubleday
 Robert & Nancy Frisk
 Joshua J. Frisk
 Justin R. Frisk & Family
 Anna Hick
 Evalynne Higgins
 Harold & Charlene Hildreth
 Raymond Hildreth
 Jerry Homes, Inc.
 Victor Johnson
 Kimberly Development Corp.
 Robert & Virginia Koch
 Cyndy Lammert
 Jose & Shelley Laracuente
 Marlyn & Zelda Larson
 In Memory of Angela Larson Pilkington
 Betty Leonard
 Earl & Janet Leonard
 Grant & Sherri Lewis
 Luke Brothers, Inc.
 John E. Lundstrom
 Madrid Historical Society
 Bill & Sarah Magnani
 Jim & Barb McNamee
 Memory Lane Questers
 John & Mary Moffitt
 Jim & Helen Nelson
 Janet & Marvin Nichols
 Don & Doris Ott
 Timothy & Teresa Powers In Memory of Larry Donaghy
 Tom & Joan Quinlin
 P & R Inc. - Brandt & Janet Crocker
 Dick & Suzan Rasmussen
 Greg Rasmussen
 Louise Vander Linden
 Bill & Eva Wallace

Silver: \$100-499 (Cont.)

Larry & Linda Wellendorf
 Jack & Ruby Wheatly In Memory of Jean Jones
 Louise Woods
 Ankeny Sanitation (In-Kind)
BRONZE: \$50-\$99
 Craig Hawkins In Memory of Erma M. Hawkins
 MidAmerican Matching Jan & Merlin Christians
 In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
 Evelyn Bachman
 Community Bank Plymouth In Memory of George Hart
 72 Degree Heating & Cooling, Inc.
 Ankeny—Class of 1967 In Memory of Ed Medici
 Bless This House, Inc.
 Nancy Carr
 Merlin & Jan Christians
 LeNora Coe
 Gilded Angel Photography
 Dale & JoAnn Goins
 Ethel Harmon
 Craig Hawkins
 Heartland floors
 Laks Jagnandan D.D.S.
 Franny & JoAn Johnson
 Ken & Donna Kelling
 Chris Lamberti
 Margaret McBride
 Bill Michael Family
 Lynn Pitts
 Delores & Fred Reynolds
 Dennis & Susan Roupe
 Dennis Shaltanis
 Roger & Fran Stefani
 Greg Suddeth
 Steve & Darlene VanOort
 Mike & Rose White
 Larry & Marcia Zach
FRIENDS: \$1-\$49
 Friends Investing Together
 Ethel Harmon In Memory of Mary Gilbrech French
 Rich and Rosemary Taylor In Memory of Betty Hutton
 Craig and Karen Hawkins In Memory of Janet Nichols
 Arlene Bates In Honor of Sue Rasmussen
 Tim Garner
 Gene & Kathryn Hill
 Ideal Rebekah Lodge
 Bob & Jean Jones
 Joe & Edie Morr
 Clare Ann Stubbs
 Virginia Wheeler
 Margaret Grant
 Terry McAnally
 Marvin Rankin
 Ms. Schima 3rd Grade -Terrace '04-'05
 Raymond Thornton
 Lois Hughes
 Ward Mally
 Hazel Moeckly
 Kelly Morrow
 Richard & Gina Sokol
 Roy Stoll
 Warren W. Thornton

John Fletcher Ankeny Family Donates Historic Quilt

On February 19 of this year the Ankeny Area Historical Society received a quilt made in 1855. Now to receive a quilt of that age and in pretty good condition is quite a gift for the historical society to receive. But what is really unique about this quilt is John Fletcher Ankeny, his mother Harriet Giese Ankeny and his daughter Harriet Ankeny Mott, made it. Ernie and Judy Brown of Winterset, Iowa donated the quilt. John Fletcher was Ernie's Great-grandfather. Ernie's grandson, Jonathon Aleman and his wife Haley live here in Ankeny and are expecting their first child in May.

The pieced squares are "Old Maid's Puzzle" pattern and the quilted squares are in the "Feathered Circle" design. The boarder pattern is "Double X."

John Fletcher Ankeny and his wife Sarah founded Ankeny in 1875.

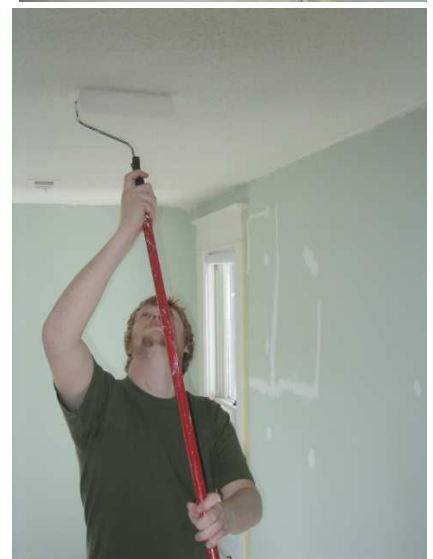


(L-R) Marilyn Shay, Historical Society Collection Committee, seated is Judy Brown, Lory Brown Aleman great-great-granddaughter of John and Sarah Ankeny founders of our community and Barb Agan, Historical Society Collection Committee

Repairs And Painting In Our Century-Old Home/Museum



The stairwell and upstairs bedrooms of the Ankeny Area Historical Society's 100+ year old house is getting the finishing touches of a facelift. Thanks to the hard work of member/volunteer Bill Agan and Bryan Lundstrom and the professional help of Dave Humphrey. The new drywall is finished. The new paint is thanks to the diligent work of Norm McCleary (who grew up in the house) and his Eagle Scout son Paul and other scouts.



Activities For Ankeny Alumni

The Ankeny Alumni Association has several activities planned for you.

Start SummerFest off with a round of golf with fellow alums. The Golf Tournament will be held at Woodland Hills Golf Course on Friday, July 10. Check in time is 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$60 per person (18 holes, cart, BBQ lunch, gift bag, flight prizes).

The honored group for this year's banquet Friday, July 10 is Boys Basketball. The banquet will again be held at OLIH Catholic Church with check in at 5:00 p.m. Dinner, catered by Hickory Park of Ames will begin at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker at the banquet will be Ankeny alum, Class of 1985 Paul Rhoades. Paul is the new Head Football Coach at Iowa State University. New this year to the banquet will be a dance following the annual meeting. Cost is \$25 per alumni (includes dues) and \$18 guest (non-Ankeny alum).

To show our support for ISU's new coach the Alumni Association has team up with Iowa State Gridiron Club for a Tailgate Party on Sept. 26 where the Cyclones take on Army. The cost is \$40 per person. The price includes your ticket to the game and a meal.

Entry forms for the golf tournament and full details will be in your alumni newsletter coming in April or you

FYI: The new high school being built at Prairie Trails will be call Ankeny High School and will have the school colors of maroon and gold along with the Hawk mascot.



*You are invited
to our
"Spring Tea
Luncheon"
April 25, 2009
One seating at Noon*

*Reservations are
required by
April 21
Call 965-5795
Cost \$18 per person*

The meal for this fund-raiser includes quiche or ham balls, along with a salad, bread, dessert and hot or cold tea.

Proceeds from the tea will benefit the restoration, maintenance and developing of our museums.

Thank You Questers

The Historical Society would like to thank the Ankeny area Questers groups who purchased a buffet and tea cart for our dining room. They make a great addition to the room.



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5 – Open House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 25 – Spring Tea—Noon

April 28– Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. &
Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 5 - Open House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 26 - Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 7 - Open House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 23 - Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 28 - Ice Cream Social

The Ankeny Area Historical Society is established to collect and secure artifacts and historical records representing Ankeny, Alleman, Bondurant, Carney, Elkhart, Enterprise, Polk City, and Sheldahl for the purpose of preserving American Heritage

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