

**Old Trondhjem News
Trondhjem Community Preservation Society
P.O. Box 259, Lonsdale, MN 55046**

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Happy Holidays from



Old Trondhjem!



A Note from the President

The Old Trondhjem Church sees more action these days than most members know about. Four tour groups ranging in size from 10 to 50 visited the church this year, coming from Minnetonka, Lakeville, Montgomery and Faribault plus several smaller family groups; four weddings were held in June and August; and the Johnson family reunion was held in August. Our society's mission encourages these kinds of events. They help to teach the pioneer history of our community and the story of Norwegian immigration. A wedding in this old building provides a wonderful intimate setting that is rooted in rich history. These events also provide income to support and maintain our historic site. Ramona Pumper and Sandy Valek handle scheduling and arrangements. Joyce Pflaum gives a very informative talk to tour groups that tells Trondhjem community history and its people, and information about the building.

The board of directors meets every month on the second Tuesday. The biggest item for our attention right now is to decide how to proceed with upgrading the museum-fellowship hall. Many problems exist that need attention. The paint and carpeting have not been renewed in many years. The bathrooms have water damage from past problems, and the kitchen needs to be redesigned to better serve large groups. Seating in the fellowship hall holds almost half (60 people) of what the sanctuary holds (125 people). The museum exhibits do a wonderful job displaying historic photos, but they could do an even better job of telling the story of old Trondhjem with a space designed for that purpose. In addition, we have learned that light is slowly degrading the photos and the florescent lights are as bad as sunlight in that respect. The long-term plan for supporting this historic site includes rental for weddings and other group events.

So we need a plan and the board is asking how we should proceed. Shall we invest in what we have and paint, repair and work within these limits? Or, shall we take on a new project to create an expanded space designed to tell the story of Old Trondhjem and all it signifies and that will welcome groups and provide an inviting setting for wedding receptions, family reunions, meetings and our community events? We don't have the answer yet. The board designated a committee to explore the question and appointed Dallas Berg, Millie Johnson, Don Pavsek, Joyce Pflaum, and Dave Topp as the chair person. Their starting point is to develop an ideal vision first, next evaluate what is possible, and then make recommendations for how to proceed. They are meeting monthly and took an all day tour of historical museums in Faribault, Belle Plaine and Shakopee to get ideas for exhibits. They've consulted with experts from the Minnesota Historical Society and engaged the services of Steve Edwins, of Northfield, who has extensive experience and a specialty in working with historic buildings. We now have some preliminary drawings for a facility that supports and enhances the fundamental mission of preserving our historic church but no cost estimates yet.

We need feed back from you to guide this decision. The board cannot make the choice without knowing the sentiment of our membership. Do you think we should take the more limited path or should we invest now for the long term? Would you be willing to contribute to a major investment in this project? Please let us know what you think. You can write a note to the board at our address, P.O. Box 259, Lonsdale, MN 55046 or send an email to me at merlefossom@comcast.net or call me at 952-894-3562 or talk to any of the board and committee members.

Merle Fossum, President

WINTER CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2005

The Winter Concert this year will feature a program by Dr. Andrea Een on the Hardanger fiddle. The concert will begin at 4:00 PM with coffee served afterward. The program will include background information on the Hardanger fiddle as well as a performance. Anyone interested will have the opportunity to become more acquainted with the instrument after the performance.

Dr Een is one of the founding members of the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America and has received the St. Olav's Medal from Norway. She is a published poet and essayist and an Associate Professor of Music at St. Olaf College. Numerous awards and honors have come her way, including the Ole Bull Award from the Ole Bull Academy in Voss, Norway, and the designation as a Master Folk Artist Teacher by the Minnesota State Arts Board in 1998.

NOTES FROM THE PAST

Northfield News, Sat. Oct. 7, 1905

The new bell for the Trondhjem church came Wednesday. Its weight is 2,370 pounds. It is a good bell, but nevertheless it has got to be hung and it will be "hung" at once.

It will cost you one dollar for a year's subscription to the Northfield News and if you subscribe for it you will receive more value for this dollar than for any piece of money you ever spent. In the advertising service you will also reap large profit. Try and see for yourself.

Northfield Independent, Thursday Oct. 14, 1909

It is our sad duty to report the death of Merriam Hauge at his home Tuesday, Oct. 5th, at 3:45 a.m. The death came unexpected and suddenly. He was confirmed Sunday, Oct. 3rd at Trondhjem church. Monday morning he went out to plow about 10:30 a.m. About 12 o'clock his father heard a cry for help and immediately answered same by finding him lying about 20 rods away from his team and plow. He was conscious at the time and was able to tell of the accident himself. The neighbors horses were running loose where he was plowing and while trying to drive them away, he claimed that a two-year-old colt, that was about two rods away from

him when he was found, kicked him in the abdomen, the shape of the hoof showing until after death. His father then unhitched the horses from the plow and went to the house for a buggy as the wounded boy was unable to move. His two sisters, Mrs. Dalen and Mrs. Fay of Minneapolis, who had come home for his confirmation, brought quilts and held him on their laps while taking him home. Dr. F. J. Lexa of Lonsdale was called immediately and all help rendered that was possible but of no avail. Dr. Lexa called again in the evening but had small hopes of his recovery as he had internal injuries. He suffered untold agony until 3:45 a. m. Tuesday when he quietly and peacefully passed away with a smile on his face...

He was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 6th, at Trondhjem church cemetery and the people of the neighborhood showed their sympathy by largely attending the funeral and contributing freely with beautiful flowers of which the coffin was covered... He was born at Trondhjem, Minn. Oct. 31st, 1895, and was at his death 14 years, 11 months, and 5 days old.

Northfield News, December – 1948

Honor Bennie Fossums On Silver Wedding

A very enjoyable event took place Sunday afternoon when relatives and friends gathered at the Trondhjem church to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bennie (and Bertha) Fossum on their 25th wedding anniversary. A short program was given, including a song by the audience, "o Happy Home"; devotions led by Rev. Norman Nelson; reading by Sedona Quinell; solo, "Bless This Home", by Sherwin Hanson; piano solo by Margaret Halvorson; reading by Mrs. Sherwin Hanson; talk by Rev. Nelson who presented the honored couple with a gift of money from their many friends; remarks by the toastmaster, Tom Walstad. The bridegroom responded with a hearty "thank you." A delicious lunch was served. The table decorations were a three-tiered wedding cake and a piontsettia plant. Mrs. Fossum wore a corsage presented to her by Mrs. Theodore Johnson. The Fossums were married on December 19, 1923, at the Mrs. Anna Paulsen farm home, the Rev. B.L. Sundal officiating. They have since farmed in this community. They have one son, Palmer, who is at home.

**CONTRIBUTIONS GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED FOR 2004 AFTER THE APRIL
NEWSLETTER**

20. CHARLES D. CANNONS-In honor of MARY I. CANNONS
21. REIN & LORRAINE LEMKE-In honor of ELVAH FOSSUM'S 92ND birthday
22. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In honor of ELVAH FOSSUM'S 92ND birthday
23. EUGENE & RHODA BERENS-In memory of WARREN THOMPSON
24. CARLES & HELEN HILL-In honor of PERCY & MILLIE JOHNSON
25. GERALD & MAY CLELAND-In memory of ELEANOR CLELAND
26. LILLIAN SJULSTAD-In memory of CLIFFORD SJULSTAD
27. VAL KUCERA
28. JANET JANES- In honor of HELEN JANES HILL
29. MR. & MRS. ERICH ROELLER
30. BEN & PATRICIA REZAC
31. MARK & LORI GUSTAFSON-In memory of DWAIN BEHRENS
32. FRANKLIN & DONNA PFLAUM-In memory of DUANE "COOK" PFLAUM
33. DALE & BETTY QUIST-In memory of ELMER & LAURA DOCKEN QUIST AND FRIGGIE & DOROTHY WELLS
34. GREG, GERI, MAGGIE, & AARON PUMPER-In honor of ELVAH FOSSUM & in memory of RAY FOSSUM
35. JOYCE PFLAUM-In memory of SCOTT ULRING
36. WALBERT & NORDIS MEINKE
37. MAVIS & MERLE FOSSUM-In honor of the ministry of PASTOR DOUGLAS SELL
38. HARRIS & RUBY HAGEN
39. BETTE QUINELL-IN memory of ELDON "HUNTS" QUINELL
40. BLAHA/GOETZ FAMILY-In honor of BEV HUSSEY'S birthday
41. THE RUSSELL ANSETH FAMILY-In memory of EVELYN ANSETH
42. ROBERT RINDE
43. LENORA RICHTER-In memory of MABEL & LEIF FOSSUM
44. ELVAH FOSSUM-In memory of RAY FOSSUM
45. ALVIN & EUNICE JOHNSON
46. ALLEN & BARBARA LENTSCH
47. DAVID & ARDIS ASP
48. CAROL JOHNSON-In memory of FLOYD JOHNSON
49. JOE & LORNA DOCKEN
50. GERALDINE JASAN
51. BETTE QUINELL-In honor of NAOMI QUINELL
52. REV. FRANK & ELIZABETH ANDERSEN
53. ERLING & JOYCE KINDEM
54. CAROL THOMSEN
55. MERLE & MAVIS FOSSUM -In honor of their grandchildren TALIA, STIAN, KIRA, MAREN & MAYA
56. DALLAS & MILDRED BERG-In memory of MENS & EDNA BERG
57. REV. GENE & MARGARET HEGLUND-In memory of LOVED ONES
58. PERCY & MILLIE JOHNSON-In honor of MRS. CHARLES HILL'S birthday
59. PERCY & MILLIE JOHNSON-In memory of LOVED ONES
60. DAISY QUINELL JUVLAND-In memory of N. DALE, DALE H. & DIXIE QUINELL
61. LINDA STORLIE
62. PATTI QUINELL-In memory of BARBARA HALVERSON
63. JANICE & PETER RAPPE-In honor of NAOMI QUINELL
64. CLIFFORD & RUTH JOHNSON-In memory of ELLEN MARIE STROM
65. RALPH & LILA ARNESON-In memory of LOVED ONES
66. ARVID & GLORIA BOYUM-In memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
67. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
68. STANLEY NELSON-In memory of LYDA NELSON
69. GORDON & MAXINE HALVERSON-In memory of BARBARA HALVERSON
70. JOYCE PFLAUM-In memory of DUANE PFLAUM
71. ARLYS & DARRELL WIESE-In memory of EDDIE & HELEN HALVERSON
72. CURTIS SAMUELS-In memory of LOIS JEAN SAMUELS
73. GEORGE & JEAN SVERDRUP
74. ARDIS WILSON-In memory of MENS & EDNA BERG
75. DORIS HUSBYIN-In memory of MENS & EDNA BERG
76. JENNA & BRIAN ECKHOLM-In memory of ELLEN STROM

77. STEVE & SANDY LEE-In memory of DUANE PFLAUM
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84. PERCY & MILDRED JOHNSON-In memory of VEOLA ELLINGBOE
85. ALAN & RANDA VOGEN-In honor of ANDREW HEGLUND'S DOCTORATE
86. ELVAH FOSSUM-In honor of ANDREW HEGLUND'S DOCTORATE
87. VIOLA NELSON-In honor of ANDREW HEGLUND'S DOCTORATE
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94. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In memory of VEOLA ELLINGBOE
95. MARY DIANE COUSINS-In memory of GEORGE COUSINS
96. NORMAN & KAREN VINNES-In honor of their WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
97. THE EMIL QUINNELL FAMILY-In memory of KEITH BERGH
98. MONROE & LOLITA STENERSON
99. RUSSELL ANSETH
100. DICK & ROXANNE SIMON
101. ALICE M. IMS & FAMILY-In memory of EUGENE IMS
102. JOHN & SEDONA MILLER-In memory of QUINNELL ANCESTORS
103. MR. & MRS. RALPH BAUMGARTNER
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105. ESTHER BARSNESS
106. ALVIN & EUNICE JOHNSON-In memory of ALICE STROM
107. RHODA & RICHARD SCHAFFER-In memory of ALICE STROM
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135. DARYL & BONNIE LENZ-In memory of ALICE STROM

136. GLORIA NELSON-In memory of ALICE STROM

137. MARY & WELLS WESCOTT-In memory of ALICE STROM

138. W. JAMES & KAE SIVERHUS-In memory of ALICE STROM

139. ELEANOR SEMINGSON-In memory of ALICE STROM

140. DONALD & YVONNE PAVEK-In memory of ALICE STROM

141. RODNEY & KIMBERLY SMISEK-In memory of ALICE STROM

142. SANDRA VALEK-In memory of ALICE STROM

143. MARK JOHNSON-FAMILY REUNION

144. SUNRISE FARM CORP.-TOUR

145. DEBORAH LARSEN-great granddaughter of NILS SOLBERG

146. ELVAH FOSSUM-In honor of PALMER & HARRIET FOSSUM'S GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary

147. ARLENE FOSSUM-In honor of PALMER & HARRIET FOSSUM'S GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary

148. MARLYS FOSSUM-In memory of GARY QUINNELL

149. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In honor of VIRGINIA & PAUL MILLER'S 60TH anniversary

150. SHERWIN & ELNA HANSEN-In honor of PALMER & HARRIET FOSSUM'S GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary

151. REV. & MRS. CRAIG ELLINGBOE-In memory of VEOLA ELLINGBOE

152. RAMONA & ELMER PUMPER-In memory of VEOLA ELLINGBOE

153. GORDON & MAXINE HALVERSON-In memory of VEOLA ELLINGBOE

154. THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

155. EMIL QUINNELL COUSINS-In honor of PALMER & HARRIET FOSSUM'S GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary

156. EMIL QUINNELL FAMILIES-In memory of KEITH QUINNELL BERGH

157. JAN & PETER RAPPE-In memory of ADRIEN ALSTAD

158. ARLENE & LES BENSON-In memory of ADRIEN ALSTAD

159. DELANO (DON) QUINNELL-In memory of ADRIEN ALSTAD

160. NAOMI QUINNELL-In memory of ADRIEN ALSTAD

161. PERCY & MILLIE JOHNSON-In honor of STANLEY NELSON'S 90th birthday

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163. BEVERLY & LEE TOPP-In memory of VEOLA ELLINGBOE

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