



History, Arts & Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County GAZETTE

SUMMER 2015



Uniting humanities, art, community & culture

New Programs, New President

The board of the History, Arts and Cultural Association put the peaceful Minnesota winter to good use. Last year we asked for community input on development and programs, and now we are putting new ideas into motion, strengthening programs launched last year and adding unique ones. In addition to the activities contained in this newsletter, we will continue to forge partnerships to bring more opportunities in humanities, art and culture throughout the year. Already in 2015, we have hosted a nationally touring art and humanities exhibit, and a theatrical and humanities exhibit.

In addition to working with our financial partners on the development of the ITOW Museum building, the board has been hard at work with their annual report, annual meeting and retreat, facilitated by West Central Initiative. We welcomed two new board members, and installed a new president, Karen Crabtree.

"The success HACA has had in overcoming obstacles speaks to the commitment of our community to support meaningful humanities, art, community and culture," said Crabtree. "As we move forward, we are dedicated to building a solid foundation and relationship with our community to provide opportunities that enhance our lives."

There are still challenges to tackle. While the building work is being privately funded, we fell short on our sustainability campaign, and that may affect programs. We ask that you consider submitting the membership form in this newsletter, or sponsor a program. Also, continue to give us your ideas and feedback. Most of all, attend and enjoy HACA programs—most are free or low cost. It's the best indicator that East Otter Tail County residents value their cultural offerings and want them to continue to thrive and grow.

"It's all about moving forward together," concluded Crabtree.

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HACA Manages:

- *In Their Own Words*
- *Veterans Museum*
- *HACA Arts & Events Gallery*
- *History Museum and Historical Society of East Otter Tail County*
- *Pioneer Village*

To sponsor Pioneer Fest, contact Darla Ellingson at hacaeotc@gmail.com

The History, Arts & Cultural Association

HACA PROGRAMS & EVENTS, SPRING – FALL 2015

ITOW Veterans Museum
HACA Arts & Events Gallery
Office for Pioneer Village

**805 West Main
Perham, MN 56573**

(please note this is not our
mailing address)

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construction, please keep us
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Summer Hours:
10 a.m. to 4p.m. Tuesday– Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Or by appointment

Closed major holidays

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Museum Tours: Museums open year-round. May through October hours are Tues-Friday 10 am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm (History Museum open 9 -1 on Saturday). Extended hours for events and tours. Admission by free-will donation. Group tours available by appointment (\$3 adults/\$2 students).

- May 25, 7am-11am- **Memorial Day Waffle Breakfast** (A benefit for HACA) at Prairie Winds Middle School, Perham, with a **Memorial Day Program** by the Perham VFW Post 4020 and Auxilliary at 10am in the school gymnasium.

- May – July: **HACA's 2nd Annual Photo/Essay Competition.** The community is asked to communicate "What Freedom Means to Me" through photography supported by a short essay (see back page of newsletter).

- June-September: **Geocaching.** Use clues and coordinates to look for HACA's newly placed geocache this summer! Free. See facebook.com/historyartsculture starting June 1st.

- June 2 – September 1: **Kids History Mystery Tour** is a fun and free scavenger hunt for a prize, all open hours during the summer at the History Museum.

- June 2 & 4, 5:30pm: **Bas Relief Mural Sculpting Class.** Learn to sculpt a mural panel with a three dimensional effect. Each person will carve a 16x20" turtle on a textured wave of color. When student panels are displayed together it creates a parade of turtles! The first day includes preparation, design transfer, texture and carving techniques. The second day includes applying color, highlights and a protective finish. Taught by renowned mural artist Cindee Lundin (who created Perham's block-long public art mural in 2014). Limited to 8 adults. HACA Art & Events Gallery 5:30 to 9:30pm. Email hacaotc@gmail.com to place your name on the registration list or see facebook.com/historyartsculture. \$45 plus a \$50 materials fee.



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- June 10, 17, 24 & July 1, 12pm-2pm: **Family Art Studio Project,** Hands on "Make and Take" art projects based on great masters, with fun for the whole family. Led by artist and former teacher Mary Jo Wentz, informal sessions connect participants to art that can be completed within an hour. Sessions based on works of artists such as Picasso, Pollack, and O'Keefe. HACA Art & Events Gallery, 805 W. Main, Perham. No registration necessary. Suggested \$5 donation to help off-set materials cost. Drop in and get creative!

Rent a Gallery or a Whole Park!



Pioneer Village and the
HACA Arts & Events Gallery
is available for weddings,
reunions, meetings and
other events!

Call 218-346-7678 or Email
hacainfoetc@gmail.com



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• June 18, 5:30pm: **Public Art Dedication & Historic Walking Tour:** A sidewalk mural and bench will be added to Perham's delightful public art mural. Meet at the mural at 5:30, then go on a historic walking tour of downtown in cooperation with OTCHS. The tour cost is \$6. Free refreshments at the end of the tour at the History Museum of East Otter Tail County.



• June 19 at 12 noon- **Local History Brown Bag Lunch & Tour:** "Jewish Pioneers In Otter Tail County" presented by the OTCHS in the HACA Art & Events Gallery, with optional tour afterwards of museum. Freewill donations accepted, bring your own lunch.

June 25: **Genealogy Workshop** at History Museum at 6pm, Free. Call 218-346-7676 for info.

• July 15: **Local Author Speaker Series.** "Writing Historical Fiction" with Jan Smith at the History Museum at 6pm. Free. Register in advance at hacaetoc@gmail.com



• August 22 **45th Annual Pioneer Fest**, tractor pull, 5 great bands including headliner BOOMTOWN, art & crafts for sale, historic building tours, classic cars, photography exhibit, food and beer garden, black powder shoot, pet friendly. At Pioneer Village, 1/2 mile from Perham on Cty Rd 8, 10am – 10pm

to search for gravesites, which was part of his research for his latest historical novel "Rough on Rats." Meets at History Museum at 1pm. Free. Register in advance at hacaetoc@gmail.com.

• October 24: **Professional Musical Dinner Theatre.** Jasper's Jubilee Theater in Park Rapids, MN will provide musical theatre, comedy and magic in the expanded HACA Art and Events Gallery, during a gala Masquerade Ball, with Gourmet dinner, 6pm to 11pm



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Did you know...

*All potential donations of
artifacts (for both museums)
goes through the History
Museum EOTC. Contact Sara,
Marion or Mary at 218-346-7678*



History, Arts and Cultural Association of East Otter Tail County Please Join Us with a Membership!

Our membership is not just about discounts- though we provide those too. Membership is the grassroots support from the community that sustains HACA throughout the year, and signifies that the community desires history, arts and culture programs to continue.

Yes! I want to help HACA unite humanities, art, community and culture

___ Senior/Student \$15, Individual \$25, Household \$35
10% off museum retail stores, membership newsletters

___ Pioneer \$75
Above benefits plus a frameable 5x7 reproduction historic photo

___ Patron \$100
Above benefits, plus 10% off HACA produced events, except annual event

___ Business or Sustaining Individual Membership: \$250
Above benefits, plus 10% off HACA annual signature event, up to 12 tickets

___ Benefactor: \$500
Above benefits plus a personal tour of either museum for up to six people
and invitation to provide enhanced input on development

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please include your email if you would like
program announcements and updates:

Please make checks payable to and mail form to:
HACA, 230 1st Ave N, Perham, MN 56573

___ I am enclosing a donation in addition to my membership in the amount of \$ _____

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Booths Still Available!

Seeking local/regional artists, folk arts and crafters for 45th annual Perham Pioneer Fest, August 22, 2015 at Pioneer Village (1/2 mile from downtown Perham). 10x10 indoor booths are \$25, including one table and a chair. Artists willing to conduct demonstrations may have booth fee waived upon approval. Online application at [facebook.com/perhampioneervillage](https://www.facebook.com/perhampioneervillage), or email hacaotc@gmail.com for more information.

Photo Essay Competition Theme 2015:

“What Freedom Means to Me”

Enter HACA's 2nd Annual Photo/Essay Competition Now! The community is asked to communicate “what freedom means to me” through original photography supported by a short essay. Be recognized for your creativity, and be richly rewarded!

New this year is a revised rating system emphasizing photography that tells a strong story exemplifying this powerful theme. The short essay, which will receive less points, is intended to support the photographic images (think long caption). Submissions can be a single image or a series of three images.

The Photo Essay Competition has great exposure for new or experienced artists, with entries displayed in the HACA Art and Events Gallery, and the final selections displayed at Pioneer Fest. The top three photographers will receive a framed reproduction of their work and a cash award. Also, each year's top winner has their artwork featured in a permanent legacy collection in HACA's Art & Events gallery.

Entry forms are available online at [facebook.com/historyartsculture](https://www.facebook.com/historyartsculture), or at ITOW Veterans Museum, Photo Magic, Bremer Bank and Perham Office Supply in Perham.