

# Historical Shore *VIEWS*

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Shoreview's 60th Year

'preserving today's history for tomorrow'

July 2017

## From the President

### SHS Partners with New Shoreview Library

**H**ave you visited the new Ramsey County Library in Shoreview? It's a



beautiful building but what is even more important for the Shoreview Historical Society is

our partnership with the library.

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## Sep 21 at Shoreview Library

### SHS Co-sponsors Program on French-Canadian Culture

Shoreview Historical Society and Little Canada Historical Society will co-sponsor a special program on French-Canadian culture to be held 5:30 p.m. Sep 21 at the Shoreview Library.

From booya to beignets, historic ties to French-Canadian culture are strong throughout Ramsey County, especially in the communities of Little Canada and Vadnais Heights.

Come join historian Virgil Benoit to learn more about our area's very special French-Canadian history and his plans to do a documentary film on the subject. Find out how you can be part of Ramsey County's very own French Connection.



## Send in Your Photo, Maybe Win a \$50 Prize

## Historical Photos Help Mark City's 60<sup>th</sup>

### **Photo Display to be Featured at SHS Slice Booth**

In keeping with marking Shoreview's 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2017, the SHS booth at the Slice of Shoreview, July 21-23 at Island Lake Park, will display photos from the city's historical past---including photos contributed from SHS members and the Shoreview community.

Many of those photographs are of buildings and sites that are no longer a part of the Shoreview scene, but are interesting to visualize how they once up on a time fit into our landscape.



If you have such photos and would like to display them and/or enter the photo contest, see below.

### **\$50 Prize for Historical Photo**

A prize of \$50 will be given to the best Shoreview-related historical photo contributed and selected for display. The photo may be of an old farm site, a family picnic, an early Shoreview business or any other scene from the past that you find interesting.



Include a description of the photo. A SHS panel will select the best photo which should be sent in as noted above, not later than July 15.

Send photos to Don Follett via email: dhfcvf29@comcast.net . or Tel: 651-490-7510 for more information

Separately, SHS is always interested in expanding its photo data base, and is appreciative of photos forwarded for copying and the original returned to the owner.

In the July 22 Slice parade, members of the 2017 Heritage Family of the Year, the Bert R. and Eva-Jane Larson family, will ride in the always familiar State Fair trolley. This year's family is the Bert R. and Eva-Jane Larson family. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> family to be honored and in the parade.

Drop by and say hello to those staffing the SHS booth on your way around the festival's grounds at Island Lake Park.

If you are interested in volunteering to staff the booth for a couple of hours, please contact Bob Minton via email: Bmint99@gmail.com. The pay is minimal, but it is a fun job.

## ***Life on the Lake in Shoreview; Through the Decades with the Larsons***

SHS members learned more about more about its 2017 Heritage Family of the year—the Drs. Bert R. and Eva-Jane Larson--- and life on Turtle Lake as well in honoring those ancestors who were long-time Turtle Lake shore dwellers.

Dr. Bert W. Larson and sister Jane Larson Reiman told their family's six generation story via still photography and family movies (from 1928 and later), providing insight into the past good times and life on the lake's east shore.

The visuals reflected the happy times enjoyed by the families. Eva-Jane was an enthusiast for sailing, reading, piano playing and cooking in addition to her passion serving as the area's health officer, Dr. Larson said

A part of their story was also the stone-accented 1930s home built by great grandfather and architect Olaf Swenson, with a few modifications and additions made over the years.

Recalling his years as a child, Dr. Larson remembers seeing from his home the bright lights of tracer bullet testing from the New Brighton arms plant during the 1950s Korean War. Bert and wife Mary have resided there since 1985.

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**Reminder: SHS members and the general public may submit nominations for SHS's Heritage Family of the Year for 2018 at any time. Application blanks can be obtained at the Slice of Shoreview or via the SHS website [www.shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org)**

### ***Noting Shoreview's 60th Birthday***

Sixty years ago this past spring, Shoreview's first village council held its first meeting in a one time chicken coop. The new council was launched early that year, after the community broke away from Mounds View Township forming its own village.



Ken Hanold, a local auto garage mechanic, was Shoreview's first mayor, and soon moved the all-men council to meet in his garage; the council later met in many other places

before their current City Hall home was built in 1990.

Shoreview was born in 1957 after citizens petitioned the Ramsey Board of Commissioners for the incorporation of the village. The action was approved in a citizens' vote 853 to 748 and in April the village was incorporated with a population of around 5,200.

The village of Shoreview became a city in 1974 through state legislative action.



Dr. Bert W. Larson and sister Jane Larson Reiman, above, were part of the Dr. Bert R. and Eva-Jane Larson family, honored as SHS's 12<sup>th</sup> Heritage Family for its positive impact upon Shoreview. SHS President Jacci Krebsbach, right, holds the SHS plaque which now includes the Larson family name and is permanently posted in Shoreview City Hall.

### **At the Annual Meeting**

## **2016 Was a Good Anniversary Year, But Challenges Remain for SHS**

SHS's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year was marked by an uptick in its programming and a sharpening of its digital media outreach, but challenges remain for the organization. That's a brief assessment of the 2016 year made by SHS president Jacci Krebsbach in her "state of the SHS" remarks at the group's annual meeting in April.

She noted the variety in SHS membership programs---from author Paul Maccebee to archeologist Dr. Jeremy Nienow, from the Slice of Shoreview to youth hockey's early days in Shoreview---all designed for a wide audience appeal.

Finding a "home" for the SHS materials and records continues to be an evasive challenge and goal, Jacci said. Also a drop in membership plagued the society during the year, and she asked for the members' help in spreading the word about the society's benefits.

Also at the meeting, two incumbent directors, Pam Videen and Don Follett, were re-elected. The society's charter requires three-year terms, with two directors' posts up for election each year.



**SHS board members and other community group representatives attended an information session with Shoreview City manager Terry Schwerm, foreground, last quarter who reviewed the new \$12 million Community Center expansion planned for completion by July 2018. The groups are seeking permanent space for their growing operating needs. SHS directors (left to right) are John Vadnais, Michelle Reichow, Lu Slaten, Carol Gross and Bob Minton. Other city volunteer groups' representatives were seated to the left and not pictured. In a related action, to make room for the expansion of Early Childhood programs at Snail Lake Education Center, SHS will need to move its small office and storage space to a new location yet to be determined.**

## ***Upcoming Minnesota History Center Events***

Here's a couple of interesting upcoming free events this quarter under the direction of the Minnesota History Center:

**+ Aug 1 -- 6 to 8 p.m.** Watch Minnesota artist David Geister paint a 30- foot mural in front of visitors during the center's run of the WW I America exhibit. The mural depicts 100 key individuals who influenced the making of post-WW I America. Visitors can meet Geister, discuss the work and contribute ideas that may assist him as he completes the mural at the Minnesota History Center.

**+ Aug 24 to Sep 4** Experience a lighthearted romp through Minnesota's past at the Minnesota State Fair's Schilling Amphitheater in the West End Market every day at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. What happens when Paul Bunyan, the Pillsbury Doughboy and Snoopy face-off in a quiz

show hosted by Betty Crocker? Or, when a scholarly voyageur wearies his fellow travelers with his overenthusiasm for Minnesota history? The event is free.



## **SV Foundation Presents \$1,200 Grant to SHS**

The Shoreview Community Foundation has presented the Shoreview Historical Society with a \$1,200 grant toward the society's work in providing the new Shoreview library with a selection of photos from the city's and its residents' past.

"The society is most grateful for the grant and the Library Art Committee has been busy in process of photo selection, photo treatment and framing," says Jacci Krebsbach, SHS president, and also a member of the committee.

"We hope to add to the décor of the library with a worthy selection of photos, reflective of the values and the times of the people the photos portray. Many photos have been donated over the years by the city's residents." The grant presentation was made in June during one of the city's outdoor concerts at the city's commons.

**From the President----- continued**

There is a large community room where we have hosted two informative programs this year. And there is more ahead!! On Sept. 21, the SHS will partner with the Little Canada Historical Society to present a 5:30 p.m. program entitled: Booya and Beyond: French Canadian Influences in Ramsey County.

John Cartwright, Minnesota's eminent railroad depot artist, will be the speaker Oct. 23. The Shoreview library has also invited the SHS to hang a selection of framed pictures depicting recreation, occupation and education of early Shoreview. More about that in the next issue of *ShoreViews* ! We are very grateful for this opportunity to share Shoreview's history with the community. ---**Jacci Krebsbach**

## At May SHS Program

### History of Women's Fashions Reviewed

There were plenty of smiles and sighs about the years gone by and changes in women's fashion, as explained in a SHS May program.

Women's fashions through the decades have always been responsive to current events along with other influences. That was among the major points passed along by speaker Dr. Jean McElvain, associate curator, at the Goldstein Museum of Fashion at the University of Minnesota.

She explained the various style changes from the 1930s to the 1980s, honing in on the 1950s, the era in which Shoreview was born.

Many of her photos drew smiles, including one showing women dressed in their best fashion to attend a Tupperware party.

Noting the leaders of high fashion such as Christian Dior, Coco Chanel and others, Dr. McElvain gave equal time and importance to informal fabrics such as blue denim and accessories like saddle shoes. During WW II years, women's summer wear emphasized floral patterns, many times with a Hawaiian style accent.

In the 1940s, Hollywood movies helped play a part in determining popular styles, all the way up to the "Jackie Kennedy Look" in the early 60s. Stiletto shoes in the 1950s and Lampshade hats in the 1960s also made their impression.

Dr. McElvain said the Goldstein Museum of Design at the university's St. Paul campus houses some 30,000 objects in its collection. Check its web site [www.goldstein.design.umn.edu](http://www.goldstein.design.umn.edu).



Dr. Jean McElvain, left, shares fashion ideas with attendees after her SHS talk.

### Looking Ahead-- Heads up for SHS October Program

Local Shoreview artist John Cartwright will address SHS members at 7 p.m. Oct 23 at the Shoreview library. Known for his artistic work in capturing those Minnesota railway depots across the state, even in the small towns, Cartwright approaches his work with a historical perspective. See you there on Oct.23.



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The Shoreview Historical Society was born in 1991 when a group of residents took an interest in preserving and recording both the important and informal events in the city, and those that told of our city's growth and the deeds of our people. Since its inception, the society has worked to fulfill that mission. If you are interested in participating, please give any director a call.

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