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From the President

Checking Our Historical Timeline

Recently the SHS was asked to present a Power Point program for the residents of Applewood Pointe, Hodgson Rd, and Tanglewood.



As many of you know, that intersection has some historical significance: a stage coach stop, Tobin's Store,

The Sandpiper and most recently Kozlak's Royal Oak Restaurant.

Former SHS Board Member Mike Cunningham and I researched a historical time-

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Upcoming SHS Programs

Apr. 16--- It's Monster Science: A Minnesota Bestiary

Rev. Matt explores the exciting world of fictional creatures from Minnesota's past: Liver-eating forest monsters and other Ojibwe creatures, Babe the Blue Ox and other beasts of Paul Bunyan's lumber camp.

This program, set for 7 p.m. at the Shoreview Library, and the one on May 14 is co-sponsored by SHS with the support of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. The program is free and open to the public.

And did you know that William Thomas Cox, Minnesota's first State Forester, wrote a book called "Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods,"

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May 14---'Canoes: A Natural History in North America'

Mark Neuzil, author of *Canoes: A Natural History in North America*, an investigation of the history of the canoe, will speak at 7 p.m. May 14. at the Shoreview Library.

Neuzil will examine the cultural meaning of a canoe. Every society that has lived on or near water has created craft to meet transportation needs; the North American canoe, in all its forms, is a classic example. From dugouts to birch barks to modern synthetic materials, the canoe is our continent's most historically important form of water transport.

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Sven and Charlotte Lundberg: Heritage Family Celebration Apr. 22

Join SHS members and others at the Shoreview Community Center at 2 p.m. Apr. 22 as the many descendants of Sven & Charlotte Lundberg



Sven and Charlotte Lundberg, center, and children Mary Charles, John, Nettie, Elovera, Arthur, Albin and Francis

share in history, stories, and photos of the early days in Shoreview.

In 1906, Sven and Charlotte Lundberg, Swedish immigrants, left their farm in Millersburg, MN., and resettled their family on a small farmstead located on Snail Lake Blvd. and raised eight children and grandson Ray Lundberg who eventually retained the house and a parcel of the original land. In 1925, Ray and his wife, Marion, had one son, Donald.

A conductor for the Northern Pacific passenger railroad, Ray was often found on his days off in the garden tending the crops while Marion was busy preparing meals, sewing and baking.

The Lundberg home became the gathering place for family, friends and loved ones, often at meal time as everyone was welcome to the table. Marion's gift of hospitality was shared with many, often hosting community and church gatherings.

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Cass Gilbert Furniture Hunt Goes On; Many Pieces Found



SHS member Van Linck, left, talks with Natalie Heneghan following her energetic talk about architect Cass Gilbert's furniture in the state Capitol.

Several fans of Minnesota Architect Cass Gilbert were among those at January's SHS membership program to hear about the hunt for "lost" furniture he designed for the state Capitol back at the turn of the 20th Century.

Natalie Heneghan, project leader for the Cass Gilbert Society, told of the 2017 search for some of 1,600 pieces.

Pieces were located in the Minnesota towns of Shevlin, Cross Lake, Foreston and many metro communities.

Heneghan's illustrated talk, displayed the special designs by Gilbert, better known for his design of Minnesota's Capitol building and many homes and business buildings in the Twin Cities.

Information on the furniture's status was first brought to light in the late 1980s, noting some pieces were still in the Capitol and speculating others were sold or taken home by legislators or staff members and acquired by antique dealers.

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SHS Board Member Carol Gross admires a pair of recently-displayed historical photos in the Shoreview Library, a project done with SHS participation, the source of most of the black and white photos. In all, there are a dozen matching-frame photographs depicting the early days of Shoreview and adjacent communities placed in several study rooms and children's rooms. A grant from the Shoreview Community Foundation made the SHS library project possible.

History of Canoes---continued

Perfected by Native Americans thousands of years ago, the advance of white settlements did not change the canoe's basic form, and that's a claim that can be made of only two artifacts (the other is the snowshoe).

Neuzil's talk is based on his book and will take the audience through the history of the canoe, from the earliest known versions of the boat in the Caribbean to carbon fiber beauties costing thousands of dollars today. Minnesota's special place in that history will also be considered.

Bestiary--- continued

all about the outlandish animals that pioneers would make up to amuse themselves? Discover the North Country's rich and diverse imaginary creatures.

New Members Campaign in 2018 Moves Ahead

The new membership campaign for SHS continues this year and campaign chair Bob Minton is optimistic.

“So far, we are connecting better with past members and with members whose dues are up for renewal,” says Bob. “We are also happy we have raised the interest of many others.”

Talking it Up at the Members’ Breakfast



About 20 SHS members were on hand for the free breakfast last quarter at Perkins Restaurant. SHS board members, including Bob Minton, standing, greeted the guests and got in a pitch for the new members campaign (above). The breakfast was in appreciation for the members’ past support.

Ghosts at Turtle Lake?

We don’t know for sure, but we know the people who say they “saw the ghosts” decades ago. That’s among the many interesting stories we hear about over at the Shoreview Historical Society. If you want to hear more stories, consider joining the society. Learn more about us at



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SHS ran its final ad (above) in the *Shoreview Press* in February promoting membership in the organization. It was the first membership campaign in a couple of decades; the SHS believes a larger membership helps the organization through increased participation as it prepares for its many programs and projects in the years ahead.

It’s the first campaign of its type for SHS in more than two decades. The society “feels a growth in membership not only widens the organization’s exposure, but by so growing brings more opportunities for more people to learn about the community’s beginnings and its expansion.”

As part of the drive, members will be able to dine at Perkins Restaurant at I-694 and Lexington Ave. at a 10 percent discount; be able to purchase two-for-one items at Subway at Rice St. and I-694; or receive a special flower gift when making a purchase at Lexington Floral

What’s SHS’s next steps? “The purpose of a ‘Drive’ is to let people know why we are emphasizing memberships now,” says Bob, “and to develop within our organization a membership development frame of mind. As with every organization, increasing memberships has to be an ongoing process.”

--- Time to Renew Your Membership? ---

Of course, there’s always our friendly reminder to all members of 2017—and other years. Your dues for 2018 may be due. A registration form for the current and later years is on page four. The next step is yours; keep us in mind.

Annual Meeting Apr. 22; Directors Election

SHS will hold its Annual Meeting at 2 p.m. Apr. 22 at the Shoreview Community Center, just prior to its 2018 Heritage Family celebration.



In addition to the President’s report, election of three directors will be held. The three directors up for re-election are: Carol Gross, Robert Minton and Jacci Krebsbach.

Directors serve for three years; SHS presently has eight directors with its charter authorizing up to nine. Persons interested in serving on the board, may contact SHS Secretary Don Follett for more information. Ballots will be available to SHS members at the meeting.

Cass Gilbert Furniture---continued

Heneghan’s scorecard of missing pieces ranged from roll-top desks (4) to chairs (100-plus), and sofas (13) to wardrobes (64); and more. She told brief stories about those pieces that were recovered. Who would have thought a talk about furniture could be so interesting? Her project concluded at the end of January.

In Memoriam

SHS Member Dr. Bill Seabloom

Dr. William "Bill" Seabloom, long-time SHS member and supporter, died in January. He was 88.

Bill was a steady attendee at most SHS functions. In addition to his input on the city's history, he was frequently the society's "go to" person for validating dates and events of decades ago.

His ancestors had lived in the community as well, and Bill's home at time of his death, which he and his wife Beverly built, was across the road where his grandfather once farmed.

Bill was knowledgeable about Scandinavian migration to the area, especially Swedish families. In his professional life, he was a consultant and psychotherapist.

In 2006, his parents, Hilmer and Gladys Seabloom, were selected as the SHS Heritage Family of the Year.

From the President----continued

for the area going back to 1837 to the treaty between the Objibwe and the U. S Government.

We included 42 historical events from 1837 to 1991 --- the year the Shoreview Historical Society was formed.

Although this research started for a one time event, the SHS has decided to expand on this concept by reaching out to other organizations, senior residences and community groups to share this information. We hope to add photos to the timeline and have it on display at the Slice of Shoreview.

Obviously there are more dates to be included but it is exciting to have an outline, a framework, for our future presentations.

Although it is important to collect history --- it's even more vital to share it as we do with our library programs and our news-

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letter. A little SHS presidential license here with our SHS Mission Statement: *The SHS's mission is to Preserve (AND SHARE) Today's History for Tomorrow!*

-----Jacci Krebsbach

**Lundberg Heritage Family-----
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In 1950, Donald married Shirley Walsh and soon built a home on a portion of the Lundberg land. The house still stands today, where they raised two daughters, Michelle and Marianne.



Great grandmother Elovera Lundberg with Michelle and Marion.

The farm Sven and Charlotte purchased in 1906 would be called home to six generations of Lundbergs until 1978 when it was sold to Don and Joan Bendickson, also of Shoreview. The homestead is now a portion of the Harbor Place neighborhood.

Through a power point presentation at the celebration, Ray and Marion Lundberg's granddaughters, Michelle and Marianne, will share memories of life on the Lundberg farm and reminisce of times with their father, Donald, growing up in Shoreview.

---Michelle Lundberg Reichow

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