



# Historical Shore *VIEWS*

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Shoreview's 59th Year

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## From the President

### Our 25<sup>th</sup> : We Had Help Along the Way

2016: A new year AND the 25th Birthday for the Shoreview Historical Society. We have welcomed a whole new



generation since our inception in 1991. Before we can look ahead at the exciting events we have

planned for the year, it is only appropriate to look back to our beginnings. We had help along the way.

The Shoreview Historical Society began when our late Mayor Dick Wedell placed a small ad in the local paper calling for "organizers". He wanted to ensure that a group be established to document the history of Shoreview.

Former and first SHS President Jeanene Munsterman guided the group through the early processes of establishing our non-profit status and helping draft the mission statement and write our bylaws.

Over the years, past SHS members and members of the board have been instrumental in helping to define our Society. Among them: Virginia Lundgren, who helped conduct oral histories; Doris Claeys who was the keeper of our photos and treasurer, and who helped

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## SHS Launches Programs Marking Its 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Community Service

January is a special month for the SHS as it launches a year of activities with programs on both the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Suburbia Revisited: How Shoreview Fits In

What did suburbia mean to a generation growing up in the aftermath of WW II? What does it mean today? Holley Wlodarczyk, designer of the current Suburbia exhibit at the Minnesota History Center, will talk about Shoreview's place in the dream and reality of suburban life. The program set for 2 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Shoreview Library.



"Suburbia is more than a place," says Wlodarczyk. "It is a cultural ideal that shapes the built landscape and presents a model for living 'the good life' in a home of one's own.

"While the history of suburbia is national in scope, it is the story of each individual house and local community that gives the history of the American Dream its rich texture and meaning," she adds.

"Balancing the need for housing a burgeoning population with a growing desire to maintain closer everyday connections to nature, communities like Shoreview managed to merge the best of city and country life during this period of rapid growth," she notes. "The personal dreams and collective challenges that shaped these places over time are just as vital and meaningful today as we consider suburbia's future as well as its past."

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### The Early Years of Lake Region Hockey Association

A program tracing the beginnings and success of the Lake Region Hockey Association ---and the many players who went on to continue playing hockey--- will be featured at the Community Center at 2 p.m. on Jan 31.

Once the sport of the inner cities youth hockey gradually moved to the suburbs and the community spirit and support fired up what became Lake Region, featuring well played games for more many years.

Several speakers will take part in telling about those experiences of the early days as of establishing a "little league of hockey." Lake Region alum Rob McClanahan, who attended Mounds View High School and went on to play three seasons for the University of Minnesota, winning the 1979 NCAA national championship, will head up a panel. After representing the US at the 1979 World Champ-

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# Photog Radford Brings Alive the Nature Around Us

Shoreview photographer Jim Radford looks for those extras—those angles and lines---when composing a nature scene.

“I like angles, lines (formed by the photo subjects) to use for the foreground in my pictures,” he told Shoreview Historical Society members in November. He delivered, in effect, a “photo lesson” while displaying a myriad of colorful photos, capturing a panorama of birds, animals and flowers all in our favorite town.

Radford, who has photographed scenes from around the



world, focused his talk around the city’s larger lakes, and the wildlife that is their habitat.

As a Shoreview resident himself, Radford knows well the city’s beauty and where to find it and he credits the city planners.

## SHS Seeks “Heritage Family of the Year” Nominations for 2017

SHS has named 11 Heritage Families over the years it has conducted the program. In 2016, the society will focus on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and will resume the Heritage Family program in 2017.



“The city’s fathers kept a good balance of urban and rural setting to capture with a camera,” he said.

Leading into his presentation with a short history of the area, he likened the past to most of the animals and plants present today were here when the first settlers came.

His brilliant photos demonstrated how active are the many animals and birds--- from deer to ospreys--- who roam Shoreview’s land; eagles and hawks are here too, and Radford’s camera found some majestic trumpeter swans that filled the skies.

Many of his photos were taken recently and featured the rich colors of fall leaves, though

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**Radford’s ‘extras’ like this trio of trumpeter swans (right) aligned in formation make the photo especially appealing. The Bluebird’s wing span introduces those “lines” in the photo on left.**

there were photos of the winter season as well.

And about those lines and angles, Radford showed the beauty and symmetry or red pine forests and white birch, themselves telling a story of the order

in the forest. The late day sun light seemed to bring the photos alive.

Those angles and foreground add to a photo’s main subject, Radford believes.

As a former 3M marketing exec, he has found a niche in retirement, and now operates Radford Video Recording in Shoreview.

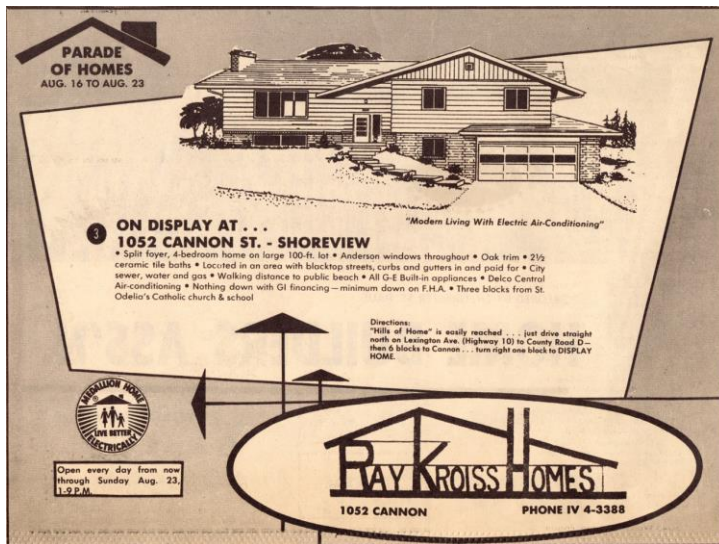
Jim assisted the SHS in its production of *Shoreview Reflections*, a book of stories produced in 2007 about the city’s early residents and how they moved from farmland to a partially urban setting. The book celebrated the community’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

When asked if he was still looking for a photo that so far has eluded him, Jim replied: “I need to (photograph) the coyotes. I hear that are in the neighborhood.”



advancement of the community, let the SHS know.

Each year the SHS reviews several nominees and especially welcomes SHS members and those in community service. There are many wonderful families who have settled in the area decades ago and have continued to be part of Shoreview--- and the SHS wants to recognize them.



The above ad is from 1964 Parade of Homes literature. It showcases a Shoreview model home that was on the tour, complete with all the descriptions of what made "modern living" in a new suburban home part of the postwar American dream. Ad provided by Holley Wlodarczyr

Wkidarczyr will also be the guest on Shoreview Community TV on Jan. 11 where she will talk about the Suburbia exhibit at the Minnesota History Center.

Wlodarczyr encourages Shoreview folks and others to "join us for a virtual tour (at the Minnesota History Center (MHC) of Minnesota's suburban history in Ramsey County.

"The exhibit traces from 19th century pastoral developments that now lie in the heart of St. Paul, through the post-WW II building boom that filled the once-rural landscape beyond city limits with new homes, roads, schools, office parks and shopping centers—all the amenities of modern suburbia." The exhibit covers 5,000 feet in the MHC and runs through Mar. 20 and is free for MHC members, and \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors.

**SHS Dues Time for 2016**

Don't forget to forward your membership dues to Membership Chair Pam Videen. The dues form is in the right column on page 4.

SHS counts upon its membership dues to bring you its varied programs during the year; to gather and disseminate information through its web site; and to operate its oral history program. Through its efforts the society aims to be an education arm for its members. Cost of dues have remained the same for several years. Help support your local historical society!

ionship tournament in Moscow, McClanahan joined the US Olympic team. The culmination of McClanahan's amateur career came at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, N. Y when he scored five goals in seven games while helping his country win the gold medal. He scored the winning goal in the gold medal game.

The association's web site explains some of the organization's history and how it has evolved into today's Irondale Youth Hockey Association. The Association was the original youth hockey association for Irondale and Mounds View youth hockey players.

Somewhere around 1993, Irondale and Mounds View created their own youth hockey programs to align with the high school boundaries.

Lake Region Hockey Association has stayed in existence and operated a pull-tab gambling operation to support Irondale Youth Hockey, Mounds View Youth Hockey and other youth sports programs.

The board is made up of 12 members, six represent Irondale and six represent Mounds View. The board meets monthly and the meetings are public and posted on the Irondale Youth Hockey website.

Since 1993, Lake Region Hockey has provided support totaling over \$3 million. Their funding is generating by the pull tab operations in several sites, its web site states.

**The Lay of the Land from the History Center**

The Dakota and Ojibwe (also called Chippewa or Anishinabe) Indians lived in Minnesota when the first Europeans arrived. Many Dakota, Ojibwe and other American Indians live in Minnesota today.

Minnesota became the 32nd state of the union May 11, 1858. A small extension of the northern boundary makes it the most northerly of the 48 conterminous U.S. states. (This peculiar protrusion is the result of a boundary agreement with Great Britain before the area had been carefully surveyed.) Minnesota is bounded by the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Ontario to the north, by Lake Superior and Wisconsin to the east, by Iowa to the south and South Dakota and North Dakota to the west.

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with our first video and first book, *Images of Shoreview* by Verna Russler; and Mary Hilfiker, who was instrumental in our *Shoreview Reflections* book, written by John Koblas.

We must also acknowledge those folks whose longevity and love of our community, plus contributing their stories and memories, have helped build our foundation, especially our Heritage families and others like Carl and Jean Holmberg, Alice Flor, Dorothy Sina, Art Larson, George Verley, Bill Seabloom and many others.

The late Ken Wingard was our "Socrates Thompson" (an early settler) in a Slice of Shoreview parade one year, a role he thoroughly enjoyed.

Ken Hoff, who died this past year, helped with research and enthusiastically shared his memories of the area every year at the Slice of Shoreview. Each former and current board member has contributed much to ensure the growth and success of this organization

Our SHS members and other citizens have helped enlarge our small but growing collection of artifacts, and have attended our membership meetings--- even on cold nights. We are thankful to all.

So, now let's look ahead to celebrating ourselves this year ! Join us in the months ahead for some special days.

---Jacci Krebsbach

**Early Explorers in Minnesota**

1659 – 1660-- French fur traders, Groseilliers and Radisson, explored western end of Lake Superior, and surrounding area.

1673-- French explorers, Marquette and Joliet, discovered upper portion of Mississippi River

1679--- Frenchman, Daniel Greysolon Sieur du Lhut, met with Dakota Indians near Mille Lacs Lk.

**Wanted: Oral Histories**

SHS continues to build its oral history files about life in early Shoreview (and before) as remembered by its seniors.

Oral histories give the SHS unique perspectives as residents from a half century and



more ago provide the flavor of the community from their viewpoint.

If you are aware of someone who would add his/her story to our files, let us know. SHS Board member Bob Minton heads up the oral histories function.

**SHS Among Those Honored**

Shoreview Historical Society was among the city's commissions and committees honored at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner last November.

Mayor Sandy Martin said the work of the 16 commissions and committees added to the vitality and quality of life in the community. The work of the committees help "make Shoreview a great place to live, work and play," said the night's printed program.

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SHS board members are

- Mike Cuningham, Don Follett, Dian Gardner, Jacci Krebsbach, Bob Minton, Lucena Slaten, and Pam Videen.



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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 deeds of our people. Since its inception, the society has worked to fulfill that mission. If you are interested in participating on a SHS committee or the operating board, please give any director a call.*

**Shoreview Garden Saluted**

SHS members Mike and Judy Cunningham and their beautiful yard and garden were featured in a large article in the *Minneapolis Tribune* last quarter.

The garden represents more than 30 years of work by the couple who have shared it with many neighbors and friends over the years.

