

Preserving the Past

THE HIBBING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

2015 - 2nd Quarter

You Loved Your Museum!

Over 80 people attended the Love Your Museum Open House held on February 13th. Treats were served and vintage Valentines were on display. Matthew McLaughlin Photography provided a great photo booth, and the guests really enjoyed the fun props! Jim Jurkovich came closest to guessing the number of M&M's in the jar with 480. (The correct number was 468.) He and his wife won a "Date Night" package which included gift certificates to Grandma's in the Park and to the Mann Theaters, a bottle of wine and a vintage Hershey's tin filled with "Kisses".



Valentine Punch

- 2 quarts of cranberry juice
- 2 liters of ginger ale
- ½ to 2/3 can of frozen pineapple juice
- 2-3 tsp. of almond extract

Simply mix all together, add ice and enjoy!

Lovers Fudge

- 3 cups chocolate chips (can use any mix of other chips, if you like)
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla

Melt in pan on stovetop over low heat, stirring until all is melted and combined. Pour into buttered 8x8 pan. Let cool or refrigerate. Cut into squares.

Deadlines Reminder

Please help us out by noting and honoring the upcoming deadlines:

Friday, April 17th, is the deadline for ordering customized dog tags. Orders received after that will be processed but there can be no guarantee that they will be ready in time for the dinner on May 2nd.

Monday, April 27th, is the deadline for reservations for the Salute to Service dinner to be held at the Androy/Elks on Saturday, May 2nd.

Collections

In 2014, there were 40 donations to the collections. This totaled 595 photographs, artifacts, and documents.

Have you ever wondered how we number our collections?

Each object is given an 11 digit number separated by 3 periods: xxxx.xxx.xxxx.

The first set is the 4 digit year; so for last year every number started with 2014.xxx.xxxx. The second set of numbers is a 3 digit donor identifier. If you brought in objects to donate, and you were the 38th person to do so in that year, the number would look like this: 2014.038.xxxx.

The last 4 digit set is the individual object identifier. So if you brought in 6 different objects to be donated, the numbers would read: 2014.038.0001, 2014.038.0002, and so on, until 2014.038.0006.

Articles from the Hibbing Daily Tribune announce the formation of the Hibbing Historical Society, and show their first displays in 1941:

Hibbing Historical Society Is Organized Last Evening *Feb. 27 - 1941*

Hibbing will be the first community on the Range to have a historical society to preserve the records, pictures and data of the early-day story of the Iron Ore Capital.

Meeting last night a group of local pioneers named officers and outlined the purposes of the new organization.

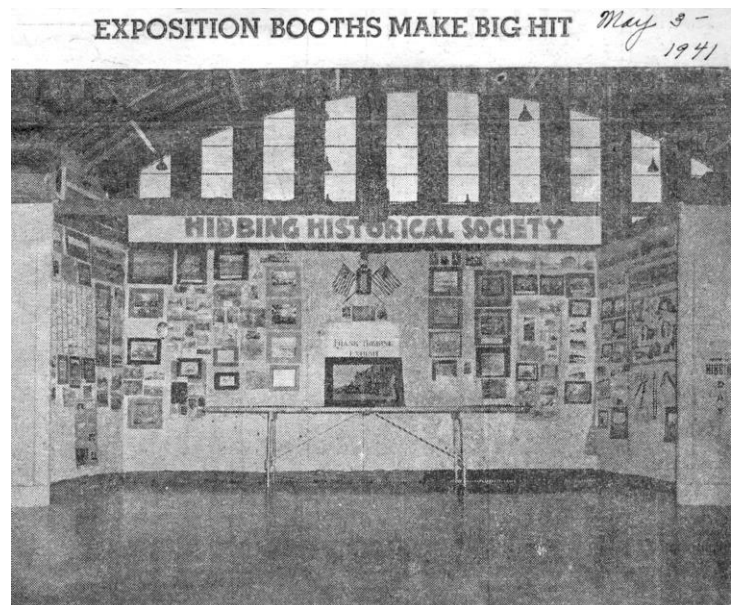
Attorney Clarence Kleffman was elected temporary president and Hubert Dear, temporary secretary. Both are sons of Hibbing pioneers who figured in the early development of this section of the country. The two men were born in the Ore Capital.

The organization will endeavor to collect together interesting exhibits of every phase of early-day history, the same to be placed in a historical museum in a building to be decided on, where it will be open to the gaze of everyone.

The early history of lumbering,

mining, municipal government, newspapers, firemen and police departments, athletic events, motor bus transportation, railroading, etc., will be obtained with pictures and exhibits and these after being catalogued and arranged by experts in their field of work will be placed in the museum. It is hoped to affiliate the society with the Duluth and Minnesota State Historical societies.

The organization is separate and apart from the First Settlers' organization, each having its own work to do but both cooperating on every occasion.



People Come and Go; Legacies Live On

Stories are told of ordinary people showing extraordinary generosity by leaving legacy gifts. The Society would like to recognize and thank two recent benefactors. Rose Crnkovich was a long-time and dedicated supporter of our organization. Upon her passing, the family elected to direct memorials to the Hibbing Historical Society. These donations will help us continue to fund our mission of sharing the history of Hibbing, a town that Rose held dear.

This past December, the Hibbing Historical Society became a recipient of Dr. Owens' generosity. The Society has established its first non-profit endowment fund: Dr. Ben Owens Hibbing Historical Society Endowment Fund. This fund was made possible by a gift from the Owens' Charitable Family Foundation. Jack Ryan, a trustee of the fund stated, "This is just what Dr. Owens' would have wanted, he loved Hibbing and its rich history. This fund will help preserve Hibbing's past – long into the future."

Who? What? Where? When?

by Linda Suihkonen

Two heads are better than one! A big thanks to Laurie Allison and Kathy Nyberg for contributing information about the last newsletter's mystery photo. Between them both, they identified the children in the photo as: Monique Clusiau, Tommy Sullivan, unknown, Maggie Clusiau, Tracey Pederson and Laurie Sullivan (now Allison). Laurie said they were selling Kool-Aid on the corner of 25th Street and 6th Avenue and she believes it was during the summer of either 1977 or 1978. I am sure many of you out there had your own Kool-Aid or lemonade stands back when you were kids. What did you do with the profits? I know I spent mine on penny candy at Furin's Grocery across from the Greenhaven School!

Now for help with this quarter's photo. Any and all information would be helpful as would your memories of scouting. Have you purchased your Girl Scout cookies yet?



Officer Spotlight

Curator Erica Larson was born in Hibbing and raised in Kelly Lake. She is a 2005 graduate of Hibbing High School where she participated in Band and Swimming. She was a member of National Honor Society. She graduated cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2009 with a major in Studio Art and a minor in Art History. While at Gustavus, she was also a member of the Swim Team, and Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and was their Community Service Chairperson. In 2014, she earned her Masters of Museum Studies degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Erica also works for the Hibbing School District as the After School Program Coordinator under the auspices of the Community Education Department

In her spare time, Erica likes spending time outdoors, reading, as well as cooking and baking, with a specialty in cupcakes!

This month, Erica began her sixth year as the Curator at Hibbing Historical Society.



Thanks to Jean Paschke for sharing her memories about eating lunch in the cafeteria. Her email follows:

“Boy, do I remember those delicious sloppy joes! Now, can anyone fill in the rest of the menu? As I recall, there were only 10 dishes, served on a rotating basis. Besides sloppy joes, I can only think of: shepherd’s pie, spaghetti, tuna casserole, mac and cheese, scalloped potatoes w/ham, and chili. There were all good, but boring. What would nutritionists make of them today? And what were the other 3? I seem to remember lunch costing 20 cents, which gave you a nickel left over to buy a candy bar from the student council in Lincoln School. I think eventually the price went up to 25 cents. Am I right?”

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