



Grundy County  
Historical Society

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## Grundy County Historical Society

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### New Quilt Guild

A new quilt guild began in January 2010 in Minooka. They are called the Log Cabin Quilters. Together they share their quilts, techniques and ideas, including charity quilts, gifts, workshops and projects that give back to the community. The Log Cabin Quilters will be making an Inaugural Quilt for the Grundy County Historical Society to celebrate the Guild's first year. If you are interested in joining the Guild, please call Alice Sokolinski at 815/735-9696 or Kim Herzog at 708/601-0114

### **Museum**

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

We held a Vintage sale during Nostalgia Days with great success earning over \$1000. I would like to thank all those who helped with this fundraising opportunity.

Tours have continued at the Museum and as of this date we have had over 1500 visitors.

We also have worked with the Boy Scouts with an exhibit and educational display.

The Arthur Meadors family visited us from South Carolina and Michigan to see the Museum. The family donated \$50,000 to our funds to purchase our space.

Presently I am setting up an EBAY account. We have many

FICTION books which have value but do not fit into the Museum's accession rules. Once that is set up we will sell these books on EBAY and collect funds for the Museum.

Our gift shop now has "tully monster" t-shirts which are VERY popular with young children. Come in and see our expanding gift shop. We are awaiting the arrival of the "Wooley Mammoth/Mastodon" stuffed toys. These adorable creatures will be for sale at the gift shop in the next couple of weeks.

The French Market is also on our calendar. We have a table at the Market which allows us to advertise the Museum and to sell some of our books and t-shirts. Most of the effort goes to advertising the Museum. Thank you to the vol-

unteers who worked the last one on July 10th. If you have time on August 14th, please let us know that you can volunteer for this event. We help do the set up and all you need to bring is a comfortable chair and talk to people about the Museum.

The Program Committee is working on some wonderful programs for this year. Details to follow soon.

We now have new steps at the Caboose; funding was made available from the Tom Bellamy Memorial Fund.

*Donna Sroczynski*

**The Festival of Trees committee is underway working on our next fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event; please call Sue Cunnea at 942-4880 or 942-4044 if you can lend a hand.**

### **WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM—Debbie Steffes**

"During June & July even more items have been added to the museum's collection—including an old cider press found in a shed on Chapin Street, a wooden rocking horse of WWII vintage, a 1917 Morris City Directory, an old pewter pitcher found by a child 50 years ago buried in the bank of the I&M Canal; and a "great wheel" used for spinning before the civil war. Every item donated has a story to tell, which needs to be documented and recorded. Marion Gore has been making headway entering the

collection into the Museum's Past Perfect computer catalog. Since this is the Boy Scout Centennial, Ginny Bellamy and I have put together a Grundy County Scouting Display in the Grundy County Courthouse. Also the Rainbow Council Boy Scout Camp invited the Historical Society to host a "hands on" display at the camp during their fairway festival days during June and July. Several story boards showing everyday life 100 years ago were made, a few items from the collection were brought for

display including the WWI manikin in his "Peace Scout" uniform. A Kim's game and a Scout Nose game from the first Boy Scout Handbook were offered for the Scouts to play. Ginny Bellamy and Brenda Larson came with to help with these afternoon events. Brian Nolan was there demonstrating wood carving.

The summer is half over and it's time to put together a different "feature display" at the Museum. There's plenty to work with and volunteers are always welcome.

Museum Hours: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
10AM to 3PM

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