



24th Annual Meeting
Golden Historical Society
April 12th, 2010
Windmill Hall
Golden Illinois

***OUR VISION:** To see the windmill and museum
proudly supported by the all generations of the Golden and surrounding community,
teaching future generations about prairie life in rural Illinois between 1870 and 1935.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First, I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Committees, Society members, and volunteers for their work during the past year. Thanks especially to our retiring Board member Keith Wilson for his service during the past three years and special thanks to Board members Lois Reason, Marge Shank, and Jim Stout who each agreed to serve another three year term. Also I want to offer a huge thanks to my wife, Diana, for all the work she has done for me in the past, especially for assisting during my term as President of the Society.

We should also recognize the Clayton work camp for their ongoing support. Each year we hear they may close, but we are fortunate that they still put hundreds of hours into the windmill. Because of the work camp our expense for labor has been held to a minimal.

Last year (2009) was a sad year as two of our board members passed away, Lois Flesner and Bob Teel. Both were active directors, who had a great passion, dedication, and influence on where the windmill and the society are today. We do miss them and we can never thank them for keeping us on track and putting the Windmill first.



Then this year we lost, Anna Wienke, a member who was instrumental in getting our Museum started along with being involved in all other areas of the Golden Historical Society. Her enthusiasm, energy, and her willingness to go the distance to get the job done are missed. Due to Anna's involvement from the beginning in 1986, the Board of Directors has agreed to name the Museum after her with membership approval.

In May 2009 Larry Flesner (from Carterville Il) and daughter Julie donated a computer to the Golden Historical Society. We have since entered the financial records on the computer and we now have the capability of printing checks, keeping track of inventory for the Gift shop as well as supplies. Thank you Larry and Julie! You have made the financial committee's work a little easier.

Our biggest challenge remains volunteers/people, or to be more specific, the lack of people. Membership continues to stagnate and has decreased slightly. Maybe we are not asking the right people to be volunteers. Tentative plans are to have **a membership drive this year**. A combination mail and door-to-door drive was done in 1996 that increased Society membership from 13 to 160. Hopefully, with the drive we can bring our membership numbers up again.

At present we have two (2) high school seniors who are willing to work during the summer months to continue the project of cataloging artifacts in our museum. They also will begin collecting oral histories, stories and information from past and current directors, as well as people of interest in the community. This collection will then be consolidated in book format and published for sale which in turn will enable us to keep the history alive for future generations.

As mentioned earlier we lost two directors due to health reasons. One position was filled when Kenneth Flesner, who agreed to fill his wife Lois' position which expires in 2011. Two other director positions were vacated and no replacements have been secured as of this writing. One position expires in 2011 and the other in 2012. Our Nominating Committee/Board of Directors made numerous contacts but were not successful in filling any of the positions; this doesn't include the open position for class of 2010, which makes a total of four (4) director positions open. From my perspective, we do well in getting help for individual events but we are having problems finding leaders to do ongoing work, planning and organizing. For example, we still need a Education Program coordinator, Resource Committee chairperson and a Publicity Committee chairperson. Even though individuals have picked up the extra work these program/committees appear to be languishing from a lack of leadership. I am asking everyone, not just the current directors, to encourage people you know, family, friends, neighbors, to

share their talents and leadership by getting involved.

I've noticed in past Presidents' reports, they mentioned dreams or goals. My largest dream is to work as hard and long as possible to keep this "GEM" of Golden here so we can continue to tell the history of our families, our town, our community and our Windmill. FDR and Oliver Wendell Holmes said it best.....

"To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men living in the future, a nation must believe in three things. It must believe in the past. It must believe in the future. It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment the creation of the future. – FDR 06/30/1941

"The greatest thing in the world is not so much where you stand as the direction we are going"
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Roger Flesner

ROGER FLESNER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESIDENT

GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2008-2009
ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2009

The annual meeting of the Golden Historical Society was held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Windmill Hall, Golden Illinois. The 2008-2009 annual report was given to each member as they arrived and signed in.

President Terry Asher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced Holly Cain from the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Quincy as the speaker of the evening. Holly passed out a quiz on the different areas of interest in and around Quincy and Adams County. There really are many tourist attractions in Adams County and the surrounding area.

Secretary Leona Ihnen read the meeting notice and reported a quorum present.

The Secretary's minutes for the March meeting were approved as read.

President Terry Asher reported on the Society's accomplishments and looked forward into the new year. Some things were not done because of the wet year. The hall floor still needs to be painted. The large spradle beam in the windmill is decayed and needs repairs. In the coming year a membership drive needs to be undertaken. A vacant seat on the Board needs to be filled.

The Building and Grounds committee has completed many things but has many left to do in the coming year. The future parking lot south of the mill is coming along nicely. The area had been sown in grass and now culverts need to be put in to get to the parking area.

Treasurer Lois Flesner answered questions about the Treasurer's report. Jim Nichols explained last year's budget and went through the proposed budget for 2009-2010. A change of emphasis is needed because the rebuilding is complete and there is now need for a fix-up plan. Bob Reason made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with a second by Bill Cassens. The motion carried. Kay Lord made a motion to accept the proposed 2009-2010 budget with a second by Don Buss. The motion carried.

Resource Committee Chair Karen Nichols thanked everyone who helped at events. It was a successful year for the Society.

Don Buss from the Building and Grounds Committee reported the need for a new commercial refrigerator as well as getting rid of the old refrigerator that sits between the kitchens. This item is in the new budget along with replacing some chairs, the beam repair and painting.

Mark Cassens presided over the election of officers. Board members ending their three year terms were Terry Asher, Roger Flesner, Leona Ihnen, Jim Nichols and Marilyn Haschemeyer. Those running for three year terms on the Board were Vickie Andrews, Roger Flesner, Jim Mortimer and Jim Nichols with one open seat. Bob Reason made a motion to close nominations and elect those listed above as new Board members. This was seconded by Don Buss. The motion carried.

Roger Flesner asked that anyone who has something for the Quarterly Newsletter should contact him.

Lois Reason announced that there would be a cleaning day in the gift shop on Thursday, April 16. All help is appreciated.

Lois Reason made a motion to adjourn with a second by Bill Cassens. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Leona Ihnen, Secretary

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS

	December 31, <u>2008</u>	December 31, <u>2009</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Checking Account	\$25,283	\$16,734.81
Cash	100	100.00
Inventory — Books	15,822	15,380.00
Inventory — Windmill	20,000	24,000.00
Inventory — Gift Shop	10,000	11,500.00
Money Market	25,323	50,458.57
Restoration Brick Account.	<u>3,140</u>	<u>2,979.83</u>
<u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>\$99,668</u>	<u>\$121,153.21</u>
<u>Fixed Assets Building</u>	<u>\$883,919</u>	<u>\$883,919.00</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$983,587</u>	<u>\$1,005,072.21</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u> ---NOTES PAYABLE-----	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Unrestricted.....	\$980,447	\$1,002,092.38
Restricted	<u>3,140</u>	<u>2,979.83</u>
<u>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$983,587</u>	<u>\$1,005,072.21</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>\$983,587</u>	<u>\$1,005,072.21</u>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Membership Fees	\$3,575.....	\$3575.00
Memorials and Donations	3,200.....	7781.00
Rental/Catered Meals	9,926.....	12,016.59
Fund Raising/Society sponsored Activities	4,826.....	10,679.51
Donation, Tours, & Tour Dinners	6,403.....	1,948.00
Gift Shop	8,622.....	6,135.48
Follies Booklet	2,935.....	2,400.00
Follies Tickets	18,562.....	17,040.00
Christmas at the Mill	2644.00.....	2,194.70
Cash Return	1,758.....	5,247.00
Sale Items	82.....	
Heritage Days	1,974.....	6247.50
Mystery Dinner	2,292.....	
Oktoberfest	2,247.....	0.00
Misc		333.11
<u>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES</u>	<u>\$84,373.....</u>	<u>\$75,597.89</u>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BRICK ACCOUNT A/C 55428
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

ENDING BALANCE (DECEMBER 31, 2008)	\$3139.81
INCOME.....	0.00
INTEREST (2009).....	4.54
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Plants.....	\$164.52
<u>ENDING BALANCE</u> (December 31, 2009).....	<u>\$2979.83</u>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Transfer to Money Market	\$	\$25,000.00
Bank Card Fees	368	864.32
Insurance	5,133	5504.00
Legal Fees	103	125.00
Membership & Dues	100	220.00
Postage	482	325.00
Taxes (Real Estate & Sales Taxes)	1,317	1292.72
Utilities.....	8,988	9058.43
Building & Grounds.....	2,638	0.00
Labor	100	2500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,831	2477.92
Material & Supplies	1,610	1384.00
Equipment		5067.86
Gift Shop.....	7,497	1463.25
Cash for Events	1,810	1570.00
Fund Raising	20,404	16,153.67
Advertising.....	3,510	3434.35
Rental Refunds	935	985.00
Thrivent.....		3942.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.	4,358	1137.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$63,895	\$82,504.98

	NAME	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET
INCOME					
	GIFT SHOP	\$8,915.00		\$5,397.00	\$6,500.00
	FOLLIES	\$22,062.00		\$18,520.00	\$18,000.00
	MYSTERY THEATRE	\$2,292.00		\$6,606.00	\$6,000.00
	MOTHERS DAYS	\$2,857.00			\$2,500.00
	CHRISTMAS	\$2,666.00		\$2,320.00	\$3,000.00
	HERITAGE DAYS	\$15,269.00		\$7,509.00	\$9,000.00
	OCTOBER FEST	\$2,869.00			\$0.00
	FALL FESTIVAL	\$2,500.00			\$0.00
	FUNDRAISER/CATERED	\$7,349.00		\$11,730.00	\$10,000.00
	MEMBERSHIP	\$3,575.00		\$3,575.00	\$3,500.00
	MEMORIALS	\$3,200.00		\$4,975.00	\$3,000.00
	DEPOSITS			\$700.00	\$600.00
	HALL RENTAL	\$10,320.00		\$2,151.00	\$2,000.00
	GRANT	\$1,500.00		\$750.00	\$0.00
	TOURS	\$2,495.00		\$1,885.00	\$1,800.00
	DONATIONS			\$1,948.00	\$1,500.00
	MISC, PEP CARE,	\$805.00		\$769.00	\$500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$88,674.00		\$68,835.00	\$67,900.00
	CASH/IN OUT			\$5,122.00	
				\$73,957.00	\$67,900.00

EXPENSES

	ADVERTISING	\$2,541.00	\$4,750.00	\$1,730.00	\$2,000.00
	BUILD/GROUNDS	\$11,429.00	\$14,750.00	\$11,223.00	\$10,000.00
	GIFT SHOP	\$8,008.00	\$10,255.00	\$2,287.00	\$3,250.00
	FOOD EXPENSE	\$1,009.00	\$22,800.00	\$1,355.00	
	MYSTERY THEATRE	\$854.00		\$2,685.00	
	MOTHERS DAYS	\$1,358.00		\$211.00	
	HERITAGE DAYS	\$12,957.00		\$4,330.00	
	OCTOBER FEST	\$2,366.00		\$0.00	
	FOLLIES	\$4,073.00		\$6,593.00	
	CHRISTMAS	\$1,210.00		\$711.85	\$15,885.85
	FUND RAISER/CATERED			\$1,228.00	\$15,000.00
	INSURANCE	\$5,133.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,504.00	\$6,500.00
	MEM/DUES	\$125.00		\$351.00	\$350.00
	RENT. REFUND	\$840.00	\$1,400.00	\$785.00	\$500.00
	TAXES, SALES & REAL EST.	\$740.00	\$1,400.00		\$800.00
	UTILITIES	\$9,782.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,078.00	\$10,000.00
	MISC	\$1,050.00	\$2,200.00	\$3,163.00	\$500.00
	POSTAGE/BOX RENTAL	\$0.00	\$600.00		\$400.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$63,475.00	\$75,755.00	\$52,234.85	\$49,300.00
	CASH IN/OUT			\$5,122.00	
				\$57,356.85	

Annual Report of 2009 Resource Committee Activities

A schedule of six major fundraising events was adopted for 2008 and continued for 2009. This group of events plus the memorial patio/garden brick sale comprised the major portion of fund development for the Windmill. In addition to the events and memorial patio, the resource committee has also been responsible for applications for grants, educational programs and the operation of the museum associated with the mill.

2009 EVENTS

Valentine Mystery Dinner Theater: A sold out crowd of 180 plus enjoyed a wine tasting and audience participation mystery with a poet's club and readings setting called "Love Writes a Deadly Verse". This activity was so successful in 2008 that it was added to the "annual event" schedule for the future. Spirit Knob Winery from Ursa provided wine tasting and sales of wine.

Windmill Follies: In late March and early April, 2009, the 17th annual production of the dinner theater, provided another set of successful performances by talented community thespians in the comedy farce "Kitchen Witches". 550 plus tickets were issued for the six nights of performances, down from the over 900 issued in 2008. The resource committee solicited ads to sponsor the program booklet, obtained door prizes, and handled publicity.

Mother's Day Dinner: Although the 2008 dinner was a huge success, the 2009 event was cancelled because of lack of registrations.

Heritage Days/Sweet Corn Dinner: The fifth Heritage Days and 23rd Sweet Corn Dinner were again well attended. 20 vendors and demonstrators filled the grass area south of the parking lot and surrounded an entertainment tent which provided the venue for contests and shows. Saturday's activities began with a parade themed "When the Wind Blows" through downtown Golden, and continued with a baby contest, Little Miss and Mister Heritage Days and Fritz and Freda (Miss Heritage Days) selections, and a spelling bee, fashion show and music. A quilt display in the Windmill hall and educational demonstrations and presentations in the East Wing added to the festivities. Music and dancing was a popular Saturday night addition to the activities. A church service started the activities on Sunday with a talent contest and corn eating contest after the Sweet Corn Dinner and reminiscences by Opa and Oma concluding the event. Approximately 400 dinners served on Sunday and about \$2,000 in sales at the outdoor food stand again provided successful fund raising.



Oktoberfest: Instead of the traditional dinner of pork chops and bratwurst with German side dishes, the October activity was changed to a mystery dinner with a casual Western theme of a poker tournament prize presentation banquet at the Deadwood Saloon .A sold out crowd of 190 plus enjoyed rib eye steaks and sides plus dessert and wine tasting. This was such a successful activity that it is on the calendar for fall 2010.

Christmas at the Mill: A huge cedar tree decorated with old fashioned ornaments, a display of entries in the Christmas tree decorating contest of the Central school district classes, a tree of photos of Christmas past and winter scenes of the Golden area and 22 vendors filled the lower hall with a festive air and a variety of items for holiday shopping. The upper level provided space for decorated trees, children's activities, stories from Opa and Oma, lunch with Santa, and good food and entertainment. A photo display of windmill volunteers when children provided interesting speculation in identification. Sweet rolls and a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast in the morning and the soup, sandwich and dessert lunch menu was popular with attendees. The bake sale items sold out, the gift shop did a good business, and the pictures with Santa in the East Wing were well received. The second Tour of Homes was successful although not as many attended as last year. A tree honoring military men and women from the civil war era to the current time was a popular addition to the event.

OTHER PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Educational Program:

The educational program provides a glimpse of life in Golden in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The presentations take participants from packing a trunk for a long ocean voyage to a new land, through travel up the Mississippi to Golden, to school and household chores, and work in the mill. During 2009 five schools and approximately 450 students and 30 adults attended educational presentations at the mill. A visit to the gift shop was also a popular activity with students.

Grants and Gifts in Kind:

Wal-Mart, Dot Foods, local banks and Osborn's – contest prizes and food
Thrivent Financials – \$1,000 Heritage Days matching funds
Many area businesses – prizes for events, maintenance needs, landscaping supplies/plants for gardens

Memorial garden and patio:

Bricks and benches continue to be sold, with the total now at 517 bricks and 6 benches. Landscaping was added to the north side of the East wing with a new walkway connecting the north door and the entrance of the mill.

PR/Publicity: Magazine articles, radio and TV spots, newspaper articles, community calendar and tourism publications submitted

Press releases to TV radio and newspapers for event publicity
News articles regarding events to Elliot Publishing, Quincy Herald Whig and 15 other area newspapers
Event information to area promotional flyers and community calendars
Calendar of events to Illinois Tourism Council, Quincy Convention Center,
Midwest Living magazine, Quincy Area Tourism publication, Adams' Outlet, and Elliot's Community
Calendar

Museum:

387 visitors signed the register at the museum in 2009. Although the museum is open May through October, there were special visits in February, March, and April.

Reorganized displays and new materials, upgraded the interior of the museum and the cataloguing of artifacts continued throughout the year.

This past year we received new material for display from the Dr. Bagge family in California. Dr. Bagge practiced medicine in the Golden area in early 1900 and we are very grateful to his family for sending his original chair and other material to display in our museum. I'm sure you will recognize some of the names listed in his patients' book and a shock when you see the cost of a visit to Dr. Bagge office.

The Golden Historical Society purchased a ten (10) page display board to put pictures and articles from past ancestors so individuals visiting the museum can view these and reminisce a little.

Hope everyone will come and look at our new and reorganized displays this coming year. Most of all we are excited that the Board of Directors agreed to change the name of the Golden Historical Society Museum to “The Anna Wienke Museum” with membership approval at the annual meeting.

Publicity Committee Report

The publicity committee continues to print the newsletter quarterly with only a few comments of approval or disapproval. Since we get very little feedback we assume the newsletter is a great addition to keeping members informed. Any stories/jokes/input would be greatly appreciated. We are expanding our mailing list of the newsletter. If you have a family or individual you wish to add, please let us know. In an effort to save on printing and postage, we are in the process of gathering email address so that we can email the newsletter in a pdf format. The newsletter is also available on the Society website, www.goldenwindmill.org Please advise if you would like to have your newsletter emailed.

The new brochure has been distributed to welcome centers, businesses, and hotels/motels within a 75 mile radius of Golden. We have made contact in Springfield and Bloomington Illinois areas to have the brochure available in those cities. If you can help deliver the brochures, it would be greatly appreciated. Plans are this summer to update the brochure as we have new partners to add and our supply is almost depleted. Upon completion, we will need help to distribute the brochures.

Permanent road signs on key highways have been put on back burner. We did obtain quotes to have the signs made. But due to time/dollars/volunteers we elected to put our energy to contacting businesses and non-profit organizations to link our website to theirs.

The Publicity committee welcomes anyone who is interested in working on this committee. Contact Roger Flesner (217) 696-4254 or email at dflesner@adams.net for more information or to volunteer.

Check out these websites: <http://www.goldenwindmill.org/articles/kleen.pdf>

www.goldenwindmill.org/geocache/geocache.htm

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following projects are either ongoing or have been accomplished since April 2009:

1. **WINDMILL PROJECTS.** The windmill restoration is now approximately 9-11 years old and many parts are requiring normal maintenance. Some of these items are large and expensive. The following describes some of the major items.

- a. **SPRATTLE BEAM.** The sprattle beam is one of two beams used to turn the 20-ton cap which turns the sails into the wind. The sprattle beam, installed in the middle of the cap and the larger of the two beams, is 37 feet long and approximately 16 inches square and made from a single piece of yellow pine. It provides the leverage required to rotate the cap. This beam has been weakened due to natural decay from the inside and must be strengthened or replaced. Replacement would require removal of the cap which is cost prohibitive. Instead, we are working



with Awerkamp Machine Company to fabricate and install two steel sleeves to install around each end of the beam to strengthen it. The beams has been fabricated and delivered. We estimate a the cost of beams at \$6,000 with total estimate cost to install at \$6,000 to \$8,000.00. We'd like to complete this project by Heritage Days 2010.

- b. **STAGE IMPROVEMENTS.** We will install another center rail to the stage fence to minimize the chance that someone could slip between the current boards. We received a special order of extended length, 2"x4" lumber and hope to install prior to Heritage Days 2010.



- c. **WINDOW IN TOWER.** The windows in the upper portion of the tower needs repaired/sealed or put install aluminum around frame of the windows.
- d. **UPGRADE PHOTO/PICTURES.** We are trying to put pictures on first floor of the tower in new frames and hang in an orderly fashion by the year. Will also have to build a counter/cabinet to hold the grain, in jars, that was on display for visitors. The cabinet that was in tower was moved to museum to hold new/reorganized displays. Hope that the cabinet and picture frames project can be completed prior to opening day May 1, 2010.
- e. **PAINTING.** Mill/each wing and visitors entry ramp needs to be painted. Shingles on Mill needs a sealer put on. Stage/tower doors needs another coat of stain.

PURCHASED ITEMS

1. Refrigerator
2. Self-propelled lawnmower
3. Tables and chairs
4. Small freezer for back room

REPAIRS COMPLETED

1. Replaced window in museum hallway
2. Added light in entry hallway
3. Gutters installed on west side of banquet hall
4. New culvert installed between parking lot and back lot
5. Wiring completed in back storage shed and outlets added on back lot
6. Replaced ceiling tiles in banquet hall
7. New lighting added at upper level of banquet hall.
8. Lighting also repaired where necessary
9. Water leaks in kitchen and restrooms repaired
10. Lighting repaired in museum display cases
11. Other repairs throughout the complex were done as needed.

2010 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

E-MAIL

DUES: Individual \$25 \$ _____
Family \$40 (Parents w/dependants at home to age 18 yrs) \$ _____
Donation for mill upkeep: \$ _____
Donation for other purpose (state purpose): \$ _____
Unrestricted donation (use as needed) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Golden Historical Society. If mailing, send this form and payment to:
Golden Historical Society
504 McAnulty Street
Golden, IL 62339-1013

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Golden Historical Society relies on its volunteers to maintain and support the windmill, museum and gift shop. We always need more help! Please mark below any areas where you would consider helping.

___ WHERE NEEDED

___ Board of Directors
___ Resource Committee
___ Building Committee
___ Nominating Committee
___ Publicity
___ Website
___ Landscaping
___ Maintenance

___ Painting
___ Kitchen
___ Serve meals
___ Acting (Follies)
___ Mill Tours
___ Museum Tours
___ Gift Shop

___ Mystery Dinner (Feb)
___ Follies (March)
___ Mother's Day (May)
___ Heritage Days (July)
___ Mystery Dinner (Oct)
___ Christmas at Mill (Dec)