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25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Golden Historical Society  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Windmill Hall  
Golden Illinois

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

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2010-2011**

President..... Roger Flesner  
 Vice President ..... Jim Stout  
 Secretary ..... Marge Shank  
 Treasurer ..... Kenneth Flesner

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BY CLASS)**

<b>CLASS OF 2008 EXPIRES APRIL 2011</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2009 EXPIRES APRIL 2012</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2010 EXPIRES APRIL 2013</b>	<b>PROPOSED CLASS 2011 EXPIRES APRIL 2014</b>
Don Buss Kenneth Flesner Kay Lord Marilee Crooks	Vicki Anderson Roger Flesner Jim Nichols	Lois Reason Marge Shank Jim Stout Angela Goldenstein	Don Buss Marilee Crooks Kenneth Flesner Kay Lord Tom Bennett

**PROGRAM: 6:30-7:00 PM: Social Hour and Refreshments**

7:00 PM: Call to Order and Pledge----- Roger Flesner  
 Report of Quorum-----Marge Shank  
 Reading of Meeting Notice----- Marge Shank  
 2010 Minutes of Annual Meeting -----Roger Flesner  
 President’s Report-----Roger Flesner  
 Treasurer’s Report -----Kenneth Flesner  
 Committee Reports  
     Committee---- (Heritage Days-Fall Mystery Dinner- Christmas at the Mill)  
     Building and Grounds Committee-----Don Buss  
     Publicity Committee-----Roger Flesner  
     Nominating Committee-----Roger Flesner  
 Election of Officers -----Mark Cassens  
 Old Business  
 New Business  
 Program: “Celebrating 25 Years”-----Roger Flesner  
 Adjournment

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## 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 Board members Don Buss, Marilee Crooks, Kay Lord and Kenneth Flesner who each agreed to serve another three-year term. Also I would like to welcome our new Board member, Tom Bennett. Special 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 this past year.

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.

Our biggest challenge remains volunteers, especially in the **chairperson role** for several yearly events of the Society. We must strive to keep the history of the Golden Windmill and community alive and remind people that this is the main reason we exist. In order to be successful in life you must know your heritage. Let's solicit more volunteers and cherish the ones we have so we may continue to grow and educate.

Membership continues to stagnate. In 2010 our membership brought in \$2,050.00. That relates to forty eight (48) individual memberships and twenty one (21) family memberships. Last year the Board of Directors talked about having a **membership drive** but that never materialized. Hopefully we can make a better effect and host a membership drive this year.

Last year we had two (2) high school seniors who were willing to work during the summer months to continue the project of cataloging artifacts in our museum and collecting oral stories/history from past board members/citizens of this area. However, due to the students work load in other volunteer areas, plus getting ready for college, they were not able to help. This would be a great project to begin our 2011 year. If each of us would gather and compile at least 2 stories we would be well on our way to a large collection, most likely suitable for publishing.

Each year the Golden Historical Society elects five (5) individuals to the Board of Directors. As of this writing we still have a total of three (3) vacancies on the Board. If we ask a person to serve and they would agree to serve in these three vacancies, two (2) would only have to serve one (1) year (2011-2012) and one (1) would serve two (2) years (2011-2013). Our Nominating Committee/Board of Directors made numerous contacts but was not successful in filling any of the positions. Or perhaps it's time to cut the Board from 15 to 12?

We have 3 vital chairs to fill. They are Education Program coordinator, Resource Committee, and a Publicity chairperson. Even though members have picked the slack and got the job done for these program/committees, they 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.

In 2010 we have completed a number of projects that the Board and members requested at the annual meeting last year. These projects were necessary high-dollar costs, thus we have reduced our Money Market account. However, we had some good feedback about the modifications which included replacing the sprattle beam, adding a new air condition unit, carpet in museum and entryway. In 2010 the numbers were down which means fewer dollars. In 2011 we will have to tighten our belts and hold expenses to a minimum while continuing our fundraising efforts.

I like to set goals and dream big of activities/events so that we could raise funds to maintain our complex and educate people about our history. I'm sure each one of you also has dreams/goals for the Golden Historical Society. In order for us to achieve those dreams/goals we need to work together on the same agreed goals and not our own personal goal(s) for the Society. Are we dreaming to big or putting our goals to high? Maybe we just need to focus on one dream/goal at a time and work hard to achieve them.

*Roger Flesner*

ROGER FLESNER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESIDENT

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GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2010

The annual meeting of the Golden Historical Society was held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the Prairie Mills Windmill Banquet Hall, Golden, Illinois. The 2009-2010 annual report was given to each member at the time they signed in.

The membership enjoyed a social hour from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

President Roger Flesner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretary reported that there was a quorum present and read meeting notice.

Then Earl Brinker, Coordinator of Community Assessment and Development Services was introduced. Mr. Brinker talked to the group about the ways the Historical Society could get more interest from the community. He noted that he has analyzed our programs and he sees many good things going for us. He broke us up into three (3) groups to do a worksheet about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. He took our worksheets with him and will give President Flesner an assessment of our thoughts. It was a good discussion time for the membership.

President Flesner reported on his report in the annual report program. He also announced a small increase in the membership to date. President Flesner mentioned the loss of two-long time members of the Society as well as Anna Wienke, the curator of the museum since its beginning.

Treasurer Ken Flesner, reported on the 2009 finances of the Society. He was especially proud of the fact that the Golden Historical Society is a One Million Dollar Club. He congratulated the membership on their hard work over the past twenty-four (24) years and this accomplishment. He also explained the yearly income and expenses.

The Publicity Committee report was presented by President Flesner. He mentioned ways that the Society is working with other entertainment facilities near Golden to promote more tourism in the area. He also brought to our attention that a new brochure is in need of being developed as the current supply is nearly depleted.

Building and Grounds report was presented by Don Buss. He advised that the new sprattle beams are ready to be installed and that the President of Awerkamp, Bill Awerkamp, who fabricated the beams, would like to be present to help install the beams. Don also reported that the decks and shingles on the Tower need to be treated, need help with the mowing, and the Tower and wings need painting. Along with this discussion, Pres. Flesner mentioned about new lighting that had been installed this winter in the entry way to the Banquet Hall.

President Flesner presided over the election of officers for the Golden Historical Society Board of Directors in the absence of Attorney Mark Cassens. Board members ending their three-year terms are Marge Shank, Lois Reason and Jim Stout who agreed to serve another three-year term. Angela Goldenstein is running to fill a vacancy. The other vacancies will be filled by appointment from the President as these vacancies are due to deceased or resignation of Board members. There being no other nominations from the membership, Ken Flesner moved to close the nominations and accept the slate presented. Marilee Crooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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## No Old Business reported

### New Business:

President Flesner announced the planned training of volunteers to learn about giving tours (being a Miller) museum workers and gift shop workers will be held April 17 at 9 a.m. on the property. Terry Asher will train the millers, Marilee Crooks will work with the Museum volunteers and Diana Flesner will work with the gift shop volunteers.

The Board of Directors would like to name the Museum “The Anna Wienke Museum” with members’ approval. Bill Cassens made the motion to authorize the Board to name the Museum “The Anna Wienke Museum” second by Jim Stout. Motion carried.

Member Bill Cassens asked that the Board consider improving the stairs in the mill, so they are more user friendly. He would also like to see some kind of endowment fund started for the Society. Kay Lord asked that the Board consider putting the excess funds in CD’s to create more interest income.

Don Buss asked that the Board consider a permanent stage for the Windmill Banquet Hall.

Having no other new business the President asked for a motion to adjourn. Bob Reason made the motion, seconded by Don Buss. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Shank*

Marjorie Shank, Secretary

*“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*

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

	December 31, <u>2009</u>	December 31, <u>2010</u>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
Checking Account	\$16,734.81	\$9325.00
Cash	100.00	105.00
Inventory — Books	15,380.00	12,902.00
Inventory — Windmill	24,000.00	36,000.00
Inventory — Gift Shop	11,500.00	14,476.00
Money Market	50,458.57	27,898.00
CD'S		20,000.00
CD'S INTEREST		290.00
Restoration Brick Account.	<u>2,979.83</u>	<u>3138.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$121,153.21</u></b>	<b><u>124,134.00</u></b>
Fixed Assets Building .....	\$883,919.00.....	894,919.00
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS.....</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,005,072.21.....</u></b>	<b><u>1,019,053.00</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b> ---NOTES PAYABLE-----	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b><u>EQUITY</u></b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets.....	\$1,002,092.38	1,015,915.00
Restricted .....	<u>2,979.83</u>	<u>3138.00</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EQUITY.....</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,005,072.21.....</u></b>	<b><u>1,019,053.00</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY .....</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,005,072.21.....</u></b>	<b><u>1,019,053.00</u></b>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Transfer MM to Checking Account-----	\$0000.00	\$7661.00
Membership Fee- .....	\$3575.00	2050.00
Memorials and Donations .....	7781.00	1180.00
Rental/Catered Meals .....	12,016.59	7317.00
Fund Raising/Society sponsored Activities .....	10,679.51	0.00
Gift Shop .....	6,135.48	4333.00
Heritage Days.....	6247.50	7391.00
Follies .....	2400.00	17,857.00
Mystery Dinner .....	0.00	4804.00
Christmas at the Mill .....	2194.70	1613.00
Tours, & Tour Dinners.....	1948.00	1823.00
Cash Return.....	5247.00	5555.00
Oktoberfest.....	0.00	0.00
Misc.....	333.11	186.00
Interest on CD's .....		290.00
<b><u>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES .....</u></b>	<b><u>\$75,597.89</u></b>	<b><u>\$62,060.00</u></b>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BRICK ACCOUNT A/C 55428  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> (DECEMBER 31, 2009)	\$2980.00
<b>INCOME</b> .....	300.00
<b>INTEREST (2010)</b> .....	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	3283.00
 <b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	
Flowers.....	145.00
<b><u>ENDING BALANCE</u></b> (December 31, 2010) .....	<b><u>\$3138.00</u></b>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
Bank Card Fees .....	864.32.....	735.00
Gift Shop.....	1463.25.....	2776.00
Insurance.....	5504.00.....	5576.00
Legal Fees .....	125.00.....	0.00
Membership & Dues .....	220.00.....	100.00
Postage .....	325.00.....	0.00
Taxes .....	1292.72.....	985.00
Utilities.....	9058.43.....	10,981.00
Building & Grounds.....	0.00.....	10,907.00
Capital/Major repairs .....	.....	7661.00
Cash for Events .....	1570.00.....	5505.00
Fund Raising .....	16,153.67.....	14,394.00
Advertising.....	3434.35.....	3533.00
Rental Refunds .....	985.00.....	700.00
Thrivent.....	3942.00.....	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	1137.00.....	647.00
 <b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b> .....	 <b><u>\$82,504.98...</u></b>	 <b><u>\$64,500.00</u></b>

**GOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2011 BUDGET**

<b>INCOME NAME</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2008</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2009</b>	<b>BUDGET 2010</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2010</b>	<b>BUDGET 2011</b>
GIFT SHOP	\$ 8915.00	\$ 5397.00	\$ 6500.00	\$ 4333.00	\$ 4000.00
FOLLIES	\$ 22,062.00	\$ 18,520.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,857.00	\$ 18,000.00
MYSTERY	\$ 2292.00	\$ 6606.00	\$ 6000.00	\$ 4804.00	\$ 5000.00
MOTHERS DAY	\$ 2857.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL	\$ 2666.00	\$ 2320.00	\$ 3000.00	\$ 1613.00	\$ 2000.00
HERITAGE DAYS	\$ 15,269.00	\$ 7509.00	\$ 9000.00	\$ 7391.00	\$ 7000.00
OKTOBERFEST	\$ 2869.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2000.00
FALL FESTIVAL	\$ 2500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
FUNDRAISER/CATERED	\$ 7349.00	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3672.00	\$ 5000.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 3575.00	\$ 3575.00	\$ 3500.00	\$ 2050.00	\$ 2000.00
MEMORIALS	\$ 3200.00	\$ 4975.00	\$ 3000.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 1000.00
DEPOSITS	\$ 0.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 500.00
HALL RENTAL	\$ 10,320.00	\$ 2151.00	\$ 2000.00	\$ 2745.00	\$ 3000.00
GRANT	\$ 1500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOURS	\$ 2495.00	\$ 1885.00	\$ 1800.00	\$ 1823.00	\$ 1500.00
DONATIONS	\$ 0.00	\$ 1948.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 1000.00
BRICK, INVEST. & MISC	\$ 805.00	\$ 769.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 500.00
BRICK ACCOUNT	\$	\$	\$	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00
INVESTMENT	\$	\$	\$ 0.00	\$ 290.00	\$
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 88,674.00	\$ 68,835.00	\$ 67,900.00	\$ 49,293.00	\$ 52,500.00
 CASH IN/OUT				\$ 5555.00	
 <b>EXPENSE</b>					
ADVERTISING	\$ 2541.00	\$ 4750.00	\$ 2000.00	\$ 3533.00	\$ 3000.00
BUILDING/GROUNDS	\$ 11,429.00	\$ 11,223.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,907.00	\$10,000.00
GIFT SHOP	\$ 8008.00	\$ 2287.00	\$ 3250.00	\$ 3511.00	\$ 2000.00
FOOD EXPENSE	\$ 1009.00	\$ 1355.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
MYSTER DINNER	\$ 854.00	\$ 2685.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2744.00	\$ 0.00
MOTHERS DAY	\$ 1358.00	\$ 211.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
HERITAGE DAYS	\$ 12,957.00	\$ 4330.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5632.00	\$ 0.00
OKTOBERFEST	\$ 2366.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
FOLLIES	\$ 4073.00	\$ 6593.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4253.00	\$ 0.00
CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL	\$ 1210.00	\$ 711.85	\$ 0.00	\$ 622.00	\$ 0.00
FUND RAISER/CATERED	\$ 0.00	\$ 1228.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1143.00	\$15,000.00
INSURANCE	\$ 5133.00	\$ 5504.00	\$ 6500.00	\$ 5576.00	\$ 6000.00
MEMBERSHIP/DUES	\$ 125.00	\$ 351.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
RENTAL REFUND	\$ 840.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00
TAXES (SALES & R.E.)	\$ 740.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 1000.00
UTILITIES	\$ 9782.00	\$ 10,078.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,981.00	\$ 10,000.00
MISC	\$ 1050.00	\$ 3163.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 647.00	\$ 500.00
POSTAGE/BOX RNT	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 63,475.00	\$ 55,254.85	\$ 49,300.00	\$ 51,333.00	\$ 48,100.00
CAPITAL/MAJOR REPAIR				\$ 7661.00	
PROFIT/LOSS FOR YEAR				\$ 2040.00	
CASH IN/OUT		\$ 5122.00		\$ 5505.00	

**BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT BUDGET DECEMBER 13, 2010**

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## Annual Report of 2011 Committee Activities

A schedule of five major fundraising events was adopted for 2010. This group of events plus the memorial patio/garden brick sale comprised the major portion of fundraising for the Windmill.

### 2010 EVENTS

**Mystery Dinners:** In February, 2010 a crowd of 120+ enjoyed a wine tasting and audience participation mystery dinner entitled “Deadly Incentive”. Then in October another Mystery Dinner, “Murder at the Juice Joint” was held with 89 attending. Both Mystery Dinners netted a profit of \$1,000.00 each. Local wineries provided wine tasting and sales of wine at each event. The Mystery Dinners were put on the events schedule for 2011.

**Windmill Follies:** In March and April, 2010, the 18<sup>th</sup> annual production of the dinner theater once again provided successful performances by talented community thespians in the comedy farce “Natalie needs a Nightie”. Total of 639 tickets were issued for the five nights of performance, down from 644 issued in 2009. As in the past, the Follies committee solicited ads to sponsor the program booklet and handled publicity.

**Heritage Days/Sweet Corn Dinner:** The sixth Heritage Days and 24<sup>th</sup> Sweet Corn Dinner were again well attended. 20 plus 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 the street of Golden. After the parade the events, the day began with a baby contest followed by Little Miss and Mister Heritage Days, a spelling bee, fashion show, storytelling and entertainment. Quilts were on display in the Windmill Hall. Educational demonstrations, along with activities in the East Wing added to the festivities. Music performed by local talent and the one and only “Elvis” along with a band for dancing was a popular Saturday night addition to the activities.

On Sunday, the Heritage Days started with a big bang, weather related that is. Storms came thru and destroyed our tents as well as vendor merchandise and tents. But because of the hard work from Heritage Days committee and volunteers, our regular scheduled programs continued inside in the Banquet Hall beginning with a church service. After the service the 24<sup>th</sup> Sweet Corn Dinner was enjoyed by estimated 360 who attended that event. At 1 p.m. the crowd was entertained by Warren Brown portraying Mark Twain. Local citizens of the area provided entertainment and Opa and Oma reminiscence about days of old along with Mr. & Mrs. Emminga. This concluded Sunday’s events. Even with the bad weather Heritage Days 2010 was a success.



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**Christmas at the Mill:** December 4, 2010, our banquet hall was filled with visitors, decorated Christmas trees, vendors and booths with individuals demonstrating how our ancestors lived in late 1800 to early 1900. The highlight of the day was seeing the eyes of the little children as Santa entered the room to have dinner with them and then having their picture made with Santa. Children were able to play games from that era also. The Christmas at the Mill committee, once again, put on a spectacular event and we are pleased to report it was a great success. Stories from Opa, Oma and Mr. and Mrs. Emminga were enjoyed by all. A rotating Christmas Tree with pictures of veterans was on display and a special ceremony was presented by local Boy Scout Troop 42 on behalf of veterans.

### **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 2010 a total of five (5) schools participated in our educational program with four (4) of those schools coming to the Windmill facility for the presentations. Approximately 241 students and 35 adults attended the presentations. A visit to the gift shop was also a popular activity with students. The fifth educational tour, a forty-five minute program, was presented by President Flesner at Ellington School in Quincy to 35 students and 4 adults.

**Grants and Gifts-in-Kind:** Thrivent Financials – \$1,000 Heritage Days matching funds. Many area businesses donated prizes for events, maintenance needs, landscaping supplies/plants for our grounds.

**Memorial garden and patio:** Bricks and benches continue to be sold, with the total now at 518 bricks and 6 benches. A total of fourteen (14) brick was engraved with names of volunteers, who had specified numbers of hours, along with past board members. After bricks were engraved they were put in walkway north of the east wing.

**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.

**Museum:** 277 visitors signed the register at the museum in 2010. Although the museum is open May through October, there were special visits throughout the year. The International Molinological Society (TIMS), a group total of 20+ visited the Windmill in 2010. This group included visitors from six (6) different countries. TIMS is a society which fosters worldwide interest and understanding of wind, water, human and animal-powered mills. It was a very interesting and educational visit for us (GHS) as well as the group.

Displays were reorganized and new materials incorporated. The interior of the museum was upgraded with new carpet. We continue to catalogue artifacts throughout the year.

This past year we were advised that Sandra Kendrick (daughter of Clara White) wanted to donate a "Weber" wagon to the Golden Historical Society. Sandra came to discuss the donation and advised us that the delivery would be in the first quarter of 2011.

Since the membership approved the Board of Director decision to rename the Golden Historical Society Museum to "The Anna Wienke Museum" we have not been able to install the new sign. Hopefully, 2011 will bring about this new change. We invite everyone to come and look at our new and reorganized displays this coming year.

## Publicity Committee Report

The publicity committee has tried to continue to publish the quarterly newsletters but in 2010 only two (2) newsletters were printed. The committee only hears from a handful of people with pros and cons about the newsletter. To continue the quarterly publications the committee needs your help with stories/jokes or input. Any information is appreciated and could be forward to the Golden Historical Society, P.O. Box 148, Golden, IL, 62339, Attn.: Newsletter or email to [dflesner@adams.net](mailto:dflesner@adams.net). Thank you to members who requested the newsletter via email to help save costs. Remember, if you want your newsletter via email, your computer must be able to open an Adobe .pdf format. The newsletter is also available on the Society website, [www.goldenwindmill.org](http://www.goldenwindmill.org)

A new brochure was printed in fall of 2010, but needed to be distributed to Welcome Centers, businesses, hotels/motels within a 75 mile radius of Golden. We have made contact in Springfield and Bloomington, IL areas to have the brochures displayed and available in those cities. However, your help is needed to continue getting the brochures to locations. If you can help deliver the brochures, please call (217) 696-4254. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

In 2010 we have been advertizing on place mats and menus at Hard Times II, restaurants in Quincy and other communities within 50 mile radius of Golden.

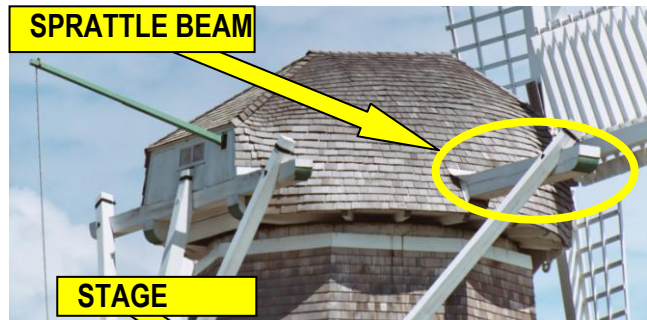
The Publicity committee welcomes anyone who is interested in working on publicity. Contact Roger Flesner (217) 696-4254 or email at [dflesner@adams.net](mailto:dflesner@adams.net) for more information or to volunteer.

Check out these websites: <http://www.goldenwindmill.org/articles/kleen.pdf>  
[www.goldenwindmill.org/geocache/geocache.htm](http://www.goldenwindmill.org/geocache/geocache.htm)

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

**WINDMILL PROJECTS.** The windmill restoration is now approximately 12+ 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. In November 2010, thanks to Awerkamp Machine Shop & Welding (Bill Awerkamp), Gunn Construction (Jerry & Jeff Gunn), along with Jim Stout, Don Buss and Roger Flesner the beam has been replaced. Estimate repair cost of beam was \$12,000.00 but due to donations, special prices on time/material, and use of the equipment to replace the beam, our cost was only \$8,000.00.
- b. **STAGE IMPROVEMENTS.** We still need to install another center rail to the stage fence to minimize the chance that someone could slip between the current boards. Material for this construction is available. We just need to schedule project for completion.
- c. **WINDOWS IN TOWER.** The windows in the upper portion of the tower have been replaced.
- d. **UPGRADE PHOTO/PICTURES.** Photos/pictures have been framed, rearranged and hung on first floor of the tower.



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- e. **PAINTING.** The Mill, tower, east, west and north wings, and visitor entry ramp are in need of paint. Shingles on Mill should be painted with a sealer. Stage and tower doors require another coat of stain.
  - f. **WINDOWS.** Windows in gift shop, east and north wing need to be re-glazed, frame work repaired or replaced.
  - g. **NEW STAGE BANQUET HALL.** Construction of a new permanent stage began the last week of 2010.
  - h. **SAILS.** Pole(s) that open the shuttles need repaired/replaced. Sails need painting and other repair also.

#### **PURCHASED ITEMS**

1. Air Condition unit for large kitchen
2. Microwave in small kitchen
3. Chairs for banquet hall
4. Gas grill to replace charcoal grill
5. Bathroom water heater
6. Coat hangers at entry of banquet hall
7. Tents to replace the ones damaged in storm during 2010 Heritage Days

#### **REPAIRS COMPLETED**

1. Carpet in museum and entry hall
2. Added lighting in banquet hall
3. Other repairs throughout the complex as needed

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## 2011 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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NAME(S)

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ADDRESS

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

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HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

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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

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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)  
\_\_\_ Gift Shop  
\_\_\_ Mill Tours  
\_\_\_ Museum Tours

\_\_\_ Mystery Dinner (Feb)  
\_\_\_ Follies (Mar-Apr)  
\_\_\_ Mother's Day (May)  
\_\_\_ Heritage Days (Jul)  
\_\_\_ Mystery Dinner (Sep)  
\_\_\_ Oktoberfest (Oct)  
\_\_\_ Christmas at the Mill (Dec)