



Prairie Mill News

ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 12, 2010 7:00 PM

The Annual meeting of the Golden Historical Society will be held April 12, 2010 in Windmill banquet hall. Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Earl Brinker, University of Illinois Extension. Refreshments served beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors hopes you can attend.

If you are not able to attend but would like to share some thoughts, concerns, or ideas please feel free to contact any board member or reply via email to dflesner@adams.net.

You may also reply on our website www.goldenwindmill.org. Your input is important for the continued success of the Golden Historical Society and tourism to the “Gem” of Golden, the Prairie Mill Windmill.

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Upcoming Events 2010:

- April 12 ANNUAL MEETING
- April 17 Miller, Museum & Gift Shop Training
- July 17-18 Heritage Days
- Oct 16 Mystery Dinner
- Dec 4 Christmas at the Mill

Anna Rosetta Wienke (1913—2010)

We said goodbye to another charter member of The Golden Historical Society January 9, 2010. Anna was instrumental in getting the museum started by gathering, cataloging and labeling items. Many of Anna's possessions are on display. We will miss her smile and her enthusiasm for Golden and the Prairie Mills Windmill and museum. The Board of Directors has approved naming the museum The Anna Wienke Museum if approved by the members at the Annual Meeting April 12, 2010.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Board of Directors extends their thanks to all of you who have mailed in your membership dues. If you are still considering joining a 2010 membership enrollment form is included. Without your support the Golden Historical Society would not be able to provide some events or programs.

Windmill Repairs & Upgrade

ANNUAL MEETING



Monday, April 12, 2010

6:30 pm Snacks

7:00 pm Meeting

Golden Windmill Hall

Open to public

Guest Speaker

Mr. Earl Brinker

Future Repairs/Upgrades

New carpet/flooring for museum entryway

Flooring on entryway to Banquet Hall

Painting and sealing windmill tower

Banquet Hall floor painted/sealed

Windows with broken seals repaired or replaced.

Various doors properly sealed or replaced.

Thanks to Marilyn Haschemeyer for getting the photo of the windmill at Felde Germany framed and the shield presented by Lisa Buss when she visited last year. We apologize for the delay in publishing this thank you.

Researching possibility of securing a new stage curtain.

Completion of gravel spread on the parking lot when weather permits.

What Has Been Done

New lighting in hallway and upper level of Banquet Hall.

Coat Rack hangers are being replaced.

New cooler has been installed in the kitchen and is being put to good use already.

Museum exhibits are being updated regularly. Cataloging and labeling of items continues.

New Display cabinet will be fully installed by month end.

Paintings by Anna Wienke have been hung in the Banquet Hall.

Advertising: We have placed ads on printed placemats which are used at various Quincy restaurants and local restaurants. Watch for our ad.



Miller, Museum & Gift Shop Training

April 17, 2010

9:00 pm

Millers: Terry Asher

Museum: Marilee Crooks

Gift Shop: Diana Flesner

Did You Know....

In 2011 the Golden Historical Society will celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Planning sessions are beginning to get underway. You input and ideas are always welcome. Let us hear from you! Reply on line: www.goldenwindmill.org

Looking for

Volunteers

Educational Chair

Resource Committee Chair

Or

You may select a committee to lend your talents

A Letter From: *Lisa Buss of Ostfriesland*

(For a complete reading of Lisa's letter, please visit our website at www.goldenwindmill.org/articles/kleen.pdf)

“Wir ziehen in ein neues Land”

(“We Will Go To A New Land”)

Emigration from Ostfriesland, particularly from Grofefehn

The big wave of emigration from Ostfriesland to America began in the middle of the 19th century. Approximately a quarter of the population left their homestead to emigrate to America. As a rule, they chose a route through Bremerhaven, the largest German emigration port to the new world. In many cases during the first years, the emigrants sailed to New Orleans then traveled by riverboat up the Mississippi River to Illinois. However, some sailed with their family to Galveston, Texas.

The majority Ostfriesen immigrants settled in the Midwestern states, leaving from Illinois. As the land there became scarce and therefore too expensive many moved westward to Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Around 1850 the Buss family from Ludwigsdorf, along with others, founded the town of New Ostfriesland, which was later named Golden. It was known by many as Little Holtrop” because many of the families came from Holtrop and Wiesens area. In 1852, the miller Hinrich Reemts Emminga from Holtrop immigrated to this area. In 1854, he built his first mill, second in Germany in 1864 and then his third in Golden in 1872.

To read the letter in full, visit our website listed above.

Mystery Dinner Theatre February 13th

What began as perhaps a cancellation 1 week before the date, turned out to be a great success. We had only 80 registrations but by the time the doors opening we had over 150. What a night! There was laughter, mayhem all evening as Shamus tried to save his pub. Thank you to the Dinner Committee, Spirit Knob Winery, and the “cast of characters” and boy were they “characters”! And especially thank you to Ken Flesner who narrated the performances.

Natalie Needs A Nightie

Our Follies this year opened Saturday, March 13th, with many new faces. Julie Bunge and Cindy Keyes stepped in to direct. Brydon Albers trained and operated the sound system. New (and younger) performers Kylinn Flesner, Casey Jackson, Wes Hudson, Hannah Gawin joined our seasoned cast, Rod Houston, Jill Gooding and Keith Wilson in this Neil & Caroline Shaffner comedy. Additional performances are scheduled for March 19, 20, 26 and 27. Plan to join us for some good old fashioned belly laughs.

Quotes From Remarkable People

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



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Open Saturdays & Sundays
May thru October 1-4 pm
Or by appointment

We're on the web!
www.goldenwindmill.org

Formed in 1986, the Golden Historical Society is a group of volunteers dedicated to restoring and preserving the Prairie Mills Windmill. Our mission is “to secure the necessary funding and build the necessary community support which will enable Golden to achieve its goal of restoring and maintaining the Windmill to functioning capacity. We will create a viable tourism environment which will sustain the Windmill and related businesses in the surrounding area.