



# HISTORY MATTERS

Cold Spring Area  
Historical Society Newsletter

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## CSAHS MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Cold Spring Area Historical Society is to preserve, protect and present the history of the communities of Cold Spring, Richmond, Rockville, St Nicholas, Jacobs Prairie, Pearl Lake, Farming, Minnesota and the surrounding area”

CSAHS - Established Nov 2006

## CSAHS PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL SUMMER EVENTS

This spring/summer, the CSAHS participated in the Chamber’s Expo in April, our Annual Garage Sale in May, the Richmond River Lakes Days and Hometown Pride Days Festivals in July, and hosted an Open House and art exhibit in July. We hosted a Bingo Fundraiser during HomeTown Pride Days. We had a float in Richmond’s River Lakes Parade in July and the St Boniface Festival in August. We hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Social in August. We hope you were available to participate in these events, and we say “Thank You!” to all who helped at and attended these events.

In the fall of 1856, four promoters named Turner, Gibson, Gordon & Strout, purchased the greater part of the Arcenault claim, platted and named the village “Cold Spring City”

*(Quote from “The History of Cold Spring City MN”)*

## MAY 2024 GARAGE SALE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Whether you donated items to the sale, shopped the sale, or volunteered, we would like to extend a special THANK YOU!! FOR YOUR SUPPORT! The Cold Spring Lions Park was the site for the sale, for the second year, and the walls were bulging with items! The sale was well attended and brought in over \$6000 in profit which helps with operating the museum. Thank you to chairperson Terry Niehaus AND ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for input for future sales. Was the date good timing? Do you think you will donate items to the next sale? Did you take advantage of the “pick-up” service? Are you interested in getting involved as a co-chair or volunteer? Give your feedback to any of the Trustees.

For reminders and updates on coming events, and to see historic photos

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[www.facebook.com/Cold-Spring-Area-Historical-Society](http://www.facebook.com/Cold-Spring-Area-Historical-Society)

**WE NEED YOU!!**  
Volunteer as Trustee or helper at the museum!

## PLEASE SAVE YOUR TEAL’S RECEIPTS!

AS AN ON-GOING FUNDRAISER, WE ARE COLLECTING TEAL’S RECEIPTS. PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE MUSEUM! THANK YOU!

**THE CURRENT THEME ROOM FEATURES THE HISTORY OF THE COLD SPRING BREWING COMPANY AS IT CELEBRATES 150 YEARS IN BUSINESS!**

*We hope you can stop to see the exhibit!*

Our goal for the Theme Room is to keep the museum changing and interesting. We get a lot of positive comments from members and visitors who come to see the displays! If you have an idea for a future display, contact Rita Hennen (248-5044 or [hennenrc@gmail.com](mailto:hennenrc@gmail.com))

**Do you have an idea for a future Theme Room?  
Your suggestions as WELCOME!**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcing the Cold Spring Area Historical Society now has a dedicated email address effective September 13, 2024. The new email address is [csahs2024@gmail.com](mailto:csahs2024@gmail.com). We will also be using this email address to communicate with our members for membership information, Newsletters, Annual Meeting information and specific request for assistance, etc. This email can be used to contact any trustees as well. Using this email specifically will allow for better communications between our members and our trustees.

2. Come join us at the museum on September 24 for our first **Museum Mysteries Night** at 6 PM. This is an opportunity where anyone can bring in any item or photo for assistance in identifying them. No reservations are required and the night is open to the general public free of charge. Further information is available on our Facebook page or in the Cold Spring Record in the 9/3, 9/10 and 9/17 2024 issues. Come check us out.

3. On a personal note: On behalf of my children and myself, I want to thank everyone for the sympathy cards, kind words and support at the time of my husband Gary's death. Your graciousness was overwhelming.

Ione Leither

## NEW EVENT!

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 - MUSEUM MYSTERIES NIGHT**  
Bring your photos or items to the Museum you'd like more information about or help identifying them.  
Also, help identify items at the Museum.

## ON-GOING RENOVATION PROJECT

With the three-year anniversary of our organization taking occupancy of the museum in August, it's hard to recall the tiny space we occupied at the DEF building! Those of you who have been to the museum know that what seemed like a lot of space to fill back in 2020 when we moved in and started to convert the former dental office, we now have much of the space filled. We have started a renovation project to make the basement of the building more functional and a better space for storage. Controlling humidity and temperature are always an issue in a museum, and we have done a study on the humidity in the basement, with the assistance of the MN Historical Society. We replaced the A/C in the building's west wing, which will help control the over-all humidity in the building.

We are also interested in hearing from members who are willing to vounteer their time and talents to help with this work – it can be a 1-time "help-day" or on-going. One or more of the Trustees would be happy to meet with you to discuss.

### SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

Several members have made a donation to help with renovation costs, but more is needed. If you are interested in a one-time or annual donation, please contact any of the Trustees.

## VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

*Are you a new resident of the area? Newly retired? Do you have an interest in getting involved in your community? How about helping out at the museum? We are always looking for people with an interest in helping with special projects or hosting at the museum (once a week? once a month?) Your time and talents are greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!*

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**CSAHS ANNUAL MEETING ~ OCTOBER 22, 2024 5:00 PM – Check-in - 6 PM meeting & meal  
St Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond. COST \$15 pp**

**All members are invited to attend this year's Annual Meeting. We will recap the year's events, talk about plans for 2025, and give out awards, and ask for your input on how to make the organization better! Instead of a speaker, this year the planning committee will have a Trivia Game, which should be fun! Be sure to make plans to attend the meeting to network and get to know fellow members!**

**REGISTRATION – Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_**  
# Attending \_\_\_ Special request: Gluten Free \_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN OCT 10, 2024.**

**SO THAT WE CAN PLAN FOR THE MEAL AND OTHER DETAILS, RSVPs ARE REQUIRED.**

**\_\_\_ I AM INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE BALLOT FOR A 3-YEAR TRUSTEE POSITION**

**Mail with pmt to: COLD SPRING AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PO BOX 524, COLD SPRING, MN 56320 (or email: [hennenrc@gmail.com](mailto:hennenrc@gmail.com))**

## - OPEN TRUSTEE POSITIONS - WE NEED YOU!

We have several Trustee positions are open. What does it take to be a Trustee? Here are a few points:

- ~ Attend the Trustee meetings (even # months)
- ~ Assist/contribute as a team member in decision-making for the organization.
- ~ Contribute your time and talents for projects & fundraisers.
- ~ Contribute your time and talents by working at the museum (most Trustees volunteer 2 or more days per month)

*Please consider a term as a Trustee! We recognize that we all have busy lives, but your talents are valuable – and needed! We will be happy to meet with you to give you more information.*

**NOTE:** *You do not need to be a Trustee to volunteer at the Museum or help with various projects!*

In August, we lost 2 of our long-time members, Tom & Ann Stone. They were the original owners of the museum building, long-time business owners, donated many items, were good benefactors, and attended many of the museum's events.

They were often the go-to people when we had a question! Their children have since donated items and records from their long-time history in Cold Spring. We extend our sympathy to the Stone family, and will miss seeing them at CSAHS! events!

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU!

To all who attended the ICE CREAM SOCIAL on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Museum! We hope you had a good time!

### THANK YOU! TO THE AREA BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE CSAHS MEMBERS!

- ~ Cold Spring Brewing Co ~ American Legion Post 455
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- ~ The Cold Spring Record ~ State Bank of Cold Spring ~
- ~ Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ~
- The Pillar Inn ~ VFW Post 6915 ~ Murphy Granite ~
- ~ Granite Community Bank ~
- ~ Ray's Construction ~ Little Sisters Antiques ~
- ~ St Boniface Church & School ~

*Membership is a great way to support the preservation of local history. If you would like your business or organization listed here, please contact any of the Trustees.*

### MAY SPEAKER EVENT DRAWS A GREAT CROWD!

*At our MAY 2024 HISTORY SPEAKER EVENT, we were honored to have Patty Wetterling as our guest speaker, speaking about her recent book "Dear Jacob", the story of Jacob Wetterling's abduction, from their viewpoint. Many of us recall the abduction, and how it affected our lives. We anticipated a great deal of interest, so we had the event at the St Boniface Parish Center. We had a great turnout, and Patty and her co-author Joy Baker did a wonderful job telling the story which we all likely recall.*

*Thank You to the Friends of the Library for Co-sponsoring this and other History Series Events!*

### WATCH FOR MORE INFO!

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – 12-2 PM "Ducking Hunt" with Mrs Claus. This event will be at the Museum, in conjunction with the Chamber's Santa Day – Story time with Mrs. Claus and search for rubber ducks.

### CSAHS TRUSTEES

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**NOTE: THERE ARE TWO TRUSTEE POSITIONS STILL OPEN FROM THE 2023 ELECTIONS, AND THREE TRUSTEE'S TERMS EXPIRE IN DECEMBER. OPEN POSITIONS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE OCTOBER ANNUAL MEETING. CONTACT ANY OF THE CURRENT TRUSTEES FOR MORE INFO.**



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## **HISTORY SERIES EVENT**

**Wed, DEC 11, 2024 ~**

**ROCORI DEF BUILDING ~ 527 Main Street, Cold Spring – 6:30 PM FREE EVENT!**

**Speaker – Arn Kind THE USS WARD AT PEARL HARBOR -  
MINNESOTANS FIRE THE FIRST SHOT OF THE PACIFIC WAR.**



**Arn has spoken previously at Cold Spring and is a very entertaining speaker!**

*Event Co-sponsored by the CSAH, the Cold Spring Library, and the Cold Spring Friends of the Library.  
Funding provided by the MN Legacy Grant Fund.*

## **NEW MUSEUM HOURS**

**WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS (9 AM -2 PM)**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY each month (9 AM – 2 PM)**

**If you have a group or family visiting, we will try to accommodate your schedule for another time.  
Contact any of the Trustees to schedule.**