



Echoes from Scriba's History

Scriba Historical Society

Purpose: *"To preserve the cultural and historical records of the early Scriba pioneers and future pioneers including, but not limited to , early schooling, early industries, cemeteries, burial records, school districting and craftsman". Chartered 1978*

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A Word from the President

Hello and welcome to our newsletter. Our Vice President John Darling does a wonderful job putting this together for us. Thank you John.

As you will see in the following pages, the Scriba Historical Society has been very busy bringing topics of interest to life that pertain to our history as a town

as well as arranging presentations for the rest of this year and beyond! Please keep the second Tuesday of each month @6:30 PM free to attend our presentations in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. These are wonderful get togethers where you can also see the items we have for sale and chat with people about the history of Scriba. Yummy refreshments are always served.

The third Friday of each month we hold roundtable discussions at 1PM also in the Community Room of the Municipal Building. Many topics and much reminiscing happens at these meetings. Please join us for trips down memory lane.

I am still in the process of procuring 501c3 status for our society. Dealing with the state and federal government is always a slow process. Currently I am waiting to hear back from the state education department which should be any day now. The ball is rolling, however it is not rolling downhill! As always, we encourage you to join us in the adventure of preserving Scriba history.

- Mary Himes

Catching Up

Wow, what a month September was.

September 9



Amy Strong helped us relive the life of the **SCRIBA CHRISTMAS PROJECT** that was started over 60 years ago in the garage of the Powers with the Baxters, Cory's and Jones help. Toys and food are distributed to those that can use a little joy in their life and is supported by the businesses, churches, and residents of the community.

September 19

Our Roundtable Discussion brought out ideas and answers to long ago happenings in the town. Jim Enos, a native Scribian, and Jane, his wife, were here from Kansas. Jeanne Smith and Sharon Goodroe, local residents, were also present.

As we have said before, everyone has a story. Jeanne supplied this memory of an incident when she was in school located just west of Lakeview Road on the Lake Road. She remembered that Gladys Sheldon was the teacher the year. A group of girl friends were headed home at the end of classes on a nice warm spring day. The path home took them past a farmers pond and they saw that the ice had all melted and decided to stop for a swim. In they went and were soon observed by another student on his way home. It just happened that the passing student had to walk pass one of the girl's home where her mother sat on the porch waiting for her daughter to arrive. Greetings were exchanged and after a bit the student was on his way. Shortly thereafter the girls looked up and saw the mother approaching the pond with a puzzled look on her face. Lo and behold, the swimmers had only removed their shoes before entering the water, not as might have been imagined by the mother. No report on the condition of the student that had passed the word about the swimmers was given.

Jeannne noted that she was graduated at the top of her class for 3 years running. (She was the only one in her class)

September 27



An audience of over 70 were honored with the launch of Lee Ellen Hickey's latest book "The Murder of Cora Sweet". This murder took place in the early part of the last century, right here in Scriba. Extensive research provides real locations and community involvement in this "historical fiction thriller". The author set the stage for this account in her pervious released Girl in the Glass Coffin.

COMMENTS From Board Members

When asked " how has your position changed during the past year" the following comments came back.

Kathy Nemier - Treasure- "Busier. More memberships and sales due to increased attendance".

Pat Parkhurst - Secretary - "My position as SHS Secretary has become easier to go with the flow versus a year ago. We have all strived hard to put pieces together in the most legitimate way to build a successful society. My job is to record history in the making, as it unfolds. I've learned to try and simplify the writing and to narrow discussions and ideas down."

This is just an example of the effort being given by your Board members. We'll hear more next month from our Trustees. Remember, we are looking for Trustees and Committee Chairs to help grow the Society. Don't hesitate to volunteer.

COMMENTS From Members

LOOKING FORWARD

The calendar is filling up with fun activities and interesting programs to carry us through to the fall weather.

October 14



The Fateful Ring: A Mummy Tale.

David and Todd Maclean are back with some new stories and some requested older tales to greet the Halloween season.

Magic Lanterns are slide projectors that were used in theaters worldwide. Most of the tech we use is from the second half of the 1800s. Some slides are animated or use other special effects.

October 17



New Haven Town Historian Kelly Miller will be presenting a powerpoint slide show on the history of Dempster Grove located on 104B in New Haven. Kelly has put together a very informative presentation and will be available to answer question and will appreciate memories that you may have.

November 1



It is that time again, the Scriba Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a craft show where you will find many great items, and good food. We will have a table where our volunteers will be available to answer questions on the history of our town.



November 11



Doug Crouse is a grape grower and will share the fun and hard work in growing grapes in Scriba. (And I thought we were only good at growing rocks.)

Leave your shoes on as he will have probably shipped this years crop out already. But you can ask how many types of grapes there are.

November 15



No, this is not the Pilgrims landing at Flat Rock (Sheldon Beach) but does tell us the time of year it is. Our Roundtable Discussion may bring out some tales of how various families celebrated turkey day.

Friday at 1 PM is the time at the municipal community room. Come and share you memories and maybe some recipes.

All for now. We will be back soon. In the meantime we are looking for trustee volunteers to help guide the Society forward. We also have need for help in managing some of the incoming documents and artifacts, plus folks interested in the promotion and communication end. We know time can be tight, but we are flexible and will accept whatever you can offer.

Thank you for reading and don't hesitate to send in ideas to be included.

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