



The Little White Paper

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February 9 meeting ...

Gould and Rock return with more Native American history

Society membership is eager to learn more about Golden Valley pioneers and their relationship to, and experiences with, the Native Americans who lived and traveled the territory in the late 1800's.

Roxanne Gould and Jim Rock were the program for the Society in May, 2011 and spoke to a standing room only crowd. We expect a full house again on February 9, at the Society's historic church/museum.

Gould and Rock are Native Americans who reside in Golden Valley in a home, which, when that land was open prairie, was crossed by an Indian trail. The Indian trails through Golden Valley will be a part of their presentation.

Roxanne Gould is a teacher at



Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Jim Rock is a retired high school teacher of chemistry, physics and astronomy.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

Rhees electrifies crowd with Bakken Museum presentation

Dr. David Rhees' Bakken Museum presentation was electrifying! Dr. Rhees, Executive Director of the Bakken Museum, was the presenter at the January 12 general membership meeting. The museum is located at 3537 Zenith Avenue South in Minneapolis, on the west side of Lake Calhoun. Dr. Rhees has been in his position for over 20 years and has overseen dramatic changes in the facility and programming.

The Bakken Museum was founded in 1975 by Earl Bakken, who grew up in Northeast Minneapolis. As a youth he attended the

showing of the first "Frankenstein" movie at the local Heights movie theater. He was so inspired by the science of electricity in the film that he conducted experiments with electricity in the basement workshop of his childhood home.

Bakken went on to obtain a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota. Later, in 1949, he and his brother-in-law co-founded Medtronic in an old east side garage, where they repaired EKG machines and televisions. In 1957, Bakken developed the first wearable, external, battery-

powered pacemaker.

Dr. Rhees continued with the history of the Bakken Museum and its vast displays of electronic gadgets of the past and present. Twenty-one members and guests braved the wind and cold to warm up to an excellent local story.

New members

Peggy and Scott Nelson, 65 Quebec Avenue South, Golden Valley 55426 joined as life members. Greet them at our next membership meeting.

150th anniversary of the Civil War...

Great Grandfather George Brackett's Civil War baked beans recipe

8 lbs. small Michigan white beans	3 Tbsp. dry mustard
2 ½ lbs. lean salt pork	1 Tbsp. salt
2 cups brown sugar	1 tsp. black pepper
2 cups white sugar	2-3 chopped onions
2/3 cup dark molasses	adequate – saved water from beans

Cover and soak beans in water for 10 hours then boil 30 to 60 minutes or until the skin cracks when blown on (save water). Cut salt pork into bite-sized pieces. Add all ingredients to beans and mix thoroughly. Cover mixture with cooking water so there is about 1 inch of water over the top of mixture. Cook in a 450 degree oven for 3 hours then reduce heat to 300 degrees for 12 hours then reduce again to 250 degrees until ready to serve – about 9 hours. Beans should be about the color of milk chocolate when ready to serve. Serves 40-50 people.

Burma Shave Company had local roots

The Burma Shave Company manufactured shaving cream downstream on Bassett Creek in Minneapolis, just west of Penn Avenue. Their serial highway signs directed drivers attention to highway safety as well as being humorous and promoting their shaving cream. Here are some examples:

She kissed the hair brush
By mistake
She thought it was
Her husband Jake

Don't lose your head
To gain a minute
You need your head
Your brains are in it

Brother speeder
Let's rehearse
All together
Good morning, nurse

Cautious rider
To her reckless dear
Lets have less bull
And more steer

Speed was high
Weather was not
Tires were thin
X marks the spot

The midnight ride
Of Paul for beer
Led to a warmer
Hemisphere



Two antique shows scheduled for March

Saturday, March 10, the Society will again co-host an antique road show at the Woodbury Senior Residence at 2825 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125, from 2 – 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, the Society will co-host another antique road show at the Calvary Center Cooperative Senior Residence at 7600 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427, from 2 – 4 p.m. Members of the public are invited to bring up to 5 items for appraisal. Professional appraisers Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan will provide background information and an oral appraisal for each item. A \$5.00 donation will be collected for each item to be appraised. Donations help fund restoration of the Golden Valley Historical Society's historic church and museum.

More detailed information will be provided in the March Society newsletter. Mark your calendar!

Donations to GVHS

Lyle Mottinger donated two history pamphlets on the history of the Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church. The Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church got its start in the current Golden Valley Historical Society's historic church/museum back in the early 1900's.

