



The Little White Paper

The Monthly Newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society
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Golden Valley Days program...

Bus tour highlights historical sights in Golden Valley

On Saturday, May 21, 31 people boarded a 1950's vintage City of Minneapolis bus for a tour of selected sites around Golden Valley.

The tour was scheduled to run for an hour, but took 45 minutes to an hour longer due to some tight spots and mechanical limitations of a 1950's vintage bus. Even so, participants had a good time and heartily applauded their guides and driver at the conclusion of the tour. The bus was rented by the Society from the Minnesota Transportation Museum.

The tour included the Society's Historic Church/Museum, a pio-

neer home at 4846 Golden Valley Road, The Courage Center/former Hart's greenhouse, the Glenwood Hills Hospital site, Golden Valley's hidden water reservoir, Eloise Butler Wild Flower Gardens, The Quaking Bog, The Prudential Insurance Building, Billy Bison at Allianz North America Insurance, Liberty Carton, General Mills and the Golden Valley Cemetery.

En route, Society President Ken Huber recited the history of each site and historical facts about other places along the route. Passengers chimed in with a few of their own. The last site on the tour

was the Golden Valley Cemetery on Medicine Lake Road and Winnetka Avenue after which the driver was just able to nurse the over-taxed bus back to the starting point, city hall, where he called his bus barn for a tow.

Thanks to researchers Jim Hera, Jamie Hera, and Don Anderson; tour guide Ken Huber, tour starter and guide Jim Hera, assistant driver Marshall Tanick, and all 31 of the passengers who were good sports.



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Ninth annual...

Antique road show at Heathers Estates, Saturday, June 18

The Society's ninth annual antique road show will be presented by the Golden Valley Historical Society and The Heathers Estates on Saturday, June 18, at 2900 Douglas Drive, Crystal, MN 55422.

Members of the public may bring up to five items for appraisal by Appraisal Specialists Midwest, Bonnie Lindberg, ISA, who appears on the Home and Garden Show "Collectible Treasurers" and on KARE TV, and James Marrinan, who has appeared on PBS's "Antique Road Show" and HDTV's "Collectible Treasurers". Items to be appraised should be brought to The Heathers between 1:30 and

2:00 p.m. Oral appraisals will be conducted from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., when door prizes will be awarded. A donation of \$5.00 per item will go to the Golden Valley Historical Society museum rehabilitation fund. A \$1.00 donation will be collected from those who come just to enjoy the event. Light refreshments will be served.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED DUE TO LIMITED SPACE. CALL 763-544-1220 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. For questions call: Don Anderson, Secretary, Golden Valley Historical Society – 763-588-8578 or Judy Brown, Manager, The Heath-

ers Estates – 763-544-1220. Directions: Turn East at 29th Place North on Douglas Drive. (You may also schedule a private tour of the Heathers community.)

New members

Diane Nelson, 5600 Phoenix Street, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Lisa Paulson, 2340 Cavell Avenue North, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Please greet Diane and Lisa at our next general membership meeting.

125th anniversary events listed

Many events celebrating the 125th anniversary of Golden Valley have already taken place but more are still in the works: an essay contest for 5th and 6th graders; a mural of Golden Valley by Perpich Center for Arts Education students; a Golden Valley Hall of Fame; displays of Golden Valley citizen's military memorabilia assembled by Dede Scanlon and Jackie Wells on the second floor of city hall and at the Golden Valley Library; presentations to various groups of famous legal cases of Golden Valley assembled by Marshall Tanick and Lynn

Gitelis; a 25-year time capsule with items depicting Golden Valley society; monthly features of community organizations in Golden Valley in the Golden Valley/New Hope Sun Post and on PATCH.com Golden Valley gathered by the Golden Valley League of Women Voters, and a grand finale luncheon at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club in early December. Watch these newsletters for more details.



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75-year residents will be honored

On Wednesday, September 7th the Historical Society will host a recognition luncheon for Golden Valley residents who have lived in the city for 75 years or more. Several honorees have already been contacted and made their reservations for the luncheon to be held at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club. The event is free for the honoree and his/her guest.

Can you help the Society find

more residents of Golden Valley who qualify for this honoring event? If you know one of these venerable residents, please contact Society Secretary Don Anderson at 763-588-8578 or email maryand-don3030@aol.com. We appreciate your help.



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One of the historical negatives recently donated to the Society from the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting is this image of the original General Mills HQ building.

Visitors view historical items

The Society offered displays of community heritage in the small picnic shelter at Brookview Park on May 21st, as a part of the Golden Valley Festival. The Festival began at 9:30 a.m. with a parade along Western Avenue, through Brookview Park, and ending at Winnetka Avenue. Vendors and community organizations offered crafts, activities, refreshments and information throughout an off-and-on rainy day. It was an excellent opportunity for the Society to display a large number of items from our archives and visitors to the picnic shelter enjoyed them very much. The buffalo skin robe, aerial photos taken in the 1940's and 1950's, and photos of the yesteryears of the village and city were of particular interest.

Society volunteers who made it happen and hosted the display area were: Lyle Mottinger, Jerry Breth, Jim Hera, Jacob Breth, Nancy Azzam, Doris Sovde, Cathy Waldhauser, Betty Crews, Rudi Martignacco, Ken Huber and Don Anderson.

Volunteers needed to tend gardens

Jerry Breth, Jacob Breth, Nancy Azzam, Betty Crews and Cathy Waldhauser serve on the grounds committee for the Society and maintain the grounds at the Historic Church located at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN.

They are asking for a few new volunteers to assist with the flower gardens and weeding. If you are able to donate an hour or two from time to time, please contact Betty Crews at 763-544-6382.