



The Little White Paper

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May 13 meeting...

History of Gedney Pickle Company

Gedney Tuttle will be the presenter of this interesting program about the Gedney Pickle Company of Chaska, Minnesota.

Tuttle entered employment as a clerk in the family company, M.A. Gedney, in 1949. He became president in 1967 after working through all the departments of the company and has written a book about the history of the M.A. Gedney Company.

The general membership meeting will be held at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road on May 13, at 7 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public. Invite a



Gedney Tuttle

friend, and ask them to join our Historical Society, too.

April 8 meeting review...

Membership meeting notes

At the Society's April General Membership meeting, the controversy over who shot down Japanese Admiral Yamamoto in W W II, was presented by Bob Lanski and Bob Provost. The Admiral was the planner of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and, through U.S. Intelligence interception, was known to be flying to a certain Japanese held island in the

South Pacific. U.S. Air Corps planes were able to intercept his bomber and it was shot down, crashing into the jungle. The Air Corps was unable to confirm which U.S. plane shot down Yamamoto's bomber so a "replay" was created to show which plane should be credited with the "hit." Forty-one persons were in attendance at the meeting.

Society will again participate in GV Days on May 22

The Golden Valley Days Art & Music Festival will be held on the Golden Valley City Hall campus on Saturday, May 22.

Our Society will have a tent booth with historic displays – pictures of the 100 plus year old homes in Golden Valley by member Lyle Mottinger, a large 1920's map of the Village of Golden Valley, showing the land owner's names and the few gravel streets in use, and Ken Huber's antique riding toys. Don Minor will be behind the wheel of his restored Model A Ford pickup truck in the parade. Don's Model A will also be on display with other antique cars at the Golden Valley Shopping Center.

The parade will process on Golden Valley Road from Boone Avenue to Rhode Island Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Music, art, a plant sale, children's activities and displays will continue most of the day.

**GOLDEN
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DAYS**
art & music festival

Web notes speed trap in GVHS lot

On the website **Speedtrap.Org** someone posted an alert for a speed trap near Golden Valley Road near Hampshire Avenue in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

“The Golden Valley police sit in the parking lot of the Golden Valley Historical Society building called the ‘Little White Church in the Valley’. The police car is parked on the east side of the building and not visible to east or west bound traffic.”

As the famous radio commentator said, “Now for the rest of the story”. The untold reason for the police presence in the Society’s parking lot was because the lot had become a “lover’s lane” both during the day and at night. The Society requested the police assistance at the site

Memorial Day parade route set

The Golden Valley Memorial parade will begin at Seeman Park at 10:15 a.m. and proceed westbound on Golden Valley Road to City Hall where there will be a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. The parade and ceremony will be hosted by VFW Post 7051 and Chester Bird American Legion Post 523. Many patriotic organizations will be represented in the parade. Flags will line Golden Valley Road in honor of the day and the public is encouraged to attend.

to deter such activity, which was most concerning to the workers at the Society and probably the residential neighbors as well. As the old saying goes, “all publicity is good as long as your name is spelled correctly”. The “activity” has ceased and we thank the Golden Valley Police Officers for their help.

September 8...

Ohman will open new season of GVHS programs

Mark your calendars for 7 p.m. Thursday, September 8, to attend the Society’s fall membership program kick-off meeting. Doug Ohman will present his latest photo book, **Historical Libraries of Minnesota**. A full house is always present to see and hear about Ohman’s latest ventures into the history of Minnesota.

Volunteers tend Church grounds

The Historic Church grounds were tended to on Saturday, April 17, 2010, by the Society’s volunteer crew and are ready for Spring rains. Thanks to the volunteers: Lyle Mottinger, Betty Crews, Don Minor, Jerry Breth, Ken Huber, Nancy Azzam, Jane and George Martinsen, John Colwell, Cathy Waldhauser, and Rudi Martignacco.

Society matches GV city council challenge grant

Thanks to all the members and friends of the GV Historical Society who helped meet the challenge of the City Council and matched their \$5,000 grant! In fact, we matched it by 104%. President Ken Huber will be sending a letter to Mayor Linda Loomis telling her of the Society’s success in meeting the city’s challenge. The Society and City of Golden Valley appreciate your support. Your gifts and the city’s match will enable us to continue restoration of the Historic Church.

Antique appraisal event returns on June 19 in Crystal

For the eighth year in a row, the Heathers Estates Community Living for Active Adults, will host an antique appraisal from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, at 2900 Douglas Drive, Crystal, MN 55422. Members of the public may bring up to five items to be appraised by representatives of Appraisal Specialists Midwest, with a donation of \$5.00 per item going to the Golden Valley Historical Society museum rehabilitation fund. There is a \$1.00 admission fee for attendees who don’t bring items for appraisal. A flyer with more details will be included with the June Society newsletter.