



A Newsletter for Members and Friends of the Lenexa Historical Society

LHS News

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A Presidential Letter

A letter from Alan Uhl



In September Lenexa Historical Society participated in the Lenexa Spinach Festival by operating the Spinach Garden Cafe, Wimpy Burgers and the World's Largest Spinach Salad. These three concessions are our largest annual fund raiser. We were doing very well indeed until the rain began in mid-afternoon and pretty much stopped things in their tracks. We still cleared over \$2,500 but it could have been much more. It is important to remember that LHS originated the Spinach Festival 25 years ago and, as part of the arrangements made when the City of Lenexa took over its operation, we share in the booth rental fees. The formula produced over \$3,200 for us this year. All in all, a pretty good day for your Society.

Early in October Sharon Hammontree, with help from a number of us, ran the Society's booth at the Annual Lenexa Chili Challenge. Friday Evening was Social Time enjoyed by all. On Saturday Sharon and husband Marvin prepared her entry in "Homestyle" Chili, the main Category. She finished 10th out of 150 entrants. Not quite up to last year when, for the 2nd time, she was Champion but still very, very good. Thanks to all who participated.

On Wednesday, October 22nd, at the VFW we presented the 2nd Annual Smoked Pork Chop Dinner, Rita DeBrabander capably in charge. It was a great evening, wonderful food and, while we don't have final numbers, we netted well over \$1,000. Again, our heartfelt thanks to all who participated.

At the November membership meeting we will have elections to the Board of Directors. The Bylaws require the Board to produce one nominee for each vacancy. The following members have come to the end of their current terms and have agreed to serve another: Ed Bowman, Rod Booth, Van Rose, Tom Gyska and Alan Uhl. Sharon Hammontree has reached the end of her third 2-year term and is, regrettably, not eligible for re-election. We will have a nominee for that spot. Nominations may be made from the floor and must have the consent of any so nominated.

This will be my final letter to you as President of Lenexa Historical Society. I have been honored to serve you for three years and now it is time for new blood. Officers will be elected by the Board at the January meeting. I've enjoyed these three years and feel like we've made progress and that the organization is in pretty good shape. I'll have one more 2-year term on the Board before becoming ineligible and will, of course, work closely with my successor and all the other officers and members.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you.

LENEXA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Lenexa United Methodist Church
Schneeberger Hall
91st and Caenen Lake Road
Lenexa, KS 66215

**Alisha Archibald Holmes:
THE FIRST WHITE LADY
TO CLIMB PIKES' PEAK**

Presented by: Alisha Cole

Everybody is Welcome!

Call for reservations: 913-498-8117

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Lenexa Historical Society *Membership Meeting*

Thursday, November 20, 2008
Lenexa United Methodist Church
Schneeberger Hall
91st and Caenen Lake Road
Lenexa, KS

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Program: 7:30 p.m.

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Presented by: Alisha Cole



2008 marks the sesquicentennial of her historic feat. Alisha Cole is a professional historian, avid researcher and presenter. She has a repertoire of over two dozen talks.

Everybody is Welcome!

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Schedule for the November LHS General Meeting

Bring your favorite fall dish



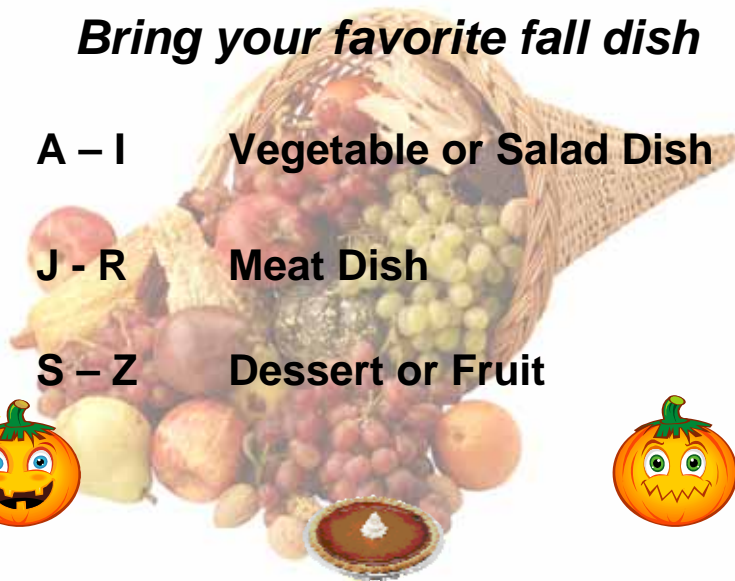
A – I Vegetable or Salad Dish



J - R Meat Dish



S – Z Dessert or Fruit



Award presented to Sharon Hammontree



At the Grand Opening of the exhibit ("The History of Freemasonry in Lenexa for the Past 135 Years") at the Legler Barn Museum, Saturday, September 27, 2008, Sharon Hammontree, the exhibit coordinator and a member of LHS was recognized with a beautiful plaque presented to her by the Masons of the Lenexa Masonic Lodge and the State of Kansas. With the presence of the Grand Master of Kansas, MWGM Sterling Hurnbuckle III, the District Deputy Grand Master for the District V in Johnson County, RW Gary Folk, the Master of Lenexa Masonic Lodge, WM Angelo H. Mino, the chairman of the Relight the Torch Program (Volunteers) Bro. Rick Nenny and secretary of the Lodge Bro. Cliff Wade. The Masons of Kansas wanted to show their appreciation and recognize the artistic talents of Sharon and to express their respect for all the efforts and commitment to work for the tenants of Masonry in Lenexa.

The History of Freemasonry in Lenexa for the Past 135 Years



Re-dedication of the Lenexa Masonic Lodge



W Al Curtis, RW Charlie "Smoky" Siecgrist, W George Arnold, MW Jimmy L. Grassi, W Charlie Ryal



W Kent Needham, W James A. Ward, MW Gary Folk DDGM, Presiding Sterling Hornbuckle MWGM of Kansas, B Greg Keffer



WM Angelo H. Mino
MW Bob Tomlinson
WM Ron Harger
RW Joseph G. Stiles
Bro Ed Shoemake



Winona Hornubckle Cutting Ribbon For Opening Ceremony



Moment of Silence



MW Angelo H. Mino & MW Stan Browning



W Jim Owens, MW Angelo H. Mino, Pat Folk, MW Sterling Hornbuckle MWGM

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Spinach Festival 2008



Spinach Garden Café getting ready to open



Let's see--How can I juggle a spinach salad & a sleeping boy?



Popeye and his captivating laugh



I've been waiting a year for this Wimpy Burger



I just can't make up my mind. What do I want to eat?



Back in time moment



Horseless Carriage Club of America
Rod & His Classic



The Rain Came with a Sea of Color



The Bull Whacker
Angelo H. Mino, showing the Prairie Schooner

CHILI CHALLENGE 2008



10th Place Winners – Marvin & Sharon Hammtree
Dennis & Katie Evans, and Alan Uhl



Chef La Pue Junior



Good Conversation



Hammtree Family



Here Try Some Of This #1



Hot Wings, Hot Wings, Hot Wings



LHS Gathering



Mmmmmm! Good Chili



More samples of that #1 chili



Precious Grandkids



Sampling Chili



Smoke Gets In Your Eyes

quilters corner

From the website: Pickledish.kcstar.com

Submitted by Edie McGinnis on August 14, 2008 - 8:01am.

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The Making of a DVD: Part Deux

Ladies of the Legler Barn Quilters Last Wednesday (August 6th) marked the second filming for our DVD that will come out in September – now titled **The Kansas City Stars: A Quilting Legacy**. This one had the same rustic feel as when we filmed at Barbara Brackman's house – we shot at the Legler Barn Museum in Lenexa, Kansas. The Legler Barn Quilters meet here on Wednesday mornings, and they were kind enough to let us film their group.

If you live in the area and haven't had the chance to visit the museum, you should. The barn itself was built in 1864 by Adam Legler. Today, the barn houses local history exhibits and rotating temporary exhibits. While we were there, the staff had a Lenexa Victorian Parlor set up, complete with furniture, books, photographs and a rug from the times. We did some filming in the parlor – see if you can find the spot in the DVD when it comes out! They also had a Victorian bedroom set up, complete with a gorgeous quilt on the bed. We didn't do any filming in there. but it was beautiful to look at.



Elaine Pegram, Jeanne Poore, Wava Stoker (standing)

BIOGRAPHY OF KATHY DELANEY



In Kindergarten I “majored” in art. In grade school and high school, I “majored” in art. So it was only natural when I started college I would expect to choose art as my major degree. The only problem seemed to be that I didn't know exactly to what aspect of art I wanted to devote my focus. So my counselor suggested I study art education, this giving me a sampling of art media. Once I'd tried everything – painting, sculpture, printing making, life drawing – I would know better what direction my art would take me. This seemed reasonable to me so in 1968 I entered KU with the plan to find myself in my art!

I never did really find myself. I liked it all. But I think I gravitated to painting because it didn't require the tools sculpture (foundry) and print making (press) required. So for many years after graduation I painted and taught.

Naturally I went through every phase artistically. In the 70's I discovered macramé. Those knots were very therapeutic. In the 80's I discovered needlepoint. I could throw myself into a project and lose myself for hours and hours. I even had a dream for a bit of owning my own needlecraft store, specializing in painted canvases that I would paint.

In 1991 I met my first quilt. Wow! I had been sewing all my life, but never had come across anything like a quilt. I made my first quilt that fall and my second and third by Christmas. And I haven't looked back!

Quilting has taken over my life. Now I write books about quilt making, I give programs and show quilts to groups all over the country and I teach quilt making – I've even taught in Germany. If I'm not making a quilt, I'm teaching or writing or planning.

Quilt making is my passion, my job, my fun and quilting with The Legler Barn Quilters is my grounding. Every Wednesday I'm in town, I look forward to joining the Quilters around the frame and catching up on their lives.



LHS 2008 Directory Updates

New Members

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PO Box 413
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Walter, Paul & Nora
13234 W. 85th St. pw404@earthlink.net
Lenexa, KS 66215

Wishing all our readers a wonderful

THANKSGIVING

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Enjoy Breakfast with LHS

Join us for FOOD and FUN conversation

Where: Hy-Vee, 87th and Pflumm
Time: 9:00 a.m.
When: second Saturday of each month

2008	2009
Nov. 8	Jan. 10 March 14
Dec. 13	Feb. 14 April 11

LHS Monthly Breakfast Reminder

If you would like to receive an email reminder prior to our monthly breakfasts, contact Katie Evans at:

katiesevans@sbcglobal.net or 913-390-5131

Join the Lenexa Historical Society or Renew Your Membership



Lenexa Historical Society Membership Application for Renewals or New Members

Single \$20 Family \$30 Corporate \$250
 Single Life \$200 Family Life \$300 Corporate Life \$2500

Name _____
Authorized person, if corporation _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____
E-Mail _____

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Make checks payable to: Lenexa Historical Society. Thank you!

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*The Lenexa Historical Society is dedicated to
the appreciation, preservation and promotion of
Lenexa's Historical heritage.*

Annual Soup Luncheon

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

at

Lenexa Community Center

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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