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- Craft Workday -
October 21st 9:00-12:00
- Upcoming Meetings -
October 16th
- Festival of Trees -
November 18-19 1:00p -
5:00p
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Festival of Trees

Planning has begun for this year's Festival of Trees event to be held on Saturday, Nov. 18th and Sunday Nov. 19th from 1:00pm - 5:00pm each day at the Historical Village.

This event will feature decorated Christmas trees in all of the Village buildings, bake sale, silent auction, entertainment, popcorn, refreshments and maybe even a visit from Santa.

The public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated tree by placing a cash donation in a bucket next to each tree. The

top three trees collecting the most donations will be

awarded cash prizes of \$25 - 1st place, \$15 - 2nd place and \$10 - 3rd place.

Mary Mattson and her team will once again be helping us by providing the cookie and refreshment table in the Machine Shed.

We are always looking for volunteers so if you want to help out in any way, please contact a committee member.

The 2017 Festival of Trees committee members are: Marla Suter, Bev Jones, Marye Goemaat, Kathleen Smith, Dan Carlson and Ken Six.



Monthly Meeting Schedule

The 3-month trial period for the new meeting schedule has been a success and we will now adopt the new schedule. We will meet once a month on the third Monday of the month from February through Novem-

ber. We will not meet in December and January. The meetings will be held at 7:00p.m. at the Methodist Activity Center on Robinson Street. In October, April and July we will have programs as part of the

meetings.

Our next meeting will be October 16th. A program, "The Reelz Story" will be presented by Dan Carlson.

We will hold elections at the annual meeting on November 20th.

Craft Project Workday and Potluck

We will have a Craft Project Workday at the Village on **Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 to noon** followed by a potluck lunch.

The plan is to make some items that we can offer at the Silent Auction during the Festival of Trees event November 18th & 19th.

The wooden Christmas trees and Christmas presents pictured here are a sample of some of the projects we will be making. We have wood and saws, lets see what we can make!

Bring your ideas, glue guns,

paint, pine cones, jute ribbon, materials for other projects, anything and everything you can think of for

projects that can be finished up in about four hours.

After a morning of creating, we will have a potluck lunch in the Machine Shed.



Come on out! Bring your friends and family and let's see what we can do!!

Knoxville Nationals Pancake Breakfast

Ready, set, go....and then it was over! It was a whirlwind of activity but now another event is in the history books.

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped as much as they were able, we had more than enough help.

The Melcher-Dallas Lions Club pitched right in and helped with everything. What a great team!

Not long before the event started, the chest freezer in the Machine Shed stop working and had to be replaced. Kudos to the Ritchies for noticing and to Dan Carlson, Bev Jones and Carla Huebler for cleaning up the mess and getting a new freezer in place, not a pleasant task.

The Marion County Conservation Board also helped us out by replacing the boards on the two

picnic tables, they look fabulous.

We had the Museum and Village open for tours from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. each day during the event as well. There were a few visitors, one couple coming from as far away as Tokyo, Japan!

THANK YOU!!

Kerosene Iron

We recently received the donation of a Kerosene Iron by Ted Roberts.

Judging from the operating instructions printed on the handle of this iron, the task of ironing with this iron had the potential to be extremely dangerous.

We don't have room to mention every item we receive, but our Curator does provide a monthly report listing all of the items and the donors name.

We have 8 buildings full of some truly unique items and we are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to the collec-



Dr. Theodore “Ted” Winthrop Eller

Dr. Theodore Winthrop “Ted” Eller, age 93, passed away on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Homestead Memory Care Center in Knoxville.

Ted was born in Clarinda, Iowa on August 10, 1924; the son of Dr. Clyde and Myra (Graff) Eller. Ted graduated from Clarinda High School, where he met the love of his life, Caroline Lucille Saner. Following graduation, Ted and Caroline were married. They were blessed with seven children.

Ted began his service in the military during WWII. He completed his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree

at Creighton University in Omaha. Ted moved to Knoxville where he



set up his dental practice in 1951 and served his patients for the next

43 years before retiring in 1994.

Those left to cherish Ted’s memory are his children Dr. Ted Eller, Jr and Wife Dian, Nancy Huss and husband Dale, John Eller and wife Nadene, Kate Nelson and husband Bill, Patty Zahm and husband Mike, and Lucy Giehl and husband Paul; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Ted had a lifelong dedication to community service and social justice. He was a great friend and supporter of the Marion County Historical Society and he will be greatly missed.

Bussey, Iowa Graduating Class 1905

In the archives in the library at the museum are many, many newspaper articles, letters, photos and other precious memories given to the Society by present and former Marion County residents and family members of those resi-



dents. This photo is an example of one of those precious memories.

Pictured here are the six students who made up the graduating class of 1905 from Bussey, Iowa.

In the back row from left to right is Lewis Earp, Don

Bussey and Leland Lytle Dowd.

In the front row from left to right is Dora Rice, Laura Gibbons and Mayme Dieter.

Historical Society Membership

Membership in the Marion County Historical Society is based on the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

Annual Membership dues are \$15 per individual, \$30 per family. Any dues collected after October 1st are credited to the following membership year.

Lifetime memberships are available for \$125 per person.



Membership entitles each member to free admission into the Museum and Village.

The Society currently has approximately 110 members, nearly half of them are lifetime members.

Dues may be sent to MCHS, PO Box 21, Knoxville, 50138 with your name, address, phone and email.



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please check the appropriate line:

____ \$15 for Individual Membership

____ \$30 for Family Membership

____ \$125 for Lifetime Individual Membership

____ My contribution for financial Support

Annual Meeting and Elections

The annual meeting will take place on Monday, November 20th at the Methodist Activity Center beginning at 7:00pm.

The primary focus of this meeting will be to hold the annual elections. Due to a recent by-laws change all board members and officers, will now serve a one-year term so each position will be up for election at each annual meeting.

There will be 8 board seats and 4 officer seats (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) up for election. A full slate of candidates as well as nominations from the floor will be presented at the October meeting so be sure to attend that meeting as well.

To be eligible to serve on the board you must have been a member of the Society for at least 6 months and you must be an active member . Active means that the member has participated in at least two (2) activities in the last year.

Proxy votes will not be accepted so please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Welcome to our two newest members:

Tom Mavin

Dave Garbett