Your help as a member is needed for our Wedding Dress Show on February 14th. We have pulled wedding dresses from our collection to be modeled, but we would really like to add your wedding dress and story to the program. We have a girls cheerleading squad that has volunteered to be the models, True North Spa and Lake View have volunteered to do the models hair.

A lot of people have come forward to help us with this event. Please call and we can chat about your big day!
218-326-6431

Our first model dress-up! These five girls from Greenway came in and tried out the first selection. We had a blast! Iris Jensen, Courtney Holst, Kassidy Olson, Michaela Stram, and Sydney Holst

The volunteers are busy working on the Ordinary People Exhibit for 2015!

We are featuring local artists; Jackie Dingmann, Dodie McNew, Gene Lysaker and Terry Maciej

All four artists are connected in some way to each other through art lessons and projects. The Ordinary People open house will be held on Thursday, February 26th. Members are welcome for a private showing at 4:00 and the public is invited to come in from 5:00-7:00 p.m. As you know this is the one big event we hold every year. It’s our chance to visit with local artists and other ICHS members.
ITASCA GENEALOGY

Genealogy meetings: 1st Thursday of the month, (except for January and July)
6:00 p.m. at the Karjala Genealogy and History Research Center. New and seasoned
genealogists are welcome to come and learn more about how and
where to research your family tree.
Genealogists available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 12:00 to 4:00

New shelving in the Karjala Genealogy
and History Center!

The temporary shelving from the Old Central School was slowly falling apart. They were
never made for the weight of books, but did serve us for the last 2 years. The ICHS Board
of Directors authorized the purchase of new shelving. Richard Lacher, Jeremy, and Jason
Ramey put them together. They are beautiful space savers and easy for us to manage. Make
sure and see the new shelving during the openhouse!

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

November through January

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Carolyn Petersen
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Family Photos
Do you take 3, 4 or 5 generation photos in your family?
Please bring in your families photos, we will digitize it and give it right back to you. We have a piece of your family history and it will be preserved for future generations!

If you are thinking about year-end tax planning, consider gifting appreciated stock to ICHS.
Call 218-326-6431 for more details.
Members and Friends:

It is so much fun to open the mail around here! “I tell people it’s like Christmas every day of the year” Today we received a membership from a past director of ICHS Dorman Lehman. In the envelop was an article from his current home town newspaper detailing a collection of 320 Meeker letters the local history museum has saved from the trash. The Meeker letters were over 145 years old and were an account of the people in the area writing to become a Union Colony. The Meeker letters took over 4 months to open, some were very brittle, and throughout the article it kept saying that they were wearing gloves! Well, we do the same thing here at ICHS. We have each worker wear gloves when dealing with objects and original documents. If you ever travel to Greeley Colorado, stop in and see the collection of the Meeker letters.

This was the first Christmas where we really promoted our gift shop as the “Best Stocking Stuffers in Town”! It was a great hit. We have the newest little items and people said it was like a hidden treasure hunt right her in Grand Rapids.

It’s so sad when a local business has to close, but as Jessica’s Bridal closes its door, we here at the historical society were able to get some mannequins! They will certainly be a great asset to our exhibits.

Stop in at the West end entrance of the Courthouse and see the latest traveling exhibit “Grand Rapids State Bank celebrates 100 years” It is really neat. This picture was not used in the exhibit, it was on the West end of our new building block.

We look forward to members coming to our Wedding Dress Show and Grand Opening of “Ordinary People”!

Lilah J. Crowe

NEW MEMBERS

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ICHS Board of Directors accept a gift from a member

The Penny Machine!
Profit from the machine will go toward our mortgage.

Remember to tell your friends our Museum is FREE!

We just ask people to sign in on the guest book; it helps in gaining support when we go before the County Board and when applying for grants.
New Museum Store
Features local artists and authors. Stop in and see the new gifts and books!

Poachers Caught! By Tom Chapin
1. Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden.
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ICHSA Fundraiser to help pay off our mortgage!

**Wedding Dresses of Yester Year Show & Luncheon**

**Valentine’s Day!**

**February 14, 2015**

11:00 AM  
St. Joseph’s Church Social Hall  
$25.00 per person  
Limited seating for 200

Over 50 dresses will be modeled, and the Grand Rapids North Star Women’s Club will be serving a great lunch!

Tickets available at:
- Brier’s Clothing
- Itasca County Historical Society Gift Shop
- Grand Rapids Paul Bunyan Communication Office
- Reserve with Credit Card at ICHS 218-326-6431