Directors Report
So much is happening here at the society. We are about 25% higher in research requests and our visitor count is averaging 250 people a week.

Our storage is now our main concern as we need to get it moved over soon. We applied for a grant from the Minnesota Legacy and received money for an Engineer to come in here to evaluate the storage space. The Engineer put forward a plan and we are now in the second and third step of the project. I just put in a grant request for $59,100 to the Minnesota Legacy for new equipment in the basement to maintain the humidity and heat. The next step will then be the upper level cooling and heating. A long process, but doing it one step at a time is easier to handle.

We have the best volunteers! They finished the Gettysburg Exhibit, which is now up in our courthouse display area. The new Itasca County 4th of July Celebration Exhibit has been up here, for the month of July. The volunteers are now working on the Barn Again Exhibit.

We were complimented by 2 historical societies in the last 2 weeks about how well done our exhibits are. They both were able to tour the storage area and offered advice on how to improve the storage area. We so enjoyed the Thrivent bus trip and are looking at a possible trip to the Minnesota Historical Society for our members.

Stop in on Volunteer Tuesday for a cup of coffee!

Susie Hickman stopped in the other day and we took a picture of her beside her dad’s famous typewriter! We will soon see his desk as well...

Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS
May—July
EDWARDS LAPLANT
CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY
Larry Johnson
Lisa Rudquist
David & Marilyn Hutchins
Scott & Lisa Maasch
Mike & Sandra Antonovich
Gwenn Smith
Lowell & Judy Pittack
Gilbert & Kathleen Wilson
Joseph Kraker
Dennis & Robin Moon
Dale Christy
Carol Morrill
Jeff LeSarge
Elizabeth Shannon
Donald & Phyllis
Gornowich
Stafford & Julie King
Patricia Verant
Katie Lang: MARY KAY
CONSULTANT
Clara Drotts
Timothy & Lynn Moratzka
Tim & Tina Murphy
Frank & Moreen Anselmo
Sherry Miner

Lilah J. Crowe Executive Director
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

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Featured Item this Quarter:

Fred Forseman is seen here with one of the first pairs of snowshoes that famous Russ Merrill made. What a story to tell about Russ Merrill and all the snowshoes that he designed and made right here locally in Cohasset.

Member Renewals
May—July
Doug & JoEllen Miner
Patricia & James Frey
Jan Mary Hill
Donna Krueger
Cecelia McKeig
John Monty
Delores Bolka
LIBBEY FUNERAL HOME
HAWK CONSTRUCTION
Mona Bernier
SOUTH G.R. DAIRY QUEEN
Sheryl Tverberg
Larke Huntley
Mark Anderson
Jan Munzberg
Will Backes
VILLAGE BOOKSTORE
Ron Shepard
Merton Rima

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Memorials
North Star Grand Rapids Women's Club:
Agnes Landers and Ethel Brady
Jody & JoLynn Crowe: Eleanor Watson
Jean Knowles: John R. Howes
Rowe Funeral Home planted a tree in memory of:
Edith Buttenhoff
Deborah Best, Richard Moore, Jim Marshall:
Katherine “Kitty” Berkeland
Susan Kujala: Edith Mary Schagh
Lilah Crowe: Mitchell Harthan
A special thanks to the volunteer fundraising committee that is diligently working to complete the task of raising money for our new building, proceeds from the hockey sticks will be toward the building; Esther Hietala, Jim Uzelac, Barb Shipka, Roberta Truempler and chair John Zimmerman.

FREE EVENT

Throwback Hockey Thursday!

Thursday
August 15th
5 to 7 pm.

Meet and visit with Olympian: Bill Baker and Mayor of Coleraine: Mike Antonovich. See the Ordinary People Hockey Players; Jon Casey, Mike Peluso, Bill Baker and Mike Antonovich

At Itasca County Historical Society’s new building, formerly the Old Corcoran Supply Business

Purchase a hockey stick signed by all four players only $10.00!

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Here is how you can increase your support for ICHS without spending more money.

Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Thrivent Choice lets members show their care for our community. Congregations and nonprofit organizations in Itasca and Koochiching County have now received more than $139,756 through the Thrivent Choice Dollars® program since its inception in July 2010. Approximately 35 nonprofit organizations in Itasca & Koochiching County have benefited from the good will of Thrivent Financial members.

The program allows eligible Thrivent Financial for Lutherans’ members to recommend how a portion of Thrivent Financials charitable funds are distributed. Nationwide, over $50 million in funding was distributed to more than 20,000 congregations and non-profit organizations through the program in 2012. About $120 million has been distributed since the program began in 2010.

“Seeing our members have a say about how charitable dollars are given in their communities is so rewarding,” said Brad Nelson, Financial Associate serving Grand Rapids, MN “The stories about how Thrivent Choice Dollars® have made a difference in the lives of our community members, churches and nonprofits really validate the program’s continued success.”

Thrivent Choice is one of many ways that Thrivent Financial gives back.

To learn more about the Thrivent Choice® program, visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Other common strategies for leveraging your charitable inclination:

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**
- Gifting highly appreciated assets to charity
- Using life insurance for charitable giving
- **Tax-Deductible Charitable Gifts**
- **Charitable Gift Annuities**

For more information about applying these strategies in your financial plan, we recommend you contact Brad Nelson or Benjamin Weerts at the Crossings Group of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans at 218-326-0068 across the street from the old Kramer’s location.

JoAnn Frick was one of the hosts of our bus trip with Thrivent Financial. We toured the Charles Lindberg Museum and attended the Jasper’s Family Theater in Park Rapids and finished the day out by eating at La Pasta, an Italian Restaurant in Dorset. JoAnn and the Crossings Group created a way for us to raise $320.00 for our building. Each person was given a selection of non-profits organizations they wanted their deposit to go, and we had 7 people donate to ICHS.
New Museum Store
Features local artists and authors. Stop in and see the new gifts and books!

The Good Old Days
$7.95

Hide and Seek with Zeke
$10.00

Logging Town
$6.95

Volumes 1-8
Ask for prices

The case of Couch and Meredith
$14.95

Voices of Pokegama
$14.95

Our Story
$6.95

History of Arbo Township
$12.00

Save on shipping and handling by stopping in at the Museum Store

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Shipping & Handling $8.00
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We just got in the Tom Chapin Books:
Poachers Caught!
1. Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden.
2. Further Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden

Call 218-326-6431 and reserve your BOOKS!
Classes this Fall!

3—Beginner Genealogy Classes
September 24, October 1, and October 8th

2—Intermediate Genealogy Classes
September 26th, and October 10th

Preserving Your Family Treasure
Part I: Photos and Documents, October 21
Part II: Metals and Fabrics, October 29th
Part III: Create Memory Box, November 5th

Register with Community Education at www.getlearning.org
All classes limited to 10 people/$20.00 per person.
Classes are held right here at ICHS.