

# Kandiyohi County Historical Society

## Calendar of Events

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### Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Historical Society Events:

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*The Tenney Quilt: Program and Book Signing by Ms. Heidi Haagenson*  
**Saturday, April 25, 2009 ~ 2:00 p.m.**

At the turn of the century, in a small railroad town built in the agricultural boom of the Red River Valley, the women of Tenney, Minnesota had their own stories to tell. In *The Tenney Quilt*, Haagenson gives voice to women whose only means of chronicling their lives and histories were a needle and thread. Ms. Haagenson will share the Tenney Quilt stories at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Autographed copies of *The Tenney Quilt* book will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

#### *Archaeological Breakthroughs Radically Re-Writing American Prehistory*

**Saturday, May 16, 2009 ~ 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

In honor of Minnesota Archaeology Week (May 10-May 16, 2009) the Kandiyohi County Historical Society is pleased to have Frank Joseph as our guest speaker. Joseph will speak on May 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. on some very interesting topics... What, for example, was revealed by a five-year project tracing the DNA lineage of every native people in North America? What have archeo-astronomers uncovered at the earthworks of St. Paul's Mounds Park? What are the disturbing implications of a 15,000-year-old flint manufacturing site in Minnesota? More controversial still, what was disclosed by geological testing of the notorious Kensington Rune Stone?

These are some of the questions Frank Joseph tackles in his presentation describing the latest archaeological discoveries that are radically re-writing American prehistory.

#### *"Mad Hatter's Tea" ~ Fifth Annual Tea at the Sperry House*

**Friday, June 12, 2009 ~ 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.**

The fifth annual "Tea at the Sperry House" will be held Friday, June 12, 2009, serving at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. A variety of tea and authentic treats made from century-old recipes will be served. Themed "Mad Hatter's Tea" guests are encouraged to wear silly, crazy, and unique hats. If guests do not own hats, KCHS has a variety of hats visitors could



borrow and wear for the day.

Cost is \$16 per person (adults only), with proceeds to benefit KCHS. Only 16 people will be served for each of the two teas, so reservations will fill quickly! Stop at the KCHS museum to register or call 320-235-1881.

## *Swedish Institute ~ Bus Trip*

**Thursday, July 30, 2009**

Step into the heart of Swedish America. The American Swedish Institute is a historic house, museum, and cultural center located near downtown Minneapolis. The 33-room mansion is a fine example of early 20th century chateausque architecture. Graced with a majestic two-story grand hall, carved stone and woodwork, sculpted ceilings, and eleven floor-to-ceiling *kakelugnar* (Swedish porcelain tile stoves), the mansion is now a blend of period rooms and exhibit galleries.

A smorgasbord, all you can eat buffet is included in the ticket price. “This classic three-course Swedish buffet is our most popular package. Start with an assortment of Swedish breads and cheeses, caviar cream eggs, two varieties of herring, and pickled beets. Continue with potato sausage rounds served with sweet mustard, peas, dilled potatoes, and of course, Swedish meatballs! For dessert, enjoy rice pudding with lingonberries, accompanied by **pepparkakor**, the traditional Swedish ginger cookie. Served with **saft** (berry juice), water, and coffee.”

<http://www.americanswedishinst.org/ASI/Home.html>

### **Tentative Schedule:**

8:45 a.m. – Depart from KCHS parking lot

11:00 a.m. – Tour Turnblad Mansion & Musuem exhibits

12:00 p.m. – Smorgasbord Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Program “Immigrant Trunk”

2:00 p.m. – Shopping time

2:30 p.m. – Depart for Willmar

4:30 p.m. – Arrive at KCHS

Tickets are \$55 per person, which includes tour of the Turnblad Mansion, Smorgasbord all you can eat lunch, and Immigrant Trunk program. Please call 320.235.1881 in advance to reserve your ticket. Reservations must be paid by July 24, 2009.

## *Picture the Past Photo Contest*

**April 15, 2009-May 29, 2009**

Win cash for your photograph of the “best of Kandiyohi County!” Winning photos will be turned into postcards!

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610 Highway 71 NE

Willmar, MN 56201



Photographs may include, but are not limited to, historic sites (i.e. Guri Endreson cabin, Locomotive #2523, Sperry House), outdoor scenes (i.e. Sibley State Park), street scenes (downtown areas), celebrations (Spicer is Nicer), cultural events (Cinco de Mayo), landmarks (Chief Kandiyohi).

Photographs may be old, new, color, or black and white.

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100.<sup>00</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$75.<sup>00</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50.<sup>00</sup>

Submit your entry (limit of 3 photographs per household) online or mail to them with completed entry form to the address below. If entrants are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the entry form. Photos must be received by May 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

For complete contest rules and guidelines, go to the Kandiyohi County Historical Society (KCHS) website at [www.kandimuseum.com](http://www.kandimuseum.com), contact Andria Carlson at the KCHS at 320-235-1881, or send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the address below.

