

YESTERDAY & TODAY

“Life holds more meaning when the past ties into the Present—When this happens one gains assurance that the Present will also tie into the Future—Author Unknown

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Museum Musings by Karin Woodson

“All around the cobbler’s bench the money chased the weasel..”

There are few cobblers or shoemakers to be found in today’s communities yet they were very important in early times. And the weasel of that nursery song was a device used to measure thread length. There are tools and shoes of all description in the museum, as well as a selection of last’s—both wooden and metal, large and small. Leather punches, awls and a weasel are here as well as accessories such as spats and buckles. All the shoes seem to be of very small sizes probably not worn much or outgrown early.

The sleigh trips from the last letter would have involved 1 to ½ hours to Marshall and at least 2 or 3 hours to Piattsville depending on the snow conditions and the load in the sleigh. There is a sleigh runner to fit the axle of a cart or wagon on display at the museum—perhaps and early “snow tire”.

Repairs are still in progress, and spring cleaning is in the works. Hope to have the flag out front and doors open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday as soon as possible. Please consider participating in this year’s events. The annual meeting dinner, the ice cream social, the pitch-in at the log cabin, a special exhibit of hand-bags and maybe some surprises at the museum.

I look forward to greeting the membership and visitors at the museum.

The Annual Meeting Dinner

The annual meeting and dinner will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Hall. The cost is \$12.00 per person to be paid at the door. Please make your reservations by Friday, April 17th by calling the Rockville Public Library at 765-569-5544. If you have not paid your 2009 dues, they can be paid at this time.

Message from the President

Hi, everyone! Well, maple syrup season is over, so that can only mean spring has arrived. Doesn't mean the last cold weather has left us, but it does mean the warm sun of summer will soon be shining down on us. Sounds good to me.

Ted Osborn has agreed to give a presentation on Tex Terry for our annual meeting, and I'm excited to see what he'll bring for us. He is the authority on Tex Terry and his career in the Westerns, and I'm looking forward to seeing his collection.

Renovation and repairs to the museum have been completed, and we should be on schedule to open for another season. The log cabin survived winter in excellent shape and is ready to go as well. The tree man should have the two trees down that we agreed upon last year, and I believe the gardeners are going to spruce us up again. I love spring! New life...new beginnings...new directions.

Hope you all wintered well. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!