

# Important mailings coming from DCHS

DCHS members, please watch your mail for important correspondence from the historical society.

Later this month, we will send out information about by-law changes that need to be approved by members. Last winter the bylaws committee spent many hours modifying our Constitution and by-laws, which had not been updated for several years. Many changes were needed, and in early spring of 2022 members were given the opportunity to vote on changes to the Constitution and half of the by-

laws. It was a lot of information for people to digest, and we opted to present half of it in 2022 and the rest in 2023. Now it's time to vote on the rest of the changes.

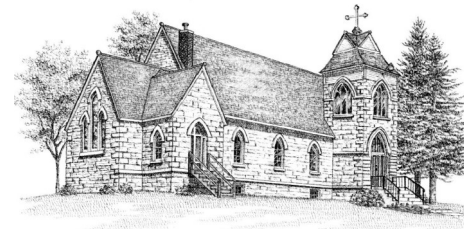
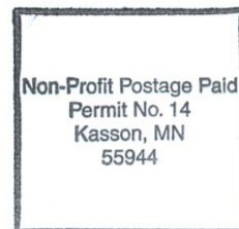
The Board of Directors election is coming up in the spring as well, and we will be using the mail-in process that started during the pandemic. We used it for two years, and have found that we get much better participation from our members than we did when voting was done in person.

Anyone interested in becoming a director should email

[dodgecountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dodgecountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). The Board of Directors is made up of seven members who meet for a monthly meeting as well as taking on many volunteer responsibilities to ensure that our organization fulfills its purposes of protecting and promoting our local history. Two positions are open for election this year.

Our annual meeting will be an in-person meeting this spring, and we're looking forward to getting together with our members. Watch for details, and make plans to join us to celebrate our local roots.

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News from the Dodge County Historical Society

Winter 2023

## New year brings much to do at historical society

We are looking forward to 2023, with several important tasks and events on the horizon.

This winter we hope to complete our garment restoration project, which has been ongoing since 2018.

We are making arrangements to have an intern at the museum again this year.

Our Native American Dugout Canoe exhibit will be completed, along with other updates at the museum.

Research training and projects, including local history and family genealogy, will continue. If you have questions about our county's history, bring them to us.

A team of dedicated researchers is updating our Century Farm Family book for us, which we

greatly appreciate.

We will have new exhibits at the Log Cabin during the Dodge County Fair.

The Second Annual Tractor Show and Garden Party in Wasioja will be July 30.

The museum will have regular open hours from May to October. It is open by appointment at other times of the year. Email the museum at [dodgecountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dodgecountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) a few days in advance so someone can be there.



St. Nicholas performed the service at the Wasioja Church on Dec. 11. He also told stories at the open house. See more photos from Christmas in Wasioja inside.

## Board Members

Jean Bartel, President  
 Nan Babcock, Vice President  
 Lois Hancock, Secretary  
 Tom Gall, Treasurer  
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## Hours

By appointment only through May. Please contact us 48 hours in advance if you want to make an appointment to come in. We will do our best to accommodate you.

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Enter Dodge County Historical Society as your recipient at Amazon Smiles.

## Website

<https://dodgecountyhistorical.mn/>

## Moving?

Please contact the society if your address or email has changed.

*The mission of the Dodge County Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Dodge County in relation to the history of the state of Minnesota.*

# November, December were busy months at your historical society

We ended Dodge County Historical Society's 2022 with a flourish. Researchers made significant progress on projects and the museum was open to visitors during Mantorville's Fall Fest. In November we started preparing for our Christmas events in Wasioja.

With the assistance of dozens of volunteers who worked hundreds of hours organizing, baking and decorating, we showcased the Wasioja neighborhood with two days of Christmas events at the

Creamery and our traditional Christmas service at the Wasioja Church Dec. 10 and 11. Our events were well-attended, many generous donations were made, and our baked goods and other tasty treats were very well-received.

We thank everyone who helped with the volunteer tasks, who attended and who took the time to enjoy the seasonal traditions of decorations, food, faith, fellowship and giving.



**Julie French and Barb Loquai volunteered at the Christmas Candlelight Service at the Wasioja Church. Below, visitors enjoyed refreshments at the Wasioja Creamery on Dec. 11.**



# Thank you to our donors

Thank you for your generous donations to the Dodge County Historical Society. We have expenses involved with preserving and presenting Dodge County history, and we couldn't continue our activities without your support. Please remember us in your estate planning and in memorials for loved ones. These donors contributed from July 1 through Dec. 31, 2022.

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**At left, Levi Livingood plays piano at the church service. At right, Catherine Eayers signed her book, *The Berne Church Rooted and Grounded in Love*. DCHS has three copies for sale.**

