



STEARNS
HISTORY
MUSEUM

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Connecting People Through the
Power of History and Culture*

ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP

As an annual sponsor for the Stearns History Museum, your donation will support:



EXHIBITS & THREE DIMENSIONAL COLLECTIONS

2023 brings a new exhibit to the main gallery, "The Paths We Walk". This 1,200 square foot exhibit highlights transportation and its role in shaping our county and its people. The Pioneer Settlers Association, founded 150 year ago, were the first European immigrants in this area to purposefully gather history. Your support of this exhibit will help connect the impact of their past on our shared future. From the native American and ox cart trails, to horse-drawn carriages and sleighs, to trains and automobiles, the exhibit will weave our collective store of movement through this place we call home.

TOTAL COST: \$14,500



ADDITIONAL

EXHIBITS & THREE DIMENSIONAL COLLECTIONS

Summer barn raising:

An 1890s barn is part of the museum's permanent collection and has been stored in pieces for more than two decades. In the summer of 2023, the barn will be raised outside once again, creating space for summer programming and allowing visitors to watch the process used to construct these buildings.

Cost: \$5,000
(labor and materials)

Crazy quilts:

This exhibit features the work of the earliest women to live in Stearns County as well as that of their descendents. Hands on kids activities will be part of this space.

Printing & banners
Costs: \$350

Firetruck Restoration:

Our 1929 Ahrens-Fox truck has a cracked cylinder that needs repair. This is work, requires fabrication. The firetruck is a favorite in parades in Stearns County.

Cost: \$15,000





PROGRAMS

More than 50 programs and events happen each year at the Stearns History Museum and your annual sponsorship can support them all!

Recurring Programs:

Breakfast Club (6 sessions)

Cemetery Tour

Escape Room

Exploring History & Culture Series

A partnership with Benton, Morrison, & Sherburne County

Historic Harvest Fest

History Outdoors (4 sessions)

Hops & History (3 sessions)

Minnesota Voices Book Club (3 sessions)

A partnership with the Great River Regional Libraries

Pop-up Programs

Whippersnapper Hour (4 sessions)

WWII Living History & Hangar Dance

New in 2023:

Sweetheart Swing Dance

Snooky's Pub Crawl

Total: \$28,100

SPECIAL EVENT

LIVING MEMORY

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Old Settlers Association

Rolling Ridge Event Center

St. Joseph, MN

Thursday May 18 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Join SHM for a night of artifacts, photos, and stories of the first families to gather history for the next generation. Watch local makers demonstrate crafts of the past as you enjoy the ambiance of a century farm in the springtime.

Cost: \$15,000



RESEARCH CENTER & ARCHIVES

The Research Center & Archives house two-dimensional artifacts and biographical and business files. More than 700,000 photographs and 2,000 oral histories are part of this collection.

Our Research Center staff assists the public in finding their ancestors, building and business histories, and other topics related to Stearns County history.

Several recurring costs allow the Research Center to function efficiently, including:

Annual subscription to Ancestry.com, accessible to all members on site free of charge

Online library and archival catalogs, allowing members to search more than 20,000 records

Archival boxes and folders

Scanning software

Microfilm reader maintenance

Cloud storage for collection record

Online store for photo and research request orders

Century Farm Program

Total: \$15,000



Last year, the staff in the research center assisted with:

4,300 electronic research requests

721 walk-in patrons

120 electronic orders for family & business photos, records & ephemera

TOP 10 ANNUAL COSTS

- Plaza & fountain maintenance | \$1,000
- Historic manger scene care and installation | \$1,500
- Garden supplies and care | \$2,500
- Boxes and mounts for collections storage | \$3,000
- 3-dimensional collection catalog | \$250 per month (\$3,000)
- Donor management system | \$260 per month \$3,120
- Printing costs | \$350/month (\$4,200 total)
- Tech replacement | \$2,500 per computer (2 each year)
- Cloud storage | \$1,000 per month (\$12,000)
- Crossings magazine | \$5,000 quarterly (\$20,000)

Want to learn more?

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