



# 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:



Online library & archives catalog **721** 

Patrons visiting the library in person

12

Annual subscription to Ancestry.com

120

Orders for photos, records & ephemera



Revival of pollinator & native grasses gardens

50+

Programs, events & videos

2,000

Children reached through tours & family programs

3+

Traveling & changing exhibits 30,000

3D artifacts persevered

700,000

Photographs preserved

**65** 

Moonshiners tried to escape in our escape room

4,300

Electronic research requests

03

Harvest from the Victory Garden

5,000+

Reached with programs, events & videos



Quarterly publication of Crossings



# 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** 



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#### **ADDITIONAL**

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### 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:**

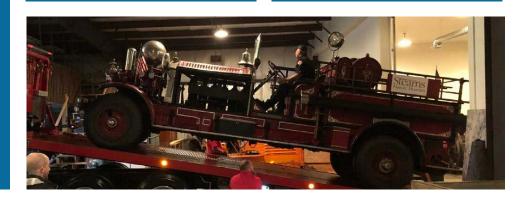
This exhibit features the work of the earliest women to live in Stearns County as well as that of their descendents. Hands on kids activities will be part of this space.

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

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#### 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 requests721 walk-in patrons

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

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# 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?

Contact Amy today!

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