

Society Page



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Mandan Historical

Celebrate Our Heritage Home Tour Sunday November 22 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



As part of the opening weekend for Mandan's downtown Christmas Season celebration, three Mandan historical homes will also be open for tours. The event, a fundraiser for the Society, will cost \$5 each for one home or \$10 for all three homes. See our website or call 527-0277 for details.

Tickets available at the door.

Our Beanery Building museum space at 411 W Main St will be open as well.

Annual Meeting & Board Elections

Thursday November 12

The 2009 annual meeting will be held at the Mandan Moose Club starting with social hour at 5:30 and the meal served at 6:00 pm and program at 7:00 pm. The Old Red Trail Association will recap efforts to have Old Highway 10 designated a "Scenic Byway" from Mandan to Dickinson.

All members are encouraged to bring along an artifact that is either "old or interesting" and share its story with one another.

This event is limited to paid Society members. New and renewal memberships will be taken at the door. A membership renewal is also enclosed in this newsletter. Cost for the dinner will be an additional \$12.50 per person. **RSVP by November 9.** Every member is encouraged to attend.

Elections

3 Officers & 3 At-Large Board Members

Bill Schott is seeking the position of Vice President - Membership and David Kroll is seeking re-election as Vice President - Programing. Melanie Bernier has volunteered to serve a two year term as Secretary. The Nominations Committee has also placed on the ballot the folloiwng to fill the Board for the open "at large seats" Robert Porter, Walton Russell and Kathleen Spilman. All three are currently serving on the Board.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Individual, business and life members will be allowed one (1) vote. Family memberships will be granted two (2) votes.

Membership Renewal Notices

Enclosed with this newsletter for all non-business members is your membership renewal form. Please continue to support the programs of the Society with your paid membership. The RSVP for the annual membership dinner/meeting may also be indicated on the form.

Strategic Direction - Programing

Directors have placed on the general membership meeting an open discussion on several topics critical to the programing and deployment of resources by the Society.

The discussion will outlining trade-offs and recourse commitments of continuing museum operation at the current location, moving to a smaller or larger downtown location or retasking to concentrate on non-museum based projects.

Please join us at the November 12 meeting and let your voice be heard.

In the News - 1920s Fire Truck

The Mandan News has run two recent articles rusted hull of the pumper and hose truck used by the Mandan Fire Department in the 1920s in a salvage yard in California. The article can be viewed on the web at <http://mandan-news.com/2009/09/old-mandan-fire-truck-found/>

The MHSoc Directors discussed the possibility of pursuing restoration of the item at the last two Board Meetings. Board members Bryen Birkholz and David Kroll are canvassing area businesses and other interested parties to gauge support for a possible multi-year restoration effort.

The discussion will continue at the annual MHSoc general membership meeting on November 12. If you have expertise or resources to donate to a restoration effort - email your contact info to fire-engine@mandanhistory.org.

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