



HERITAGE GROUP NORTH

HGN is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to preserving community history and identity through various projects, programs, and displays. Among HGN's most visible works are the restored railroad depot, the caboose, the historic fire-engine display, and HGN's walking tours. If you enjoy history and are supportive of community development, please consider donating or joining HGN. The modest dues are \$10 a year (\$20 family) for general membership. HGN also seeks volunteers.

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Annette Houg: Editor

SNOW, SNOW, GO AWAY! MINNESOTANS WANT TO PLAY!

The winter of 2019 is going to go down in history with all the snow that fell, accumulated and had to be plowed and shoveled. Here are a few old photos to remind us of other times.....



A winter street scene on Barclay Avenue in 1936. Besides lots of snow the mercury hit 50 degrees below zero according to some reports. The summer of 1936 brought a real heat wave the week of July 9-15.

Come see us at the Pine River Historical Depot!



Winter 2019 – making sure the snow will be gone by summer!

Open this summer on these dates:

June 8, 22, 29, July 13, 27, Aug 10, 24 and Sept 7
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Watch for our special events and additional opening dates!

For a personal or group tour of the depot
contact Denny Houg at 320-492-1357
or email heritagegroupnorth@yahoo.com

NEW Displays this summer! You will be able to see movie and other equipment used in the Marlowe Theater! Also, slide shows of various photo collections, printed photos made from the glass plates of Glen Glover and much more!! We are excited!

Heritage Group North event being planned for July 25, 2019

This year's "Lost Pine River" event will be "The Pine River Creamery, a tribute to Pine River's dairy industry". We are again asking for your help. Any historical creamery items, milk can numbers, butter fat slips, milk check slips or a menu from a customer appreciation lunch are a few items we would love to display. Anything else anyone has connected to the early years of the Pine River dairy industry or written stories would be welcomed also. **There are a couple ways of participating; by gifting items directly to Heritage Group North or by loaning items at the time of the event. Please email: heritagegroupnorth@yahoo.com or contact Bev Kramp 218-587-4899**



August 23, 1940

We will also have the annual "Tea at the Station" September 5, 2019

Soon to be announced: Masked Ball (November)

Parade of Lights in December

Watch our Facebook page and Pine River Chamber website for updates

EDITORIAL BY Annette Houg

What fun it is to look at old photos! Recently we have been working on scanning slides and negatives provided by Keith Farnam, from Lewis Farnam's collection, negatives from Karen Houg Gerrard, from Kenneth Houg's collection and identifying classroom information on slides that were donated a few years ago by the Filibeck family. Dan Rohr scanned in a box full of papers related to his grandfather, John Rohr.

Still to do, Henry Kramp has a mountain of old, old negatives to be scanned in and identified.

As you can imagine, this is a lot of work. If you have old photos that are historic to Pine River, we are always interested. The best way to make these usable is if you can identify the people, place, year, etc. prior to donating to HGN.



Who remembers ??



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FUND RAISER for Pine Ridge Cemetery and Heritage Group North's Caboose

This July, we are teaming with Northern Bedrock who will help to make needed repairs both with Heritage Group North and the Pine Ridge Cemetery Board. We are raising money for Heritage Group North to assist with the restoration and undercarriage repair of the 1887 caboose. Also raising funds for Pine River Cemetery restoration of headstones and grave sights. If you can help even a little, please write your check payable HGN & mail it to Heritage Group North, P.O. Box 266, Pine River, MN 56474. Be sure to indicate which project you wish to support. We are excited to be a part of this joint community effort!

Information Request – submitted by Alan Johnson



Heritage Group North, Inc. is embarking on a new major project. It involves the Abe White Farmstead, which is located about one block from HGN's historic Pine River Railway Depot. Owners of this property, subsequent to Abe, include Lloyd Watters, James Filibeck, Fred Weis, and currently Paul and Lynn Hunt.

HGN has contracted MacDonald and Mach to research the history of this farmstead to see if it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The farmstead is comprised of a barn, farmhouse, smokehouse, and Monitor chicken house, all believed to be built around 1909. Abe White was the depot agent for many years, which provides a nice tie-in to the historic depot.

Paul and Lynn Hunt have offered to donate the barn, smokehouse and chicken house to HGN if it is designated eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and if the project will benefit the community and be a complimentary addition to a planned residential development under consideration by Hunt Utility Group.

HGN would appreciate any information about this farmstead and the Abe White family or any of its' past owners. If you have photographs, newspaper articles, personal knowledge, contact information for prior owners, or anecdotal stories, etc., please contact Alan Johnson, Project Director (218-851-4441), Dennis Houg, President (320-492-1357), or email Heritagegroupnorth@yahoo.com.

Many of you have already sent in your 2019 membership dues. We greatly appreciate your support and donations. It is you, our members and supporters that enable us to continue to protect and share local Pine River history!

HGN 2019 MEMBERSHIP

To join or renew your membership:

NAME(s) _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Annual Fee is \$10.00 per person, \$20 per family

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ ADDITIONAL DONATION (strictly optional) _____

Mail / Make Checks Payable To:
Heritage Group North, Inc.
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Pine River, MN 56474-0266

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See your personal financial advisor or tax preparer for how you can donate to Heritage Group North!

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