



Crawford County Historical Society

OUR MUSEUM NEEDS A FACELIFT

• 2011

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COME AND VISIT

The Crawford County Historical Museum is admission free. We operate on a donation basis and our docents are all volunteers. The museum is available for private tours by pre-arranged appointments for any size group or school class.

Our goal for 2011 is to give our beautiful 1882 building a complete facelift on the exterior. As any of you know who frequent our museum, it is in desperate need of restoration. The board members have been researching various means of obtaining funds for the project and creating a new marketing campaign. Our estimated need is for at least \$60,000 to remove the lead base paint and repair rotted wood where needed.

We know all of you who treasure our wonderful collection of historical objects and data would not want our building to be destroyed due to lack of attention.

We are hoping to obtain grants from some outside sources but it will still be necessary for the citizens of Crawford

County to help us to reach our goal and to be able to retain this precious piece of our heritage

The museum will open this year starting on the Wednesday after Memorial Day weekend from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. We have hundreds of visitors each summer who are always impressed with the extent of our collection and the care that has been taken to maintain that collection.

Please help us in any way you can, by renewing your membership to the CCHS, or becoming a new member, offering to volunteer so we can extend our visiting hours for 2011 or writing a check to the CCHS for a generous donation.

Please see the reverse side of this sheet for membership and donation information.

We are working on some exciting new exhibits for the museum which will be unveiled this summer. Also, there will be a special event to show off the newly restored 1880's logging sled that Grayling resident and museum volunteer Joe Duran has been so diligently working on for the last several years.

Our gift shop area has been redesigned and has a number of wonderful new items for men, women and children of all ages. There will also be some special sale items offered at the opening in the spring.

Give yourself or your visiting guests a unique treat. Bring them on a tour of our museum, see the caboose, the old school house building that houses the Crawford County Military history and more.

NOVEMBER 2010 CHRISTMAS WALK AT THE MUSEUM



Thanks to Rosemary and Wayne Nelson the Museum portion of the Christmas Walk was a complete success. Thank you also to the many ladies who baked cookies for our guests at the November 20, 2010 event.

Rita Collis and Ginger Lyons

assisted the Nelson's in dressing the museum out in a festive nature. It's this type of cooperation that makes every event a success.

Friday evening the museum also hosted a preview for the merchants. All who attended enjoyed catered treats. Ernie

Dawson out did himself with planning for this wonderful community event., again this year.

Guests shopped the museum gift shop. We had inquiries about volunteering and most of all much praise for our terrific historical museum.

GIFT OF ANTIQUE PUMP ORGAN

Our museum received a special gift of a beautiful antique pump organ from Mrs. Darlene Van Dale of South Branch Township in October 2010. The organ retains its original finish and was lovingly cared for. Please come by and view it when the museum opens in the spring.

Thank you Mrs. Van Dale for calling the museum with your generous offer of this item. The organ is fully functional and has beautiful tone.

We are in need of a stool for the organ so if you happen to have a round organ stool around the house please consider donating it to the museum.

Our museum only exists due to the generosity of the residents of Crawford County that have donated photos, documents and other items of their families histories or early Crawford County. Please remember the museum when it comes time to clean out the attic and you discover photos or other items that should be preserved for future generations. Even if you do not want to part with photos or documents we would love the opportunity to view the items and with your permission carefully photo copy them and return the originals to you.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011 AT THE GRAYLING CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your 2011 dues are good through April 2012

Membership:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$100.00 One Lifetime Membership

\$100 Memorial Plaque (one or two names can be inscribed) and is displayed in museum lobby. The memorial can be done in memory of a loved one or as a special occasion gift or with your own name.

Please make checks payable to :

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