



# Seward County Historical Society

## News Letter

July 2011

### From the Prez

Friends, I am so pleased to be the President of SCHS. It's been such a joy to see our membership grow every month. The Newsletter is "Top Rate" ! The website gets better all the time also. Take note, in this letter, all of the upcoming events. There are many current and upcoming improvements in the grounds and buildings that are a great benefit to all of us. As the Board of Directors conduct "Business" of the....well business side of the Society. It is still your Organization, your Museum and your Responsibility to see to it that we are doing a good job. We want to hear from you, hear your input, and see you at the wonderful events. I'm looking forward to meeting and visiting with many you in the months to come.

**Lynn Reinmiller, President**

### **ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE SEWARD COUNTY MUSEUM;**

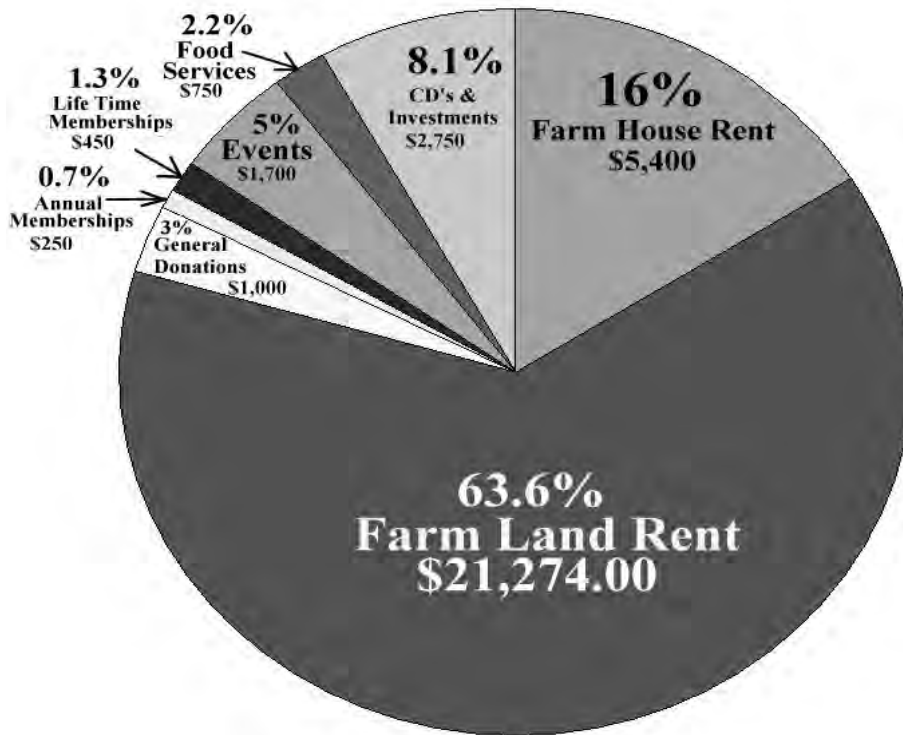
The Seward County Historical Society will be holding their second annual Fun Day at the Goehner Museum on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be activities and games for all ages -- men, women and children. There will be a scavenger hunt, time to tour the museum, the Victorian House and the District 64 School house. Also there will be refreshments including hot dogs, chips, beans and drink plus a dessert. There will be a free will offering for the lunch. The train will be running from 1:30 till 4:00. We invite all families to come and enjoy a fun afternoon at the museum. (See Poster on Page #7)

**Jean Kolterman, Secretary**

### **Treasurer Report:**

What you see here is the projected income for the Society in 2011. If you add it all together you get a grand total of \$33,774.00. That may appear to you as a pretty nice amount. However remember last month I showed you that just to keep the Museum running we will expense out about \$22,250.00, the remaining \$10,500.00 will cover items from the Restroom up grades in the main building, newsletter costs, tree removal from the grounds and just general maintenance of the facilities either at the Museum or at the Farm as well as some will be put aside, invested for other projects.

# Projected Income for 2011



This all said, the most important investment anyone can make is just plain volunteering, your time. Your time spent at the Museum on anything from filing, simple cleaning, weeding, and painting and so on goes further as well as has a greater impact than your dues. We now have a scheduled workday of the Third Saturday of the Month. During this time we work on projects in the general up keep category. A project list is kept on the table in the office of things to work on. If this day does not work out and you have a Thursday afternoon open stop by then and pitch in. Remember this society is only as good as the members that make it up.

**Jim Culver, Treasurer**

## **Buildings and Grounds Report**

In the month of June we upgraded the Society spraying equipment and made an application of low-vol 2-4-D to help cut down the broad leaf problems on the grounds. In the last week of June Goldsmith Tree service removed dead and dying trees from the grounds. This will be a yearly project as the pine trees die out. Starting in August this year we will start a tree planting program to fill in the gaps. Anyone interest in helping out on that let me know. As it stands now White Pines and American Lindy's trees appear to be our best bet for replacements in the windbreaks. Speaking of the windbreaks on the coming work days we sure could use a hand in trimming and thinning out the tree lines. The bushes along the front of the Museum are in need of the annual trimming as are the bushes in front of the house.

Shirley took the screen door to Seward Lumber to get the screen put back in it and when it returns to the museum it will need to be hung back on the front door of the House.

There are several shingles missing from the school house, I am in the process of getting a cost to repair this.

## **Buildings and Grounds Chair, Jim Culver**

### **Hi Folks!!**

Continuing on with the Vets display, just added two new books that Bob Culver, wrote on his service, June 24th, 1944 through August 1945. Serving aboard a destroyer, USS Samuel N. Moore DD747.

We also have files on towns of Seward County. They contain information and pictures of business, eating places, Courthouse, Concordia College and car dealership present and in the past. Towns that are still active and some no longer exist. Doing research, becomes very interesting. The List of Towns that we have are Beaver Crossing, Bee, Camden, Carlisle, Cordova, Garland, Germantown, Glendale, Goehner, Greenville, Groveland, Grover, Hartford, Hartman, Hunkins, Layfayette, Leahey, Marysville, Milford, Neldon, Norval, Oakgrove, Orton, Ost, Pittsburg, Pleasantdale, Ruby, Seward, Staplehurst, Success, Tamora, Unitt, Utica, Weldon, West Mills, Wickoff, Greenwood, Hickmanville, Nichalsville. Some of these we have information on while others we do not have anything or just a little.

We also have Historical Markers in Nebraska. One is Susannah Loose Sloniker, Daughter of the Revolution, she was born August 28, 1803 in West Moreland County Pennsylvania and died May 16, 1877 in Seward County. Marker placed June 14, 1908 by the Seward DAR Chapter in the North Cemetery in 1866.

At Milford a marker has been placed short time back in their City Park.

A Civil War plaque in the Courthouse square at Seward. The Memorial was erected in 1924 by the Grand Army of the Republic.

At Council Oak, five miles southeast of Milford, there is a native boulder with bronze plaque by Crete Chapter of the DAR, to mark an old oak tree, a spring, and an Indian Trail used by the Pawnees. Under this tree the Indians held many council meetings.

All of these are all listed in Seward County. Seward County has a lot to see and do research on. The town of Camden in 1864, had the first Seward County School House. At Camden, on "River Road" between Crete and Milford is a boulder with a bronze plaque, which marks the site of the Oregon Trail Cut off from Nebraska City to Fort Kearney in 1861.

Stop and spend a day at the museum, and you can also enjoy the café down town after your visit to the library

**Joan Kennel, Librarian**

**Membership;**

We sincerely welcome new Life Members, **Suzanne Kolterman** of Seward, **Ted Phillips** of Beaver Crossing and Annual Members **Mark Dietel** of Lincoln, **Beth A. Lee**, Lubbock, Texas to the Society.

At the present time, the membership roster consists of: **81** Life Members, **1** Contributing Member, and **25** Annual Memberships. We are continuing to audit the records, to verify that they are correct and current. We need some **real ideas** on how to increase our membership, **What are your thoughts????**

Are you **JUST** a member or an **ACTIVE** member?? The **ACTIVE** list consists of the Society’s Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Volunteers. They are changing the Society’s image from “The Best Kept Secret in Seward County” to a very vibrant and integrated part of Seward County. The following are areas that **YOU** can contribute your time and efforts to: “Quarterly meetings”, “Annual Family Fun at the Museum Day”, “Displays”, “Library”, “Membership”, “News Letter”, “Building & Grounds”, and many others. To be an **ACTIVE** member, contact **YOUR** Society at **1-(402) 523-4055** or email [officers@sewardcountymuseum.org](mailto:officers@sewardcountymuseum.org) and let them know the area you would like to be a part of. If not a member, **Join** now and become a Team Member in the continued growth and development of the Seward County Historical Society.

To join the **Seward County Historical Society**

- Annual Member - - - - - \$10
- Contributing Member - - - - - \$25
- Life Member- - - - - \$150

**Bob Culver, Membership Chairman**

**News Letter;**

The July issue is the Society’s third News Letter, we are trying a new way to mail them. Stapling and folding over, then sealing with sticky circles, this saves the cost of an envelope. What do you think of this method, better, worse, or OK?? Page #6 is a calendar of events and activities from now until August 13<sup>th</sup> the date of mailing and posting the next News Letter. Page #7 is a poster explaining the “Annual Fun Day” activities, which will be a great day for ALL, We’ll see YOU there.

Share your News Letter with friends and neighbors and if someone would like a copy contact: [membership@sewardcountymuseum.org](mailto:membership@sewardcountymuseum.org)

## **Officers:**

**President** Lynn Reinmiller — Staplehurst  
**Vice President** Joan Kennel — Goehner  
**Secretary** Jean Kolterman — Seward  
**Treasurer** Jim Culver — Lincoln  
**Board Members** Shirley Ingerslew — Seward (Chairman)  
Nathan Reed — Seward  
Jon Kruse — Seward

**Committee Chairmen:** Buildings & Grounds Jim Culver  
Displays Adeline Geis & Carol Larson  
Librarian Joan Kennel  
Membership Bob Culver

**Museum Hours:** Sunday 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Train Running Times:** Second and Fourth Sundays, 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>10</b> Museum 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Trains 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Museum 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Society Work Day 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM "Come & Help"
<b>17</b> * Your Society's Quarterly Meeting 1:00 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Board Meeting 4:00 PM	<b>21</b> * VIP Group from the Area to tour the Museum & Trains 1:30 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> * Annual Fun Day Trains 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Museum 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 31</b> Museum 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Museum 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Articles Due For News Letter
<b>7</b> Museum 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> * Set up Society Exhibit at County Fair	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Museum 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM County Fair	<b>12</b> County Fair	<b>13</b> August News Letter Mailed/On-Line County Fair

# Seward County Historical Society

Goehner, Nebraska

 Exit 373 North

South from 

Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>

## Annual Family Fun Day



**Come one, Come all, Bring your friends, Bring your Neighbor,  
Bring Aunt Sally and Cousin George**



**All kinds of Kids Games with Prizes  
2:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Wiener Roast, Beans, & Drink  
5:00 to 6:00 PM**



**Train Rides 1:30 to 4:00 PM**

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