

Prospect House & Civil War Museum Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Smithsonian Institute Musical Event held July 22

Civil War Event held July 25

COVID-19 may affect future events. Please visit prospecthousemuseum.org for latest updates.

Music of the Civil War Event

We are delighted to be chosen to host Smithsonian Institution recording artists Bob and Sheila Everhart. They will provide an outdoor concert highlighting Civil War music on July 22nd.

Thank you for your support!

Greetings from Jay Johnson, Founder and CEO

Another busy year at the Prospect House. In 2019 we saw many guests from 26 states, 2 provinces in Canada, and three foreign countries. Check out our many wonderful reviews on [Tripadvisor](https://www.tripadvisor.com).

We sponsored several events this year. Our “Woodstack” outdoor concert was a big success and is on schedule again for this fall. One of our most popular events is the Civil War Celebration and we hope to see some of you there.

We are working on expanding our State-approved Minnesota Civil War Education Program to an optional full-day course including local history.

There are many improvements and new displays happening steadily, thanks to our great staff of volunteers, grants, and donors like you. The yard looks awesome and we’ve just had our first crocus pop up.

There are no visitors at the museum now, but there will be, and we are continuing our work here, getting ready for when “this” is over and we can get back to “normal.”

Stay safe, stay well, and please come visit the museum!



A MESSAGE FROM “CAP”

A Loving Cap.—Tell me not there is no joy in old age. I am the spriest kid on the bridge. I passed the 80th milestone—and loving letters with greetings and congratulations, and kisses poured in from loyal men and lovely women. Let me not forget four delicious birthday cakes, oceans of sweet, dazzling flowers, with many other remembrances too numerous to mention. This is to thank the dear ones who made life a joy to Old Warrior – Grizzly.

From Battle Lake Review, Saturday, February 2, 1922.

Education Program Update

By Ruth Ellis and Jan Solomonson

We are currently working on a new curriculum to accompany the Civil War education program for 6th graders. This new curriculum explores industrialization and uses Battle Lake as an example of how Minnesota towns were developed and evolved over time. This will allow for a full day of hands-on learning. The Prospect House was recently awarded two grants that will help us develop our education program:

Veden trust. This is the second year we have been funded by the trust. We are very fortunate to have such good friends as these. The trustees visited the museum recently and were amazed at the progress the museum has made.

Minnesota Historical Society Legacy grant. A \$10,000 state grant to develop an Industrialization in Minnesota curriculum that meets the Minnesota State standards for education through field trip experiences that support 6th grade curriculum and assists educators.

Arts and Culture Heritage Fund Grant

Fergusfallsjournal.com | Friday, February 14, 2020

State Rep. Bud Nornes, R-Fergus Falls, announces the Prospect House in Battle Lake is receiving a \$4,800 history grant from Minnesota Legacy appropriations via the Arts and Culture Heritage Fund.

Nornes said the Minnesota Historical Society indicated to him the funding will allow the Prospect House to "hire a qualified museum consultant to conduct a general preservation needs assessment survey and long-range collections preservation plan."

Congratulations to the Prospect House for earning this grant, especially since competition for these dollars is stiff," Nornes said. "We are fortunate to have the Prospect House in the heart of Otter Tail County and this funding will be valuable in their efforts to preserve history."

Did you know?

There are many ways to [support us](#). You can donate, volunteer, recommend us to others, or bring your friends to tour the museum. **The museum is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization (tax ID #273631846) and gifts are tax-deductible.**

Our Wish List

Do you happen to have any of the below items lying around that you are no longer using? Please consider donating them to the Prospect House.

- Reams of printing paper
- Civil War Flag (outside)
- 4' resin folding tables
- Archival sheet protectors (acid free)
- Working snowblower and lawn mower*

*We are also looking for volunteers to donate their time to keeping the driveway plowed too.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of:

- Docets in the school program (training available)
- Event staff (especially for the tea, fall luncheon and Gala)
- Collections Inventory Project volunteers to document and number museum artifacts. (training provided)

Friends of the Prospect House

These are critical times for non-profits and we are in need of funds to continue to keep our wonderful museum open. Your membership in our organization helps preserve the history and share the story of Cap Colehour, Civil War veteran and entrepreneur. If you are interested in becoming a *Friends of the Prospect House* donor, please print off and mail in the [form](#).

Special thanks to all of our outstanding donors. We couldn't make it without you!