



MECCA NEWS AND DUES

*Museum Encompassing Canby Community Area
A Nonprofit Corporation*

Summer Tours and Familiar Faces

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Special Events:

- *Annual Meeting:
Second Wednesday in June*
- *Ice Cream Social:
Fourth Thursday in July*
- *VFW Steak Fry*
- *Open : June thru Labor Day*
- *Group Tours: (507) 223-5028
or (507) 223-5085*
- *Daily Schedule:
Wed-Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM
closed Monday & Tuesday*

With summer arriving, we will be preparing our house & Interpretive Center to be open June through Labor Day. Our local DAC staff will assist with our spring cleaning. After 30 years some things are in need of a face-lift in the house & yard.

Audrey Jerzak, of Canby, will be working for us this year. She has been with us before and is a reliable and capable worker. She always wears a smile!

Audrey will be giving tours of the house and Interpretive Center telling the Lund-Hoel history, doing light housekeeping, light yard work, and filing of family history & pictures. She will also assist us at the Ice Cream Social, and anything else that needs to be done.

This year, we will be open Wednesday through Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM,

A 'New' Lund-Hoel To Visit

Recent major exterior maintenance and repair dates back to 2004. The back porch roof was stripped, sheathing and fascia trim were repaired and new cedar shingles put on.

In the fall of 2004 bids were let to have the entire roof of the Lund-Hoel House and the carriage shed re-shingled. The contracted project started early spring of 2005 by removing several layers of old shingles (asphalt and cedar) and repair of sheathing and trim where necessary. Also in the fall of 2005 all of the second story outside balcony rails were taken down and rebuilt. The tin on two decks was repaired prior to re-installing the rails. The

and closed Monday & Tuesday except for pre-arranged tours.

Returning this year is Spencer Thorston, who mows the lawn and helps me with other yard



**Lund-Hoel House
Est 1891**

chores. He is a very capable worker.

Later this summer, we will be replacing some interior items such as curtains, etc. which have deteriorated with age.

If anyone is interested in helping at the house, Ice Cream Social, or Hat Daze, please call Lois Hanson, 223-5085.

~Lois Hanson, Chairperson-
Tours & Grounds Maintenance
Yard & Garden Supervisor

deck facing Hwy 75 received new edge trim extending the drip line and then new tin installed on the entire deck.

The spring of 2006 brings the exterior painting project before us. Having let bids in the fall of 2005 for this project. At this date in early April, scraping and necessary repair has begun. The contractors goal is to be completed by mid June. This will involve some window and other repairs as well as rebuilding the deck railing on the back porch.

All labor on the house is done by local artisans.

~Don Berndt, Chairperson
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A Word from the President

Greetings Members,

I am pleased to report that MECCA'S " Buy A Bundle " drive to raise \$25,000 for 2005-2006 restoration work for the Lund-Hoel House and the Mecca Interpretive Center was successful.

This was Mecca's first public fund raising effort since the drive to raise funds to acquire the property 31 years ago. With the generous support of the Hoel family, the Canby Community, and other people and Companies, we were able to meet our goal.

It is of interest to note that well over 50% of the funds raised came from individuals who do not reside in the Canby area and companies with headquarters elsewhere. This would indicate a widespread desire to keep and maintain this historic site.

While it is difficult to give credit for the success of such an effort, this drive was a success due to the help of Laurie Thorston and the support of the Law Office of Qualley, Boulton and Vinberg.

As promised, a donor list and their designation as Pathfinders, Pioneers or Homesteaders is on display in the Interpretive Center.

***Sincerely,
Bud Qualley, President***

The Canby Depot

Please visit our sister organization, The Canby Depot, when you are in Canby. The Depot is in its sixth season and also houses the Visitor Information Center. The Depot is now home to the old volumes of the Canby News dating back to 1885.

What can we help you with?

As the Lund-Hoel Museum opens for the 2006 season, we realize that it is YOU, our members and guests, who bring the VITAL ELEMENT to our site. Our 115 year old Victorian house comes alive with wonderful stories only when PEOPLE [YOU!] are taking an active role.

Please stop by to check on the new exterior painting, the interior face-lift, and the landscape renewal that will take place this summer. Bring your family and guests to the YMC County Backyard Conservation Seminar [June 21], to the Canby Hat Daze activities and tours, AND please come to enjoy food, friends, and music (by 90 year old Harold Madsen) at our ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Thursday, July 27th, 2;30-7:00 P.M.

Our Carriage House Interpretive Center and media center offer opportunities for research or for special on-loan exhibits that YOU may wish to share . Your ideas and artifact exhibits would be warmly welcomed. Any personal family history documents and photos may be added to our genealogy files. Watch for museum hours or call to schedule special group tours.

See you at MECCA!

~ Betty Hanna , Chairperson
Special Events



**Tree of Life:
Please take time to
view the Linden tree
in the back yard of
the Lund-Hoel House.**

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

Through the years Mecca has been extremely fortunate in attracting excellent people to serve on its Board of Directors. Dora Syltie, our secretary and longtime Board member, has found it necessary to leave the Board. If you or any one you know of is interested in serving on the Board, please contact a Board member for information as to what is involved.