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# NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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### Nauvoo Historical Society Up-Coming Events

Feb. 21 ..... NHS Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
at Lutheran Fellowship Hall, Nauvoo

May 15 ..... Weld House Museum  
Reopens for the Season  
Daily 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Rheinberger Museum  
Reopens for the Season Daily  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Opening Exhibit (to be announced)

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, I danced with the Iliniwek during the Eagle's Days gathering in Keokuk. I danced to honor Lucretia Crow for her lifetime of service and achievement preserving the history of her native people and passing it on to tribal youth so their culture would not die. Then I danced to recall the life of Lorraine Grigsby, who died that very week. I danced with her widowed husband of over 60 years, Charlie Grisby, and their children and grandchildren. There was not a dry eye in the crowd, but we all felt that Lorraine would see us and be cheered and encouraged in her final journey, knowing she was remembered and all were well in a very sad way. So we danced.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, I walked with my LDS neighbors and visiting missionaries down Parley Street, the Avenue of Hope, to the Mississippi banks, to commemorate the Exodus of the LDS community in Nauvoo in 1846. As covered wagons rolled by and a lone trumpeter played the gathering songs, relatives of those pioneers read names and gave anecdotes of this grim migration, always touched with sadness but also the joyful hope of that new place, Salt Lake City, a final refuge for those who survived the journey. So we walked.

Those of you who know me know that I'm neither a native dancer nor LDS. So what was I doing? I was there to support others who do what our historical society does: preserving the memory, commemorating the event and teaching all who care to listen and learn. For these events enacted history, honored the makers of history, and recognized the keepers of history. And I wanted the NHS to be there and be a part of that important work, because all history is important, and every story is worth saving.

I've heard people say, "That building is not important," or, "That story doesn't mean anything". That's the same as telling someone they are nothing. So let's all help the Nauvoo Historical Society maintain and retell the full timeline of Nauvoo's history and people. Come to our meeting and "join the dance" on Thursday, Feb.21 to learn even more about preservation and what we, the members of the Nauvoo Historical Society, can do to help right here in our own town.

Sam Candido, President

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## 2008 Goals for the Nauvoo Historical Society

### 1. Development

- a. Target publicity and communications.
- b. Expand networking with tri-state historical societies.
- c. Expand networking with IAM, IHS, and Preservation
- d. Membership
- e. Create fund-raising events and materials.
- f. Obtain grants for education, preservation and access.
- g. Obtain contributions and donations in value and in kind
- f. Acquire new artifacts, documents and images.

### 2. Museums and Collections.

#### Sub. Weld House

- a. Electronic Catalog
- b. Review and revise program format
- c. Complete work on basement entrance, back fence and lawn.

- d. Complete min. 50% Storm Window project
- e. Handicapped access.
- f. Video displays
- g. Official Historic Landmark Status

#### Sub. Rheinberger Museum

- a. Showcase lighting
- b. Reupholster chairs and loveseat in parlor.
- c. Revise garden plan
- d. Restore the winery and cellar
- h. Paint shutters

#### Sub.Resource Center

- a. Close resource center and relocate contents
- Misc  
Lincoln Program

### 3. School and Community Programs

- a. Host all Nauvoo schools.
- b. Expand student guides/helpers.
- c. Oral histories.
- d. Expand the Grape Festival Pageant
- e. Sponsor Society field trips.

### 4. Financial condition of the Historical Society.

## IAM Grant

The Nauvoo Historical Society has received an Illinois Association of Museums' Conservation and Support matching grant in the amount of \$500, earmarked for fabrication and installation of the new UV shielding storm windows on the Weld House. Thanks to the contribution of Jim and Sally Nelson, the grant has been matched and this will, in total, cover the cost of at least 6 new storm windows.

To quote Karen E. Everingham, Executive Director of IAM, "The review committee was pleased to see that you, (the NHS), were progressing from stage to stage with your collection management improvements."

Dan Moffitt, site manager, who has just finished the installation of the second floor track lighting, plans to have these windows completed and installed by June, 2008.

The February Membership Meeting  
Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lutheran Fellowship Hall

## Nauvoo Historical Society

Proposed 2008 Budget

Category	Detail	2007 Proposed	2007 Actual	2008 Proposed
		1 Jan = 31 Dec	1 Jan = 31 Dec	1 Jan = 31 Dec
<b>Income:</b>				
Direct Income:	Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 1,700.00
	State of Illinois	\$ 2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
	State of Illinois (Pending Receipt)			
	Tour of Homes	\$ 600.00	--	500.00
	Sale of New Books	\$ 4,000.00	2,513.55	2,000.00
	Interest Earned on Savings Act's		44.53	50.00
Contributions:	Weld House Museum	\$ 150.00	425.50	300.00
	Weld House Storm Window Fund		600.00	500.00
	Ramp Fund		100.00	100.00
	Rhineberger Museum	\$ 200.00	253.47	200.00
	General/Fund Raising	\$ 1,000.00	732.09	750.00
	Items Sold		883.92	
<b>Total Income (in \$\$)</b>		<b>\$ 9,490.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,963.06</b>	<b>\$ 8,140.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Utilities & Services:	Gas	\$ 750.00	\$ 547.43	\$ 750.00
	Electric	\$ 500.00	406.66	500.00
	Water	\$ 150.00	225.58	300.00
	Mowing	\$ 200.00	150.00	200.00
	Cleaning	\$ 200.00	40.00	50.00
Weld House Repairs	Gas Line	\$ 350.00	285.05	--
	Lighting Upstairs	\$ 900.00	400.00	250.00
	Lighting Downstairs	\$ 800.00	200.00	150.00
	Weld House Repairs, other		1,048.74	
Rhineberger Museum:	Lighting Display Case & Locks	\$ 150.00	74.95	--
	Reupholster Settee		204.94	700.00
General Expenses:	Safe Deposit Box	\$ 15.00	14.00	14.00
	Web Page	\$ 250.00	60.00	250.00
	Inc. Filing Fee	\$ 10.00	5.00	5.00
	Insurance	\$ 775.00	727.00	775.00
	Postage/Misc	\$ 250.00	137.19	200.00
	Newsletters (Postage)	\$ 375.00	220.86	300.00
	Newsletters (Printing)	\$ 375.00	161.88	250.00
	Museum Brochure Printing		150.00	250.00
Guides and Events:	Rhineberger House	\$ 2,200.00	1,530.00	2,200.00
	Tour of Homes	\$ 100.00	00.00	100.00
	Speakers	\$ 200.00	00.00	150.00
	Award Dinner	\$ 55.00	25.00	90.00
	Membership Committee	\$ 65.00	00.00	100.00
	Music for events		399.00	250.00
Major Purchases:	New Book 3000 Copies	--	--	--
Miscellaneous Items:	New Book Shipping & Handling	\$ 500.00	180.10	--
	Dues to Other Assoc.	\$ 150.00	90.00	90.00
	Supplies & Sundries	\$ 100.00	75.65	100.00
<b>Total Expenses (in \$\$)</b>		<b>\$ 9,420.00</b>	<b>\$7,359.03</b>	<b>\$ 8,024.00</b>
<b>Variance (+/-\$\$)</b>		<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>+ \$ 2,604.03</b>	<b>+ \$ 116.00</b>

Pat Morrison, Treasurer

"These are the final actual budget numbers through December 31, 2007 which the board committed to provide the membership when we did the 2008 budget approval last November. We feel that it is important that the membership have the final wrap-up for the previous year. — Pat Morrison, Treas."

## NAUVOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEES 2008 Standing Committees

### Constitution and By Laws

Chair: Dan Moffitt  
Members: Sam Candido

### Membership:

Chair: Gaby Berry  
Members: Marilyn Candido

### General Meetings

Chair: Dan Moffitt  
Members: Board of Directors  
Refreshments:  
February: Candido/Moffitt  
May: Ziegler/Berry/Berry  
August: Newton/Nudd/Hancks  
November: Hotel Nauvoo

### Finance/Budget

Chair: Pat Morrison  
Members: Dan Moffitt

### Newsletter

Chair: Allen Berry

### Nominations Committee

Chair: **Elected**  
Members: (Board) Elected

### Recognition

Chair: **Bill Newton**  
Members: **Sam Candido**

### Other Committees

### Weld House

Co Chairs: Alan Berry, Larry Dusenberry  
Site Manager: Dan Moffitt

### Rhineberger Museum

Co Chairs: Iona Siegrist, Mary Elizabeth Scheetz  
Site Manager: Reagan Ramsey

### Resource Center

Chair: Jeff Hanks  
Site Manager: Gaby Berry

### Networking and Education (formerly Cultural Series)

Chair: Marilyn Candido  
Members: Lin Yockey

### Nauvoo Streets Project

Chair: Karen Ihrig  
Members: Kenneth Nudd  
Jeff Hancks  
Marilyn Candido

### Nauvoo Grape Festival Pageant

Chair: **Sam Candido, Co-Director**  
Site Manager: **Reagan Ramsey**  
Members:  
Gaby Berry, Deb Moffitt - Costumes  
Dan Moffitt - Lights, Sound, Narration  
Marie Fletcher - Music  
Linda Hendrickson - Co-Director  
Karen Sparrow - Native American Scene  
Paul McKoon - Pioneer Scene  
Tom Adams, Latter Day Saints Scene  
Jeff Hancks, /Bob Ziegler - Icarian Scene  
Linda Hendrickson - Wedding of the Wine and Cheese  
Raymond Siegrist - The Threshers  
Dan Kraus - House and Seating  
Michael/Joseph/Sal Candido - Parking and transportation  
Marilyn Candido - Grape Festival Pageant Program

## Nauvoo Historical Society Annual Dinner Meeting

On Thursday night, Nov 8, over 100 members and guests attended the Nauvoo Historical Society's annual dinner meeting at the Hotel Nauvoo. Attendees came from the Nauvoo area as well as Burlington, Macomb, Fort Madison, Montrose, Keokuk, Warsaw, Hamilton, Quad Cities, Chili and Carthage, with some coming as far as Springfield, St. Louis, and Boulder City, Nevada.

Along with the regular business and the famous Hotel buffet was the annual report and address by Sam Candido, President, a gift of three framed documents of Rheingerger history by Tom and Shirley Rheinberger, the presentation of a Distinguished Service award from the Illinois Association of Museums to Genny Simmens by its director, Mary Turner, and the annual recognition award presented to the oldest active member of the Society, Hilda Baxter, for her 100 years young life of service.

The guest speaker was Dean Gabbert, who unveiled his new book, "Brown Water Boating," assisted by his wife, Joyce, who read a chapter to the members. Elections were held for the 2008 officers and board, the 2008 budget, (published in the Nov, 2007 newsletter), was approved, and a change to the elections bylaw was approved.

The Nauvoo Historical Society would like to thank all those from near and far who attended the meeting, and to Dan Kraus and the staff of the Hotel Nauvoo for accommodating this large group as well as their usual outstanding service and cuisine.

We thank all our members for their support which made 2007 an outstanding year for growth and development.

### Former St. Mary's Academy



### February Meeting

This month's Nauvoo Historical Society meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Nauvoo Lutheran Fellowship Hall. All NHS members and all those interested in historic preservation are welcome. Catherine O'Connor, who is Manager of Local Government Services for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in Springfield, Illinois, will present the program. She will give a 30-minute presentation on the benefits of participating in the Certified Local Government Program that will be followed by a discussion.

The Nauvoo Historical Society archives past history, connecting the past, present, and future through our museums, exhibits, and publications to pass the gift of history

to future generations. This allows each generation to search for meaning in all of Nauvoo's rich periods of history. By preserving, presenting, and actively connecting people with the past, we help our community to be a destination for their history. It also allows our community to be more attractive to tri-state local residents seeking to view new programs and exhibits. This in turn helps our business community, who sell goods and services to day-trippers, weekend guests, and vacationing tourists.

Historical institutions, in partnership with their communities, are leaders in preserving, researching, and interpreting these traces of the past. Many of our local buildings are historical sources, which make up the character of Nauvoo. By helping to save and keep these sources we connect residents, visitors, and tourists to all of our periods of history. Since 1953 our society has been active in preserving artifacts, publications, oral histories, and our two museums.



Former St. Mary's Academy

## To my friends in history,

I was stunned and speechless to receive an Illinois Association of Museum Service Award at our annual dinner in November. I had done nothing more than work at one of the things I had found interesting in my lifetime.

Now, I hasten to say, an award is never earned by one person alone. It is earned by the people, many now deceased, who welcomed newcomers like myself many years ago, those who helped and encouraged me in projects like the antique apple orchard and herb garden. It is earned by those marvelous people, locally and at a distance, who put so many hours into the Weld House restoration. There was the "vision" of Brother Bill Myers, the advice of Lillian Snyder and Robert Christie who put us in touch with professionals at the state level. Those professionals, just a phone call away, like Mary Turner, Carol Dyson, and many others, got us off the ground and have stayed with us.

The award was earned by those business men from both sides of the river who donated material and the use of costly machinery, those long-laboring members and non-members, again from both sides of the river and from faraway, and by the invaluable room donors who gave us our memorial rooms. (There are 3 or 4 still open!). It goes to those who gave artifacts, windows, garden skills, plants, donations and just smiles as you passed by.

As a guide coordinator, I give high praise to those men and women who schedule five months of their year to keep our doors open daily at both museums.

Last, but not least, I thank Sal and Marilyn Candido, who, when learning there was such an award, rushed the paperwork through, brought Mary Turner from Springfield before she retired, and made sure some of my far-flung family could be there for me, all done in secret.

Thank you all so very much. We've done a good job here in Nauvoo!

Genny Simmens