



**Crosslake Area
Historical Society
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Winter 2025**

A note from our board president:

Not much snow yet, late January and only a brief really cold spell and all is quiet at the Log Village. We are hoping the critters who sometimes move into our buildings in quiet months have found other places to gather! Although the Village is silent and not open until early summer, our board members meet every month preparing for a new season filled with interesting events and programs.

Despite our challenge last season with road construction and a roundabout at the intersection, we had a very successful and promising attendance of nearly 3000 visitors! Our website is updated on an ongoing basis and is the source of village news, requests and events. With the donation of a generous benefactor, we have been able to purchase and install a new audio-video system in the Livery. This addition has greatly enhanced our programs and presentations. Our Visitors Center and Village store have been refreshed and restocked. Our Taste of History book has been reprinted in both hard and soft covers with an index included. The self-guided phone tours have been well received and provide interesting historical notes of each building.

The Thursday night "Back Porch" programs have been well attended. Saturdays during the summer provide us with the opportunity to present fun games and activities for children at the Log Village and the children love them!

We are pleased with community outreach efforts to bring school children, elderly and special needs folks to the Village. The Log Village is available for weddings, family reunions and other special events.

Our coffers are sustained by donations from members, local businesses, special events and friends of the Log Village. Watch for the announcement of Thursday "Back Porch" events and programs in our Spring newsletter and website. These events and programs are being planned in these quiet months. The calendar for our Saturday programs is also being organized.

We are always eager to welcome new volunteers who would be interested in helping by being at the Village on Saturdays and Sundays during the open hours from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM – morning or afternoon shifts. We welcome help with Spring and Fall grounds cleanup, speakers, arts and crafts, mentors on Saturdays, teachers, idea generators, and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Come and join us!

Our parking lot and additional parking space within the Village will be available for the St Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 15th.

We are grateful to all our volunteers, visitors and contributors in 2024. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Mary Kate Williams, Board president

These individuals contributed financially during the year 2024 to the Crosslake Area Historical Society through their support of the Membership drive, the Cocktail Party, donations and memorials. Their contributions are greatly appreciated!!

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Mary Kate Williams
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Bill & Nancy Wright
Doug & Mary Zahn
Kelly Zappa



VOLUNTEERS

As we look ahead to 2025, we see countless exciting volunteer opportunities, especially in the areas of day-to-day operations & maintenance of the Crosslake Log Village. Please consider becoming an important part of our team. There are various ways you can help. A form is on our website: crosslakelogvillage.com that you can complete and submit. The volunteer opportunities are diverse. Consider your talents wherever they lie and get in touch with us! A list of volunteers is available here. These generous people give of their valuable time and energy to support the Historical Society in various ways. Maybe you know one or more of them. Ask them what they do and how you can help!

John & Linda Andrews
Tina Angell
Priscilla Balmer
Mitch Bender
Linda Benson
Cindy & Milt Bighley
Susan Bilek
Kathy Brodin
Jan Burton
John & Joan Callender
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Charles Flatz
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Michael Fraser
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Jeremy Rooney
Bob & Sue Ruff
Marsha Schoeb
Sharon Seeker
Carrie Spitzak
Doug Svihel
Tom Swoverland
Carolyn Thompson
Mary Kate Williams



Many businesses supported our Historical Society in 2024! Please support them!

Ace Hardware
Allegra
American Legion Post 500
Black Pine Beach Resort, Inc
Central Package & Display
Crosslake Drug
David Nevin Construction
First Western Bank & Trust
Frandsen Bank & Trust
Key Wellness
Lambert Water Wells
Lands End Development
Lake Country Crafts and Cones

Moonlite Bay LLC
North Star Dock & Lift, Inc
Plain and Fancy
Rafferty's Pizza
Tremolo

Grants received in 2024 from:

Ginny Arvig
Jeremiah Eisenschenk
Jeff Laurel
The Anderson Family Legacy Foundation
Ann Ruff
Dan Terry
Alden Hardwick

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The volunteer Board of Directors of the Crosslake Area Historical Society functions not only in decision making of the organization, but also staffs and manages The Historic Log Village. These dedicated individuals contribute countless hours to the upkeep of the Village, managing the museum, planning events and fundraising. The board meets on the first Tuesday of every month for hearing reports, developing programs, and considering new ideas!

President - Mary Kate Williams

Vice president - Priscilla Balmer

Treasurer - Cindy Bighley

Secretary - Kathy Brodin

Members

Linda Andrews

Kent Carlson

Mary Dischinger

Dodo Fraser – Retired

Mike O'Connell

Bob Ruff

Marsha Schoeb

Adjuncts

Missy Bassett - Social Media Coordinator

Joan Callender - Website & Gift Shop Coordinator

Sue Ruff - Gift Shop



St Patrick's Day Parade Parking

Will be available at the Historic Log Village for Crosslake's Parade on Saturday, March 15

The parade begins at 1:00 PM

Cost is \$20.00 per car

This is a great opportunity to find convenient parking close to the parade and support the Historic Log Village!!

Memorials were given in 2024 in memory of:

**Jo Bierman
Rick Nolan
Rosella Nemes
Edmund & Alice Callender
Londale Musolf
Don Engen
Dottie Anderson**

Bits and Pieces

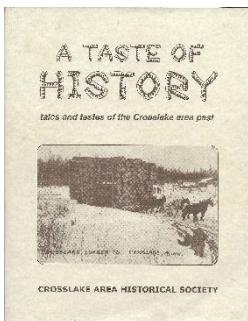
2025 Cocktail Party News

The date of the 2025 Cocktail Party has been announced! The 5th Annual Cocktail Party will be held at the magnificent home of Stephanie and Jesse Neumann on Friday, June 20th. Their property has been the talk of the town ever since its completion! You won't want to miss this one!! "This place is *something else!*" – *Bob Ruff.*



We take this opportunity also to thank last year's committee members for a very successful event – Co-chairmen: Bob and Sue Ruff. Shown above are Mary Nolan, Carrie Spitzak, Carla Parrington, Joan Callender & Julie Straw.

A Taste of History



Our book was reprinted in 2024 and this time page numbers and an index are included! You can purchase a copy for yourself at the Historic Log Village, Crosslake Chamber of Commerce office, Crosslake Coffee, Crosslake Drug, Holly's Hair and Nails and Plain n Fancy. They can be obtained by submitting an order through our website: crosslakelogvillage.com. This book contains a wealth of historical information about our area.

Gift Store News

The Gift Store is in the Visitors Center, the first building on the Historic Log Village site. The committee is working and planning for a great shopping experience for our visitors! They are stocking the store with new books, new toys, clothing, gifts and many interesting items! Joan Callender and Sue Ruff are at the helm of this project.



Volunteer Coordinator

Our weekends are staffed by volunteers who are scheduled by a volunteer coordinator. Linda Andrews, who has undertaken this job for the last several years, would like to step down from this position. There are two shifts each Saturday and Sunday during the summer months. The calendar must be planned so that each shift is covered. This involves phone calls and contacts. If you would be willing to take over this important position, please contact Linda at 513-807-0392.

Special Tours

Requests are already coming in through the website for special tours. We are pleased to accommodate school groups and are expecting a home school organization to visit the first part of May. Contact us through the website for more information.

Curator

We are looking for a museum curator. Museum curators play an integral role in how a museum is set up and the experience visitors have while at the museum. Curators collect, exhibit, interpret, maintain and protect objects of historical and cultural importance. The Historic Log Village has an extensive collection of artifacts and continually deals with donations of more! We need someone who can manage our inventory by cataloging, identifying and displaying our enormous collection. Please contact Mary Dischinger at 612-940-1575 if you'd like more information about this position.

Saturday Events

Ginny Hersey is already gathering names of individuals who would be willing to share their talents with families and children on Saturdays during the summer season. These educational sessions are very popular! We've had spinners, soap makers, blacksmiths, potters, artists and rock collectors. Ginny is excited about planning this year's curriculum. If you have a craft or talent to demonstrate, please contact Ginny at 218-821-7801.



Back Porch Series

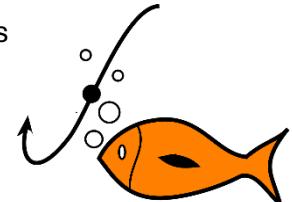
Program chairpersons, Bob Ruff and Priscilla Balmer are working on securing speakers for our Thursday evening events in the Livery at the Historic Log Village. Six programs are being planned for the 2025 Season. If you have ideas or would like to be added to the

schedule, please contact Bob at 612-986-9377 or Priscilla at 218-839-0502. Or use the contact information page on our website: crosslakelogvillage.com.



The Governor's coming....

Crosslake was notified this Winter that Minnesota's Governor Walz will be coming to Crosslake for the Fishing Opener. This will bring many people to our area, the Governor's entourage, journalists, photographers and lots of press! Typically, our Village does not open until Memorial Day, but this year, we plan to be open the weekend of May 10 -11, 2025. We hope the weather will allow us to be accessible for visitors to the area that weekend.



50th Anniversary

The Articles of Incorporation of the Crosslake Area Historical Society were filed with the State of Minnesota on November 20, 1975, by the nine charter members. The current board is planning a special event in 2025 to commemorate this special occasion! A committee has been established to plan an anniversary party this summer!! Watch the website and the Spring Newsletter for more information.



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Memberships support the Historical Society. Please become a member or renew your membership. The Historical Society is a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization.

Membership options are set for your own discretion based on your desire to contribute. No other distinctions apply to each level.

Fur trader	\$35.00
Homesteader	\$50.00
Logger	\$100.00
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