

Deep Valley Sun



 NEWSLETTER OF THE BETSY-TACY SOCIETY

To promote and preserve Maud Hart Lovelace's legacy and her work,
encourage and support literacy and conserve historic landmarks in Mankato.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings from Deep Valley!

Once again I would like to give deepest thanks to Dean Johnson and the team from Hometown, who have worked their magic on Betsy's house. With their help we have gutted it down to the studs and found many fascinating clues to its earlier inhabitants, including the letter from Tom Hart to Stella Palmer which is reproduced in this newsletter. We so appreciate our many volunteers and supporters who have made all the work possible. Please come visit the Betsy and Tacy houses to see how far we've come.

It is with great sadness that I tell you of the death of Clyde Robert Bulla on May 24 at age 93. Clyde collaborated on many projects with Lois Lenski, and was an author and musician of great talent. We feel fortunate to have become acquainted with Clyde through our Maud Hart Lovelace connections. More details of Clyde Robert Bulla in a future issue of the Deep Valley Sun or on our website.

Our annual meeting will be held on June 23. We hope you will join us for this entertainment-filled event at Murmuring Lake (Madison Lake), where Tom and Stella were married. More details and directions are inside this issue. If you have a question or concern to address to the Betsy-Tacy Society, if you are interested in becoming a board member or would like to nominate someone for a board position, please contact us before the annual meeting.

*Lona Falenczykowski ~
BTS Board President*

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Treasure from the Attic

As reported in the February issue of the Deep Valley Sun, a letter was found beneath the attic floor during the demolition work at "Betsy's house" last fall. The envelope, addressed to Miss Stella Palmer, is postmarked September 24, 1885. Inside revealed a letter from Thomas Hart (Maud's father) to Stella Palmer (Maud's mother), written two years before they would marry. They were married on October 15, 1887 on the shores of Madison Lake. We are pleased to share this treasure with you. It is transcribed exactly as written, complete with misspellings and punctuation. A ___ was inserted for illegible words.

**Waverly Iowa
Sept 23, 1885**

My own dear girl -

I arrived home safely last night just at dusk and found the folks all well. I had a delightful ride coming home I came near by missing the train at Mtko just got to the depot barely in Time left Mtko at 7:30 and was just 12 hours on the road home. My sister May is at home but Flo is still "at large." Flo sent me two of her cabinets and she told me to send one of them on to you which I will send to you to-day. I think it is a good picture of Flo that just as she looks now I don't believe you will recognize Flo by that picture for she has changed so since you saw her she said she was going to write to you just as soon as she got settled but now she is in LaCrosse Wis and would be there only a few days longer and then she dont know whare she will go she was in Winona a week ago she sent the cabinets and said to tell Stella she would write soon and she will write to you just as soon as she knows whare to tell you to address her she is moving around so awfully much that she dont know one day whare she will be the next. however you will hear from her soon. There was some friends of ours that came here this summer and was traveling taking pictures of residence there were new boys that had no experience in the business they told Pa if he would let them that they would take the picture of our house so they did so and got some horrid looking things and those are all the ones that there are left now and if you would care to see it I will send you one I will tell you now that our yard doesn't look one bit like that Pa said for me not to send those pictures to any body for he was going to destroy them all but I'll smuggle one off and send to you Those that you see in the _____ are my little sisters my little sister and brother are standing on the steps my aunt and her children are on the porch Pa and Mrs. Hart and her mother and little girl are in front those are not half of the brothers and sisters that I have but that will do for this time you can't remember any more and Jim says to tell you that, that other fellow out at the left is the "hired man" every one of my folks are ashamed of there pictures Again, my home seems like a home for the first time in three long years, Mrs. Hart and her family are all gone and just my own folks are here it really seemed like a reunion last night my neck is a foot longer than it was when I came and my little sister Minnie has been on my lap three fourths of the time with both arms around my neck the big girls tried to make fun of her but she don't care a bit says she's guesses she can hug her brother if she wants to Jim is going to school now and is very busy we will have your pictures taken soon and send you one My brother Steph who is 13 years old has just attended the teachers instr and just for



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fun took the examination and got a second grade certificate all but his age he knows a good _____
 _____ fan of his brother whom I know "happy day"
 Your father and I had rather a pleasant ride into town Monday, he is Tolerabel good company but I had rather have made the trip with you, just a little rather but as it was I suppose I ought-ent to complain for I had such a good time Sunday and Monday what a pleasant time we had Monday morning down by the pier under the banks of the lake I have thought about that time so often since then, on my way coming home I was sitting in the cars and every little ways there was a lake the banks of which was sure to remind me of Lake Madison and of you dear Stella what a lovely home you have yes Stella and you shall always have a lovely home I hope it is within my power to make it so. Frank and I took a _____ claim and the _____ and talked a long time Monday night had a good time Frank had first received a letter from Miss Carter, Stella I think she is a splendid young lady and she writes a good letter too Frank let me read it and then he said isnt that a splendid letter ? I said yes Frank it's a good letter but Stella can take the shine all off from it Frank claimed it all first but finally he said he supposed it was because you were his sister really Stella Miss Carter does write a nice letter but just dont compare one of them with one of yours and any one could see that the differences yours are far far the best I am glad that Frank has found one at last that he can respect I believe that he does love that girl I received your letter today which was forwarded to me

from St. Paul O how can I ever repay you for writing me such nice long interesting letters Stella when you know that in return you are sure to get only one of my miserably constructed and poorly written epistles. keep up your courage Stella for perhaps in time your excellent letter may have a good effect on me and I may be able to write a halfway kind of a letter. Mary was just in and says "give Stella my love and tell her that I hope to become better acquainted with her in the near future" Mary is lady of the house now but that doesn't exactly satisfy her for she has intended to get married this fall and when pa and Mrs. Hart had that trouble she came home to help Pa and her plans were all spoiled for the present she is awfully lonesome here for she has never lived here before til now and every body are strangers but she is getting acquainted some now she gets two long letters every week from Dell (that's her _____) but they seem to make her more lonesome than before My little sisters have been teasing me to go to the rink tonight but they want _____ to come home with me and we are having a big time over it. Rhoda said this morning "Tom you can go with us and if some fellow wants to come home with me why you don't care do you" I told her he could come and get her if he wanted to take her home so tonight you will be in your room I suppose watching the moon and will be at the rink with my sisters my thoughts will be with you Stella one hundred miles away I will address this to Mankato for I think you will get it sooner I must write to Frank today to Frank said he was going to take you with him Sunday out to Mankato you will have a good time I hope I am not shure but think I shall stay at home this _____ and perhaps work in a grocers here in Waverly but I will know soon and will let you know all about it when I know myself I will write you a long letter Sunday Stella and shall look for a letter for you every day Please dont disappoint me very long. The weather is fine and warm have had no frost here yet but the flowers are nearly all gone I must close now so Good bye my darling girl write soon Love to all

Truly yours
 TWH

Editor's Note: Tom mentions "cabinets" in the first paragraph of this letter. Cabinet photographs were introduced in 1862 and were popular through the turn of the century. Cabinet prints were 5.5" x 4" photos mounted on cards 6.5" x 4.25" with the photographer's name and address on the card. As the name suggests, these photographs could be displayed on a bureau or cabinet.

Volunteers

Jan 1, 2007 – May 1, 2007

David & Nancy Allan	Lillian Dolentz	Emily Hynes	Ken Schrader
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Michele Blake	Eugenia Hedlund	Tim Pietsch	Derek Tostenson
Joan Brown	Will Holt	Kelly Reuter	Dennis Weis
Douglas Coopman	Hometime Crew	Eric Risto	Paul Younger
Sara Davis	Susan Hynes	Barbara Schnoor	

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents during this period: Jan. 1 – May 1, 2007.
 Please let us know if your name was not mentioned. We apologize if anyone was inadvertently missed.

Volunteers Needed!

As always, we are in need of volunteers to assist with planning and organization of the 2007 events. Also needed are volunteers to help with general duties of the organization, serve on committees, guide tours, write grants, and help with yard or restoration work. If you have some time or a skill that you think could benefit BTS and you are willing to help, please let us know.

Donations

The BTS gratefully acknowledges donations received from February 16, 2007 through May 15, 2007, from the following:

Gifts in Memoriam or Honor

Up to \$49 Donation

Allee, Cathy – *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Baney, Jeanie Marie - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Barrett, Krista - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Charlesbois -Nordan, Stacy - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Daly, Bonnie – *In Memory of Shirley Lieske*
Davis-Kay, Jennifer - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Fahling, Connie - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Moore, Augusta - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Neugroschl, Penny - *In Memory of J.G. Neugroschl*
Sherwood, Linda - *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Thonen, Sharon – *In Memory of Marty Thonen*
Wagenhals, Susan – *In Memory of Cheri Canfield*

\$50 Donation

Canavan, Colleen – *In Memory of Henry James Miller*
Canavan, Colleen – *In Memory of Cindy Stammness' father*
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Smith, Stephanie – *In Honor of Maud's birthday*

\$100 Donation

Abdo, Julie – *In Memory of Ken Berg*
Baxter, Kathleen – *In Honor of Maud's birthday*
Berg, Marilyn – *In Memory of Ken Berg*
Jammie Dennin – *In Honor of Betty Jacobson*
Sasser, Jan – *In Memory of Cheri Canfield & In Honor of Maud's birthday*

Donations up to \$49

Anonymous
Brown, Joan
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Donation \$50 - \$99

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Bock, Claire
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Hardiman, Angela
Howard, Carol Spencer - Mortgage
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Kraus, Mary Susan
Landes, Judy
Medalen, Ethel - Mortgage
Mills, Claudia - Mortgage
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Parnell, June
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Employee Matching Gift (Jammie Dennin)
Vanta, K. Sandra
Whiting, Rhonda - Mortgage

Donations \$250 - \$499

Anonymous
Koebler, Kristin and 5th grade class

Donations \$500-\$2000

Hindersman, Christie - Mortgage
Wyckoff, K. - Mortgage
Youel, Alan & Marilyn - Mortgage

Artifact & Archive Donations - Jan. 1 – May 1, 2007

Bud & Karen Boberg – *framed antique lithograph*
Claire Bock – *antique rocker*
Claire Bock – *Letter from Clara Edwards (Maud's contemporary)*
Elaine Lilly – *antique apple peeler*
Julie Schrader - *The Delineator* – August 1900 – Published by The Butterick Publishing Company;
The Delineator - August 1903 - Published by The Butterick Publishing Company

Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown by Maud Hart Lovelace – *hardcover*
Told Under the Stars and Stripes Published by MacMillan
Company and stories selected by the Literature Committee of the Association for Childhood Education (1945). The book contains a story written by Maud Hart Lovelace - *Queen of Summer*.

Artifacts on LOAN

Miriam Johnson – *Betsy-Tacy and Tib* - *hardcover*
Lloyd Family – *dining room chair, wicker chair, hardcover books, covered serving dish*

Grants Received in 2007

Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation

The Betsy-Tacy Society received a \$10,000 grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation in the spring of 2007. With these funds the Society will continue the restoration work at Betsy's house.

Mankato Area Foundation

The Betsy-Tacy Society was awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,000 from the Mankato Area Foundation this spring. With these funds, the Society will continue the restoration work at Betsy's house.

City of Mankato Community Grant

The Betsy-Tacy Society was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the City of Mankato for the purpose of installing a historical marker at the childhood home of Maud Hart Lovelace.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC)

A grant of \$2,500 was received from the PLRAC to be used to produce a music CD of songs from the Betsy-Tacy books. More information about the CD will be in our next newsletter.

The BTS is grateful for the grant funds provided in 2007.

We Need Your Help!

The high school titles of the Betsy-Tacy books (books #5-#10) have gone out of print. HarperCollins has discontinued printing due to poor sales. At this point, HarperCollins is pleased with the sales of the first four books in the series. In order for us to keep the books in print, we need to promote and purchase the books for new readers.

You can help by joining a letter-writing campaign to HarperCollins. Tell them why you feel it is important these books stay in print. This effort was successful in the past and we hope it will work again.

Margaret Miller, Associate Editor
HarperCollins Children's Books
1350 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

Wish List

The following is a list of items needed by the Society.
Donated items are tax-deductible.

<i>Portable DVD player – for programs/events</i>	<i>Area rug for Tacy's gift shop</i>
<i>Copy Machine</i>	<i>Archival boxes & supplies for artifacts</i>
<i>Projector for programs/events</i>	<i>Library table</i>

Wishes Fulfilled

Braided rug for Tacy's kitchen – Kendra Daniel

Wooden porch rockers: one for Tacy's porch and one for Betsy's porch - Janine Johnson



Mortgage News

Since our last newsletter we are thrilled to report that thanks to very generous donors, we were able to pay \$5,000 toward the principal of our mortgage in April! Our mortgage is currently \$30,757.76.

We've come a long way and with your help we can reduce this mortgage. By paying off the mortgage early, the Society will save money spent on interest and eliminate a large monthly expense.

Help us reach our goal and pay off the mortgage! Your gift will become a part of our history. As a donor, your name will be added to a special plaque honoring those who helped us pay off the mortgage. This plaque will be unveiled at a mortgage-burning party and will be on permanent display at Betsy's house.

Donor Levels

Silver	\$100 - \$500
Gold	\$500 - \$999
Platinum	\$1000 +

The Betsy-Tacy Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible. Please mark "Pay off Betsy's mortgage" in the memo line of your check.



Fundraising Notes

Kristin Koebler's 5th grade class from The Collegiate School in Richmond, VA held a bake sale in April and raised \$275.00 in funds for the restoration of Betsy's House! This makes a grand total of \$1,096.76 that Ms. Koebler's class has raised over the past four years. Thank you for all your efforts!

We were able to raise \$250 toward the restoration of Betsy's House from the Dutch Gardens Spring fundraiser. Thanks to Lillian Dolentz for overseeing this effort and to everyone who ordered flowers and bulbs in support of the Betsy-Tacy Society. We hope you enjoy beautiful flowers year after year.

Betsy's House Restoration News



The restoration of Betsy's house continues as the Hometime crew returned in March and April. With the aid of volunteers, the drywall was hung on the walls and ceilings. The gypsum panels (drywall) and the plaster were provided by USG, the world's leading producer of gypsum wallboard, joint compound and a vast array of related products for the construction and remodeling industries.

Dennis Weis rebuilt the north kitchen wall and a trap door to the basement as evidence had been found that this was original.

Next came the plaster work. This was done by Jenkins Brothers, Inc. from Owatonna, Minn. They used a two-coat system with no color in order to complete the desired smooth plaster finish. The walls and ceilings look fantastic and now they're ready to be primed to prepare for wallpaper or paint. We're looking for period wallpaper to match some of the paper found during the demo process.

Other summertime projects will be to work on the floors which need to have holes and cracks filled and sanded smooth before painting. We'll be painting the floors the same color as found on the original floor. New millwork will be cut to the same size and profile that was original to the house.

Our sincere thanks to Kevin Moyer and John Nelson from USG and to Rod, Brad and Tim Jenkins from Jenkins Bros., Inc.

You can watch our progress on Hometime. Episodes #3 and #4 will air locally on the following schedule. Please check your local listings for dates and times in your area or check www.hometime.com.

PBS 'Hometime' show - Episodes #3 and #4

Featuring continued restoration of Betsy's House in Mankato

Episode #3 – TPT-Minneapolis
Sat., June 9 – 5:30 pm

Episode #3 – KMSQ – Austin
Sat., June 9 – 1:30 pm
Wed., June 13 – 8:30 pm

Episode #4 – TPT – Minneapolis
Sat., June 16 – 5:30 pm

Episode #4 – KMSQ – Austin
Sat., June 16 – 1:30 pm
Wed., June 20 – 8:30 pm



Important

Membership and Newsletter Announcement

Our new membership structure was announced in the February newsletter. If your membership has expired, please take a few minutes right now and send in your renewal. The renewal form can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

1. Check your expiration date on the mailing label of this newsletter.
2. For expired membership or if you are nearing your renewal date, you may bring your membership up-to-date using the membership levels below. Take advantage of paying online or mail a check using the membership form printed in this newsletter.
3. If your membership is current, please advise us of your preference for e-newsletters or mailed newsletters so that we can update our records. You can email your choice to membership@betsy-tacysociety.org or drop us a note: Betsy-Tacy Society, P.O. Box 94, Mankato, MN 56002.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to make changes for the benefit of our members and our organization. If you have any questions concerning this change, please contact Julie or Michele - membership@betsy-tacysociety.org or call 507-345-9777.

Maud's 115th Birthday

The Betsy-Tacy Society celebrated Maud Hart Lovelace's 115th birthday in April with a hat-making party. Susan Hynes and Kelly Reuter demonstrated the art of hat-making. Everyone who attended was able to make and take a hat. A special birthday cake was made by Candy Laven and was served with refreshments to our guests.

Members of the Maud-L Listserv honored Maud's birthday with "April Showers for Betsy's House." Thank you for the monetary donations sent in support of Betsy's house restoration.





Annual Meeting at 1 pm
Followed by Maud's Trunk Talk at 1:45 pm
(with Susan & Emily Hynes)

You are cordially invited to attend ...

2007 Annual Meeting of the Betsy-Tacy Society

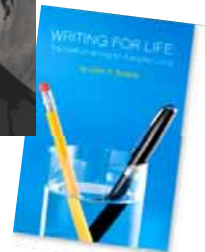
Saturday, June 23, 2007
at the Hoehn Family Farm on Madison Lake

Everyone is invited to join us for a pleasurable afternoon on the shores of Madison Lake (*Murmuring Lake*). See the original home of Chauncey & Albertine (Palmer) Austin where author Maud Hart Lovelace's parents were married in 1887 and where the Hart family spent many summers during the turn of the century.



Ice Cream Social 2-4 p m

Enjoy special "Heinz Ice Cream Parlor" sundaes



Book Release & Signing

"Writing for Life" by John Bessler

Two-time Minnesota Book Award finalist, John Bessler will join us to talk about his new book. Books will be for sale at the event – this is your first opportunity to get your copy and have it signed by the author.



Music by Carol Gappa & Ron Affolter

Jewelry Show with Murmuring Lake Designs

by jewelry designer, Sharon Hoehn Luhring

Bring your lawn chair.

This event is open to the public – both members and non-members of the Betsy-Tacy Society

For those who would like to visit Tacy's house after the event at the lake, we will be open extended hours on Sat., June 23rd – from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Directions: From Mankato: East on Hwy 14, exit on Hwy 60 toward Madison Lake approx. 2 ½ miles, turn right on Co. Rd. 44 and immediate right into the driveway between the two historical boulders. Watch for colored balloons at the driveway entrance.
From Twin Cities: Take I-35 south, take Waterville exit at Faribault and take Hwy 60 to Madison Lake, one mile south of Madison Lake and exit left on to Co. Rd. 44 and immediate right into the driveway between the two historical boulders. Watch for colored balloons at the driveway entrance. Hoehn Family Farm: 1201 Park Road - phone number 507-243-3144.

NOTE: If you have questions or concerns to address to the board or if you are interested in becoming a board member or would like to nominate someone for a board position, please do so before the meeting.

Meet the Author

Barbara Jackman

The Angels I Hold in My Arms

The BTS held a book release and signing party for Barbara Jackman and Nancy Schwichtenberg in April. Nancy has operated Nancy's Comfort Care (hospice care) from her home for many years and was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. When asked by her friend, Barbara Jackman, "Where or what is your hope now?" she replied, "My hope has always been to have a book written about the angels I've held in my arms, to share how they've inspired me and to give others hope."

"For months afterward as she recovered from surgeries and chemotherapy, suffering excruciating pain and exhaustion, while lying in her bed or on the couch, or on good days sitting at the table, Nancy described her angel visions and hospice vignettes. The final stories were shared with Barbara when Nancy was back in the hospital having more scans and more tests, coping with the news that the cancer was spreading. Even as Nancy lost weight and grew weaker, she became animated hearing how her stories were being shaped into this book. Nancy's eyes sparkled as she realized her hope was about to be fulfilled." To read more about this book, visit www.betsy-tacysociety.org and click on gift shop. The book is available to order online or mail \$8.00 + \$3.00 (shipping/handling) to BTS, P.O. Box 94, Mankato, MN 56002-0094.



John Bessler

Writing for Life: The Craft of Writing for Everyday Living

The Betsy-Tacy Society will host a Book Release and Signing at our Annual Meeting on June 23 for two-time Minnesota Book Award finalist, author John Bessler. His new book, *Writing for Life: The Craft of Writing for Everyday Living* demystifies the writing process—a process that is all too often misunderstood or feared. By breaking down and illuminating each step of that process—from pre-writing to publication—*Writing for Life* gives readers the know-how and tools they need to write more effectively. In this groundbreaking, inspirational guide, which draws upon the wisdom of the world's best writers, readers learn valuable techniques, such as freewriting, and discover how to best revise what they write in order to create high-quality writing. Books will be available for purchase at the signing. To read more about this book, visit www.betsy-tacysociety.org and click on gift shop. The book is available to order online or mail \$24.95 + \$5.00 (shipping/handling) to BTS, P.O. Box 94, Mankato, MN 56002-0094.

Tacy's Birthday Party

On Saturday, July 14th, we'll be celebrating the 116th birthday of Frances 'Bick' Kenney. Bick was Maud's life-long best friend and the character of Tacy in the Betsy-Tacy books and was born July 13, 1891.

In the News



The May 2007 issue of *Antiques & Collecting Magazine* features a 5-page story, "Betsy-Tacy; A Timeless Tale of Friendship" written by Jeanette Michelets. Be sure to pick up a copy or check out their Web site: acmagazine.com. The article can be seen on our Web site by clicking on News Bolts from the Blue.

Glenwood Cemetery Tour

Sunday, September 30, 2007

Rain date: Sunday, October 7, 2007

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

711 Glenwood Ave. in Mankato

Glenwood Cemetery is author Maud Hart Lovelace's final resting place. Lovelace based the Betsy-Tacy books on her childhood growing up in Mankato at the turn of the century. These books tell the story of Mankato's history and most of the characters were based on people Maud knew. Many of these people were important historical figures of Mankato's past. Join us for a guided tour as costumed re-enactors tell the story of the real people behind the character. This is an event you don't want to miss!

The tour is open to the public.

A donation of \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family is requested. Refreshments will be available at the end of the tour.



2006 Glenwood Cemetery re-enactors. Photo by Jack Madsen

The Betsy-Tacy Society

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Shop Catalog: send a SASE to P.O. Box 94, Mankato, MN 56002-0094 and mark CATALOG on the front of the envelope.

Tacy's House and Gift Shop

Open every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Tacy's House is located at 332 Center Street in Mankato and Betsy's House is at 333 Center Street. There is no admission during these hours.

House Visits: Call 507-345-9777

For special house visits, advance reservations are requested two weeks in advance.

Adults: \$3.00 Children ages 5-16: \$1.00

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Calendar of Events

- June 23** Annual Meeting at Madison Lake (Murmuring Lake) from 1 pm – 4 pm
- July 14** Tacy's Birthday Party at 1 pm
- Sept. 29** Ron Affolter – Tribute to Gene Autry program at 1 pm
- Sept. 30** Glenwood Cemetery tour (in case of rain – rescheduled date is October 7 at 1 pm)
- Nov. 10** 4th Annual Deep Valley Book Festival at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center from 10 am – 5 pm
- Dec. 1** Victorian Christmas

More details on upcoming events can be found on our website: www.betsy-tacysociety.org or for more information, call 507-345-9777. To see photos from past events visit: www.betsy-tacysociety.org/events.htm.

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Check out our new online shop catalog. We have many new items for you to see. Our site is secure and if you've never used PayPal, it's easy to register an account online. Not only will you be able to order from our online shop, but you can also pay for membership and/or make donations online. If you prefer not to order online, you may download an order form and send your order by U.S. Mail.

Summer 2007 means more street construction as Lewis Street is reconstructed



In 2006 Center Street and Sumner Hills Road were reconstructed. Owning two corner properties on Center Street brought street assessments. During the

summer of 2007, Lewis Street will be reconstructed. So again, the Society is looking at street assessments. Lewis Street estimated assessments for Tacy's house are \$4,941.88 and for Betsy's house \$6,275.00.

It will be wonderful when this work is complete. However, we will have this street closed for most of the summer.

When contacting the BTS. . . .

By Mail – Always send mail to the following address:

Betsy-Tacy Society
P.O. Box 94
Mankato, MN 56002-0094

Do not use the address printed in the back of the Betsy-Tacy books and do not address mail to us at the Center Street location. We do not have a mailbox at either house and the mail carrier cannot deliver to these addresses.

By Email – When sending an email, ALWAYS use “Betsy-Tacy” in the subject line. This will help ensure your message does not get caught in spam filters.

By Phone – Our phone number – 507-345-9777 – reaches an answering service. Please leave your message and it will be returned by someone with the Society who can best help you.

Important Membership Information

You will find your expiration date on the mailing label. If you mailed your membership dues after May 31, 2007, the new expiration date will not be reflected on this mailing label. Expired Members: You are important to us and we don't want to lose you as a valued member. Please RENEW today!

Address Changes

Please remember to inform us if your mailing address changes. Most of our mailings are sent via bulk mail to save on postage costs and keep membership rates low. Bulk mail is not forwarded even when a change-of-address card is left with the post office.

Betsy-Tacy Society Membership Form (Form may be photocopied)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Annual Membership Levels

Annual Membership with Email Newsletters

- \$15 Regular - E
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- \$30 Business - E
- \$30 Foreign – E (Money order in US Funds only)
- \$200 Lifetime - E

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- Renewal
- New Member
- This is a Gift Membership – please sign
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- Tax-deductible donation – Betsy-Tacy House Fund
- No acknowledgment for donation required
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Please check here _____ if you would like your donation to be anonymous

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For membership office use only: Invoice# _____ Check# _____ Amount paid _____ Date _____ N/M Packet sent _____

New Members

Every new member receives a new member packet which includes the most recent Journal and newsletter, a History of the Betsy-Tacy Society, a Restoration Fact Sheet, Maud Hart Lovelace Timeline and laminated bookmark. With each new paid Lifetime membership you'll receive a hardcover copy of Winona's Pony Cart and a Lifetime Membership Certificate.

As a member of the Betsy-Tacy Society you will:

- Receive our newsletters.
- Free admission to Betsy and Tacy's house and BTS events.
- Be part of an important effort to restore Betsy and Tacy's houses, historical literary landmarks in Mankato to educate future generations about the importance of the period.
- Be informed of all upcoming events

Great Gift Idea

Membership to the Betsy-Tacy Society makes a great gift for that special person on your gift list. With each paid gift membership, we'll send a new member packet and sign your name to a special card announcing your gift. Just fill out the membership form enclosed with the recipient's name and mailing address and tell us how to sign your card.



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Mrs. T.W. Hart gave a very pleasant party last evening to a few of her friends. After a pleasant re-past, a number of musical selections were rendered, as well as several recitations. The rooms were then cleared and dancing engaged in. All present report an enjoyable time.

←The family of Tom & Stella (Palmer) Hart, ca. 1899. Seated, L to R: Tom, Helen and Stella. Standing is Kathleen and Maud.



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