



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...

Mid-winter Greetings!

A belated Happy New Year from all of us here in Deep Valley! Thanks to the generous support of you, the membership, we were able to accomplish quite a lot during 2007. Various monthly events and book signings were held at Tacy's house, a historical marker was added at Betsy's house and additional signage has been completed and awaits spring installation. Beautiful new millwork is now in place and our next challenge is selecting wallpaper and paint colors. Then the work begins...again!

It is always a pleasure to get to know those of you who are able to visit us. In spite of blustery weather on the December Saturday we held our "Victorian Christmas", Tacy's house was full. The smells of cider and ginger cookies wafted throughout the house as carols sung by members of the MN Valley Chorale hung in the air. As we served refreshments I had the opportunity to ask some of our guests where they were from. Imagine my surprise when they answered "New York City"! Pamela and Kristin took advantage

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Letters from Maud

When Betsy-Tacy was released in 1940, author Maud Hart Lovelace's hometown newspaper printed a book review stating: "Even if Maud Hart Lovelace had not admitted on the jacket of her forthcoming book that Mankato is the setting of the story, Mankato would have known. Nothing quite like this story has ever been written about Mankato before. And nothing before has ever revealed so clearly the Mankato which is

a community with personality and charm."

Certainly all of Mankato was interested in reading about the people and places mentioned in this book. One of those readers was Thomas C. Edwards. He was impressed with the Betsy-Tacy book because it brought back many of his own childhood memories of growing up in Mankato. He had also been acquainted with the Hart family when they lived in Mankato.

Thomas C. Edwards was born in Mankato on December 17, 1879 and was twelve years older than Maud. He spent his youth playing baseball with his friends, sledding down Jackson Street, skating up the Minnesota River and "hunting" for Jesse James and Cole Younger in Prospect Heights, which is now known as Sumner Hills.

He became a successful agent with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. Tom was a charter member of the Mankato Golf Club and for many years authored a Free Press golf column under the "Willie Putt" byline.

In 1940, Tom departed from his regular golf column and wrote an article about his memories that were stirred by Maud's book, Betsy-Tacy. In an article entitled, Willie Putt Remembers 'Betsy-Tacy' Neighborhood, he wrote; "We who live, and have lived in Mankato and knew Tom and Mrs. Hart, will be entertained thoroughly, and at times when we read this little book we think of the Knights of Pythias Lodge dances, the aristocratic demeanor of "Tom," and the happy, friendly atmosphere of Mrs. Hart. The book was written at a time in my life when Maud Hart Lovelace

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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.

Special House Visits: Call 507-345-9777
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 May 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008

Joan Brown – poster and music - *Molly's Eyes* – Mankato Theatre, Nov. 5-6, 1912
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 Nancy Burger – *Vera Neville illustration & papers from Fern Haugen*
 Lona Falencykowski – *kerosene lamp*
 Friends of the Deep Valley Library – *Trees Kneel at Christmas by MHL (library edition)*
 Thomas Hagen – *feather ticks and Marseilles bedspread*
 Mikki Karotkin – *Cup and saucer – Johnson Brothers (England)*
 Louise Everett King – 6 – 7 1/4 “ *hand-painted Haviland china plates*
 4 – *hand-painted Haviland china cup and saucer sets*
 1 – *hand-painted Haviland china saucer*
 NOTE: These were all hand-painted by Marion Willard's (Carney) mother, Louise Willard.
 Maud Hart Lovelace Society – *Round playing cards from Darrah Aldrich (friend of Maud & Delos Lovelace)*
 1 *green depression glass candlestick holder*
 2 *plates – Minerva pattern – John Haddock & Sons, England*
 3 *canvas aprons*
 1 *canvas bag marked Eugene Foster, St. Paul, Minn.*

Log shaped green planter
Hand-painted miniature teapot
Hand-painted candlestick holder
Rockwood pottery vase
Measuring cup
 Julie Schrader – *The Merry Widow sheet music (1908)*
 Michael & Kimberly Smith – *10 Betsy-Tacy books*
 Bob and Mimi Cerni - *Antique trunk and kerosene lamp*

Betsy's house restoration project:

Thomas Hagen – four panel wood interior doors, one exterior door and hardware
 Robert Wilking – four panel wood interior doors

Artifacts on Loan

Thomas Hagen – Cast iron wood range (pictured below)

Wish list

- *Dry Sink for Betsy's house
- *Copy Machine
- *LCD projector
- *Antique library table
- *Archival boxes & supplies for artifacts
- *Rain barrel
- *Woodworkers (to make products from the Hart maple tree for resale in shop)
- *Round parlor stove with horse head nickel trim for Betsy's house



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and her friends were too wee for a person of my mature age – I must have been 16 or 18!”

Maud visited Mankato in October that year. A program was held in the auditorium of Lincoln School for three Mankato natives, Maud Hart Lovelace, Bick Kenney Kirch and Lora Lulsdorff McCartney (a noted contralto singer) and was attended by nearly 1,000 people. Sometime during this visit to Mankato, Maud was introduced to Thomas C. Edwards — Willie Putt.

When Betsy-Tacy and Tib was released in 1941, Maud’s publicist, Elizabeth Riley, sent a copy of the book to Tom Edwards for review. ‘Willie Putt’s’ book review appeared in the Mankato Free Press on September 18, 1941. He writes, “How many little girls and boys have sat dreaming of the big things in life they were going to do when they grew up. Maud Hart Lovelace did dream – and now when she has grown up – she really has realized her dreams.”

Maud and Tom began a correspondence which developed into lasting friendship. Her early letters to Edwards illustrate her attention to historical detail and accuracy. Even though she was writing young adult fiction, she was not content to rely on her childhood memories when it came to historical detail. This is illustrated in her letter dated July 20, 1942:

Dear Mr. Edwards,

I am imposing upon the kindness you have always shown my Betsy-Tacy books by asking a favor in connection with the fourth book. I’m just beginning work on it. The third one, called “Over the Big Hill,” will be out this fall and you will be receiving a copy. It deals with a Syrian colony much like our Tinckomville, and I had an enchanting time writing it.

In this fourth one, Betsy-Tacy and Tib discover the theatre, chiefly through the ten, twenty and thirty cent stock companies which are a fond memory of mine. One of the things I want to know is whether

they had matinees on other days than Saturdays? In the period on which I’m writing, (1903 or 4) I only attended matinees. I know you have a wonderful memory, and since you probably attended those same matinees, perhaps you could tell me whether all that bliss was crammed into one afternoon out of the week or whether we went on other afternoons too? I have at hand an article on our old Mankato Opera House and note that Mr. Ferd Hoerr has a collection of theatre programs. (How I wish I was there to look it over, and also read the old files of the Free Press!) If you don’t remember about the matinees, perhaps you would ask him for me? Any memories either one of you have about these glamorous occasions would be very much appreciated.

Do you happen to remember when the first automobile came to Mankato? The one I remember belonged to a Mr. Bennett. Midge Gerlach was given a ride in it, to the envy of the rest of us. I am quite sure we were in Pleasant

Grove School at the time, so it must have been before 1905, but I could be mistaken.

Thank you and thank you, for searching your memory on my behalf!

Mother is planning to spend the beautiful Indian summer in Minnesota this year. She is very well and sends you kind regards as do I. We speak so often of our happy visit to Mankato two years ago.

Sincerely,

Maud Hart Lovelace

Their correspondence continued over the years as they shared news of family, old times, friends and acquaintances. On the few occasions when Maud visited Mankato, she spent time with Tom and his wife Edythe. In a letter dated April 12, 1950, she writes: “Edythe will be getting bored, I’m afraid, with all this reminiscing. She was very patient though, the day we had that wonderful wonderful ride and saw Jones Ford and Rapidan... Affectionate regards to you both, as ever, Maud.



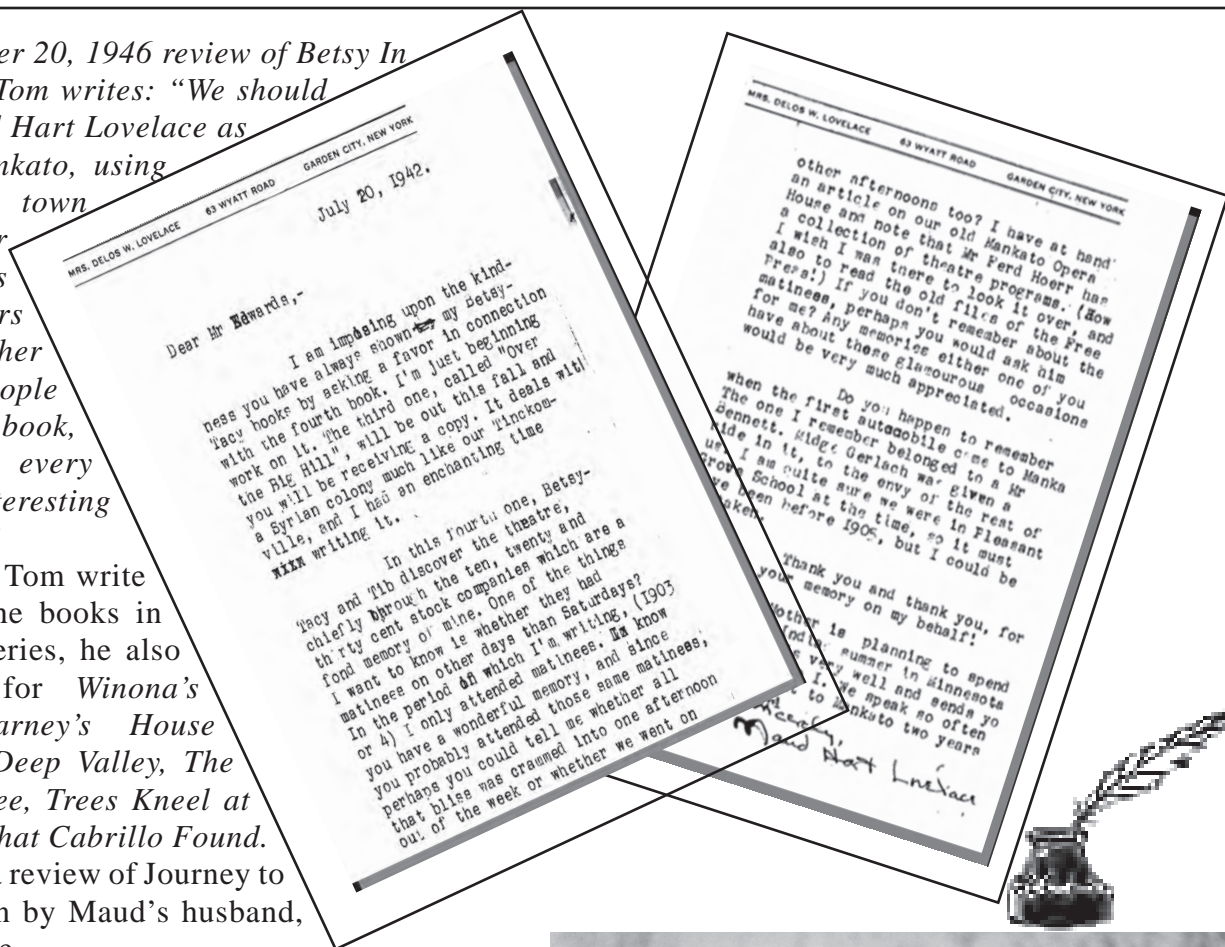
Thomas C. Edwards aka Willie Putt

In his November 20, 1946 review of *Betsy In Spite of Herself*, Tom writes: “We should be proud of Maud Hart Lovelace as coming from Mankato, using her old home town and many of her childhood friends as the “star” actors in the drama of her life. Mankato people should own this book, they will enjoy every page, for it is so interesting from first to last.”

Not only did Tom write reviews for all the books in the Betsy-Tacy series, he also wrote reviews for *Winona’s Pony Cart*, *Carney’s House Party*, *Emily of Deep Valley*, *The Tune is in the Tree*, *Trees Kneel at Christmas*, and *What Cabrillo Found*. In 1953 he wrote a review of *Journey to Bethlehem* written by Maud’s husband, Delos W. Lovelace.

In his review of *The Trees Kneel at Christmas* published November 13, 1952, he writes: “*Maud Hart Lovelace is in the process of becoming one of the best accepted of contemporary writers in the field of youth reading.*”

Thomas Edwards, aka Willie Putt, passed away in 1970. In an effort to preserve this private collection of letters from Maud, his son William made it available to Julie Schrader and the Betsy-Tacy Society. This collection was digitalized and is available on CD. It features images of the original letters written by Maud to Thomas Edwards, original newspaper clippings of Willie Putt’s book reviews published in the Mankato Free Press from 1940-1958, images of the original book covers and several photographs. These are arranged in chronological order and tell the story of a friendship that developed as the two shared a genuine interest in the history of their hometown. An 18-page companion booklet of the transcribed book reviews written by Willie Putt accompanies this CD and is available from in Tacy’s Gift Shop and our online catalog for \$12.00.



Maud Hart Lovelace
(photo from the collection of Thomas C. Edwards)

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of a low-cost flight, and flew to Minnesota for the week-end in order to attend our "Victorian Christmas". They were very grateful that we had not cancelled the event due to the bad weather!

In order to continue our progress on the restoration of Betsy's house we intend to put a special emphasis on fund-raising during 2008. Our special "thanks" goes out to all of you who have already generously supported us. Because of your donations we are happy to report that the balance due on our mortgage is now under \$20,000! Another fund-raising effort underway is our "Paver Campaign". If you have not already done so, please consider honoring or memorializing someone you know at Betsy's house (see insert).

As we get closer to being able to open Betsy's house to the public it is exciting to dream of a future event: a grand opening at Betsy's held along with a "mortgage-burning"! It is a lofty goal, but one we hope we can make happen!

The best to you in the New Year. Stop by and see us at 332 Center Street!

Your president,

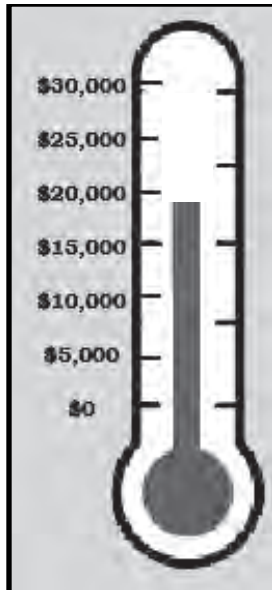
Penny Banwart

Burn the Mortgage Fundraiser

We're making progress, but we NEED your help to reach our goal and pay off the mortgage in 2008! As of January 31, 2008, the principal remaining is \$18,998.30. By paying off the mortgage early, the Society will save money spent on interest and eliminate a large monthly expense.

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.

Help us reach our goal and watch the mercury fall!



DONOR LEVELS	
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Gold	\$500 - \$999
Platinum	\$1000 +

The Betsy-Tacy Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible. Please mark "Burn the Mortgage Fundraiser" in the memo line of your check.

How YOU Can Help

* Keep your membership up to date

* Shop our online catalog

*Paver fundraiser - see insert

* Burn the Mortgage Fundraiser – see insert

* eBay Giving Works

You may chose to support the society by selling on eBay and designating the proceeds sent to the BTS. The BTS is now is a registered non-profit organization with eBay Giving Works. For more information visit: <http://givingworks.ebay.com>

*Greenraising

Do The Right Thing for Yourself and the Planet! Shop at www.greenraising.com and earn money for the BTS! We'll get 25% of all purchases made on greenraising.com now and throughout the year. Greenraising offers a wide variety of interesting and unusual eco-friendly and fair trade items that will help you to reduce, reuse, and recycle and make a positive impact on the world.

Locally

*TRCA Team Card

As an umbrella organization of the Twin Rivers Center for the Arts (TRCA), the BTS can benefit when members use the TRCA Team Card. When a customer uses the card at a local participating retailer, they pay with their regular debit card, but have the store swipe the TRCA card as well. Then 3.5% of the total purchase goes back onto the TRCA card as a cash reward for you and 3.5% cash reward is given to the BTS! Pick up your TRCA Team Card and more information on participating businesses at Tacy's House, the Emy Frenz Guild or any Mankato area participating bussiness.

*Volunteer!

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with general duties of the organization, serve on a committee, guide tours, write grants, help with yard or restoration work, or assist with programs. If you have time or skills to share with us, please let us know.

Shop Talk

New items now available in Tacy's Gift Shop and in our online catalog at www.betsy-tacysociety.org:

***Betsy's 10th Birthday - Small Canvas Tote Bag - \$8.95**

Tote bag is made of 10 oz. 100% Heavyweight cotton canvas.

Size: 8" wide x 10" high. Natural with black ink.

***Minnesota 150: The People, Places and Things that Shape Our State**

by Kate Roberts, published by MN Historical Society - \$19.95

Maud Hart Lovelace is included in this book celebrating Minnesota's bicentennial.



***Maud's Music of Deep Valley: Musical Tribute to Maud Hart Lovelace - \$16.95**

Maud's Music of Deep Valley is a collection of songs taken from the Betsy-Tacy books. This compilation of music from the turn of the century features Minnesota pianist Craig Timmerman and is produced by Cellar Sounds Studio of Mankato.

NEW SIGNS FOR BETSY AND TACY'S HOUSE

Late in 2006 a number of discussions were held between volunteers David and Nancy Allan and the Board of Directors concerning designing and constructing new signage for each house.

David and Nancy, artists and owners of an art studio (www.winslowwoodcarving.com) suggested a collaborative effort whereby grant money and a contribution of their time could make this happen. Following a number of proposed ideas, the Board approved two unique designs, each incorporating a sculpted motif of Betsy and Tacy together.

As woodcarvers and sculptors, David and Nancy, went about converting the two-dimensional computer drawings into a three-dimensional reality for each house. The two signs are unique and individual, each thematically capturing a special moment of joy in Betsy and Tacy's lives.

The sign for Betsy's House uses an iconic image of the two girls coming out of a book; historically juxtaposed and running, literally, into the reader's lives. While Tacy's House sign exhibits the two girls sitting



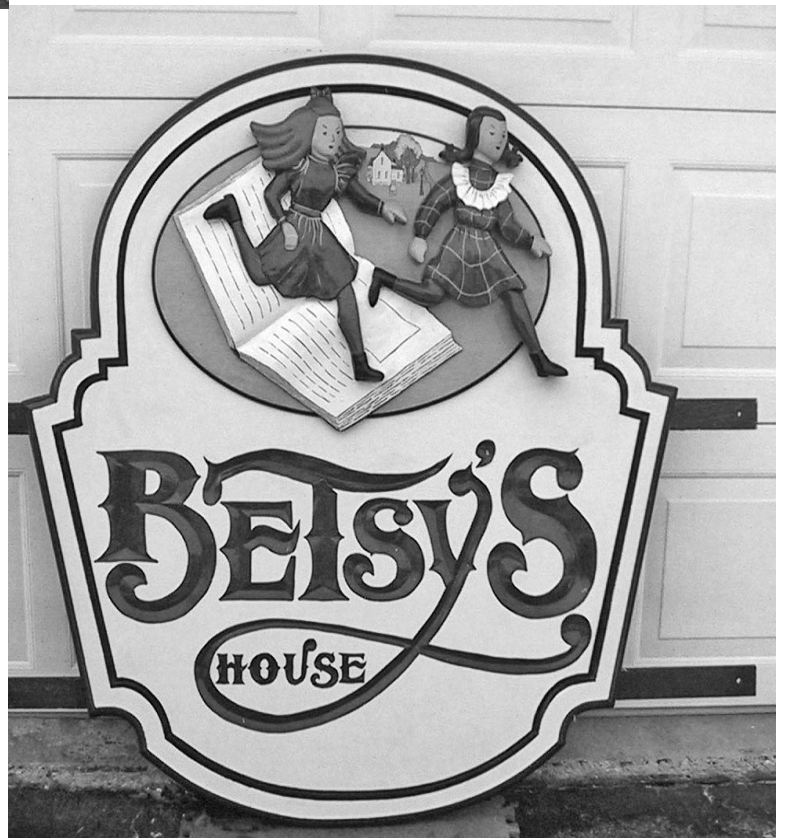
Nancy and David Allan show off the sign for Tacy's House.

on the fence enjoying each other's company, sharing their hopes, dreams, experiences and joys.

Each sign is carved and sculpted from an architectural high density urethane foam and reinforced with an aluminum backing and a steel frame. The lettering used fonts that represent early 1900 fonts. Each sign has been painted with colors appropriate to the period.

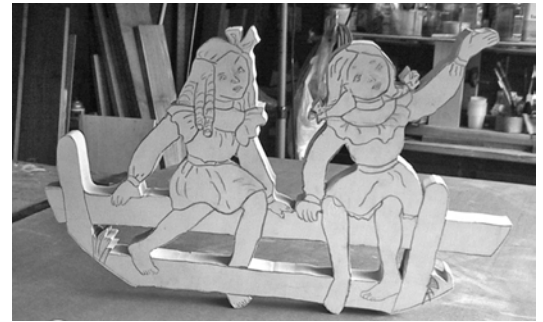
As spring will soon show its bounteous, beautiful face and its rich colors; we will find its warming and softening earth to our liking. Time to dig our sign post holes! Betsy and Tacy's personalized house signs will soon be welcoming visitors and friends alike.

Visit our website to see more photos of the signs in progress - www.betsy-tacysociety.org





Nancy Allan (left) works on the new sign for Betsy's House.



David Allan (right) chisels away at the wood creating a new sign for Betsy's and Tacy's house.



Betsy's House Restoration News



Denny Weis works on Betsy's House.

The restoration work continues to make good progress. Denny Weis has installed the new millwork and it looks wonderful! The walls, ceilings and woodwork will be primed and prepared for painting or wallpaper to be applied over the coming months. The electrical work is nearly completed. Period style interior doors were donated by Tom Hagen and Robert Wilking and have been hung. Photos will be posted on the website showing our progress throughout the year. Our goal for 2008 is to have the major restoration work on the main floor of the house far enough along to open the house to the public. With the help of our members, volunteers and donors we can meet this goal!

Young Writer's Conference

The Betsy-Tacy Society has recently formed a partnership with South Central Service Cooperative's Annual Young Writers Conference (YWC) in an effort to provide students with more opportunities to learn about writing and the creative arts.

The YWC will be held March 18-19, 2008 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. The Young Writer's Conference offers students the opportunity to explore a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. The YWC utilizes a number of authors, educators, experienced writers, and business leaders as conference facilitators. These local and regional talents inspire youth and encourage them to take their own talents to new levels. Session topics may include, but not be limited to: poetry, fiction writing, character and plot development, illustration/cartooning, writing for the arts, entertainment, travel, and journalism, songwriting, science fiction, humor, screen plays, calligraphy, etc. Having the conference at Bethany Lutheran College allows students to attend individual hands-on sessions on a college campus in a closely supervised environment, without normal daily college activities and students present.

To read more about the conference or to register, visit: www.mnscsc.org/student_outreach/young.html.



CD Release Party a Success

The Betsy-Tacy Society celebrated the release of its first CD on Feb. 2, 2008 at the Emy Frentz Arts Guild in Mankato, featuring the piano styling of Minneapolis performing artist Craig Timmerman. Maud Hart Lovelace (played by Susan Hynes) introduced Craig and he entertained guests with many musical selections from the new CD. Doug Faust presented the BTS with a plaque to commemorate the event. The CD, a musical tribute to Lovelace, was produced by Doug Faust and Cellar Sound Studios in Mankato and in part was made possible by a grant provided by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Pianist, Craig Timmerman and Susan Hynes (as Maud Hart Lovelace) at the CD Release Party for Maud's Music of Deep Valley on Feb. 2, 2008.

New Members

Every new member receives a new member packet which includes the most recent newsletters, a History of the BTS, Maud Hart Lovelace Timeline and much more. 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 special 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 below with the recipient's name and mailing address and tell us how to sign your card.

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.

Privacy Statement

The Betsy-Tacy Society is committed to respecting the privacy of our members. Please be assured that we do not rent or sell our mailing list. If you have any questions about your member information and how it is used, please contact us at membership@betsy-tacysociety.org or 507-345-9777.

Betsy-Tacy Society Membership Form

(Form may be photocopied)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Annual Membership Levels

Annual Membership with Email Newsletters

- \$15 Regular - E
- \$25 Patron - E
- \$30 Business - E
- \$30 Foreign - E (Money order in US Funds only)
- \$200 Lifetime - E

Annual Membership with Printed & Mailed Newsletters

- \$25 Regular - P
- \$35 Patron - P
- \$40 Business - P
- \$40 Foreign - P (Money order in US Funds only)
- \$250 Lifetime - P

Additional Information

- Renewal
- New Member
- This is a Gift Membership - please sign
- Gift card from: _____

Donations

- Tax-deductible donation - Betsy-Tacy House Fund
- No acknowledgment for donation required
- Donation in Memory of In Honor of: _____

Please check here ___ if you would like your donation to be anonymous

Make checks payable to the Betsy-Tacy Society and send this form to: P.O. Box 94, Mankato, MN 56002-0094

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For membership office use only: Invoice # _____ Check# _____ Amt. Pd. _____ Date _____ N/M Pkt sent _____

Calendar of Events

March 18-19	Young Writer's Conference at Bethany Lutheran College
April 12	Meet the Author, Barbara Britain (Producer) "Return to Shetek: The Courage of the Fool Soldiers" Hear the story of how Lily Everett (referred to in the B-T books as Carney's Aunt Lily) survived the uprising due to the courage of the Fool Soldiers
April 26	Maud's Birthday Party
June 14	Victorian Lawn Party & Annual Meeting (1-4 p.m.)
July 11-13	Deep Valley Vignettes Betsy-Tacy on Stage Fri. & Sat. at 7 pm, Sun. at 2 pm Presented by the Amboy Area Community Theatre in Amboy
July 12	Tacy's Birthday Party
Sept. 27	Betsy-Tacy Neighborhood Walk
Oct. 25	Halloween Party
Dec. 6	Victorian Christmas

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.

Important Membership Information

You will find your expiration date on the mailing label. If you mailed your membership dues after January 31, 2008, the new expiration date will not be reflected on this mailing label. If your membership has expired, please consider renewing today! You are very important to us and we don't want to lose you as a valued member.



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Pavers for Betsy's House Fundraiser

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Engraved bricks are a permanent and meaningful way to:

- *Memorialize or honor a loved one*
- *Commemorate special occasions or accomplishments*
- *Promote your business*
- *Give a lasting gift*

The Betsy-Tacy Society invites you to “put your name in stone” as a contributor to the restoration of Maud Hart Lovelace’s childhood home - Betsy’s House. Pavers will be used for a pathway to Betsy’s house and a walkway surrounding the new Lovelace historic marker at Betsy’s house. You will be leaving a permanent legacy in stone showing your contribution to saving this literary landmark. The proceeds raised will go directly to the restoration fund.

4” x 8” Brick

\$80

Up to 3 lines

15 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation

Text will be automatically centered



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Name _____
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 Total Amount Enclosed _____
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Make checks or money orders payable to:
 Betsy-Tacy Society Paver Fundraiser

The Betsy-Tacy Society is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donation may be tax deductible.

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For more information contact: julie@mnheritage.com or visit: www.betsy-tacysociety.org

Burn the Mortgage Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Betsy-Tacy Society



A historic marker erected in 2007 tells the story of this historic literary home located at 333 Center Street in Mankato, MN.

Maud Hart Lovelace

1892 – 1980

Born in Mankato on April 25, 1892, Maud Palmer Hart lived in this home at 333 Center Street until 1906. In 1897 Frances “Bick” Kenney moved into the house across the street, at 332 Center Street, and the two girls became lifelong best friends. They grew up surrounded by beautiful green hillsides, and from atop the hill behind her house, Maud could look down on Mankato and see Front Street, Sibley Park, and, far away in the valley, the “silver ribbon” of the Minnesota River.

From the time she could hold a pencil, Maud was writing diaries, poems, plays, and stories. She graduated from Mankato High School in 1910 and attended the University of Minnesota. She was the author of many published short stories, 6 adult novels and 18 children’s books. With the publication of *Betsy-Tacy* in 1940, she began the successful series known as the Betsy-Tacy books, which were based on the lives of Maud (*Betsy*) and her friend Bick (*Tacy*). The stories of her childhood in Mankato (the fictionalized *Deep Valley*), small-town life, family traditions, and enduring friendships continue to capture the hearts of her fans.

Maud married author and journalist Delos W. Lovelace in 1917, and they had one daughter, Merian. Maud died March 11, 1980, in California, and as she requested, she was returned to her beloved Mankato and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

THIS HOUSE WAS SAVED FROM DEMOLITION

when the Betsy-Tacy Society purchased it for \$60,000 in 2001. The house was in poor condition and in need of major renovations, including a new roof, removal of a deteriorating chimney, new furnace, foundation repairs, and so much more.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Help us reach our goal and pay off the mortgage. We’ve come a long way and have made so much progress since the purchase of “Betsy’s House” in 2001. As of January 31, 2008, the principal remaining is \$18,998.30. By paying off the mortgage early, the Society will save money spent on interest and eliminate a large monthly expense.

YOUR GIFT WILL BECOME 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.

The Betsy-Tacy Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible.

Donor Levels

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

Please print clearly and use the name you would like acknowledged on the plaque

Name or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email address _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____ Check Number _____

Donation in memory of: _____

Donation in honor of: _____

Please mark “Burn the Mortgage Fundraiser” in the memo line of your check. Check here if you wish this donation to remain anonymous

For more information, call 507-345-9777 or email: julie@mnheritage.com or visit: www.betsy-tacysociety.org

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