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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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Commemorating The 100-Year Anniversary Of MHL's Graduation 1910-2010



Maud Palmer Hart
1910 high school graduation portrait



Mankato High School, ca. 1910
Deep Valley High School



Frances Vivian Kenney
1910 high school graduation portrait

Maud Palmer Hart and Frances Vivian Kenney (Betsy and Tacy) graduated from Mankato High School in 1910. High school commencement exercises were held in the Mankato Opera House to be able to accommodate the large attendance. The commencement program and the newspaper article describing the event are reprinted in this issue. The BTS will commemorate this anniversary at its Victorian Lawn Party on June 5. See inside for more details.

Betsy-Tacy Society Celebrating 20th Anniversary 1990-2010

When Maud Hart Lovelace memorialized Mankato as "Deep Valley," the town in turn prized its famous author, holding "Betsy-Tacy Days" in 1961, naming the library's children's wing in her honor, and installing a bench at the top of "Hill Street" (Center Street) to mark where Betsy and Tacy picnicked. But by the end of the 1980s, most of the Betsy-Tacy books were out of print, and even local interest had

waned. In April 1990 several women from Mankato and surrounding areas met to establish the Betsy-Tacy Society, in order to promote awareness of the beloved

series and preserve and protect the still-existing homes and landmarks so faithfully depicted in the books. From those few women evolved an organization that now boasts more than 1,000 members throughout the United States and abroad. In just these few short years, the organization has been successful in its efforts to get the Betsy-Tacy books back in print and to purchase, and pay off the mortgages for, Maud's and Bick's (Betsy's and Tacy's) childhood homes. These amazing accomplishments are due to the dedicated work of the many BTS volunteers and members. We are proud to celebrate this BTS milestone!

As we celebrate our history in 2010, we encourage you to send memories, stories, comments and photos from our past 20 years.



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Tacy's House and Gift Shop

Open every Saturday – 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
 Closed January – February

Tacy's House is located at 332 Center Street in Mankato and Betsy's House is at 333 Center Street. Saturday Admission – Adults \$3, Ages 6-16 \$1. Under 5-Free (no admission to gift shop only)

Special House Visits: Call 507-345-9777

For special house visits, advance reservations are requested 2 weeks in advance.
 Admission for special appointments: \$20 - up to 5 people. Over 5 people, additional \$3 for adults and \$1 for ages 6-16. This fee applies to members and non-members of the BTS. Special rates available for bus tours or school visits. Contact us for more details.

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Welcome New Members

November 15, 2009 – January 31, 2010
 Carlsson, Deborah
 Eckerling, Adrienne
 Foster, Mary
 Ho, Christine
 Hudson, Beth
 Jacobsen, Sonja
 Larsen, Elizabeth
 Lee, S.A.
 Lucey, Catherine
 Matazel, Betsy Lynn
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 McGovern, Heather
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 Tolson, Theresa
 Williams, Vee

Donations

The BTS gratefully acknowledges donations received from November 15, 2009 – January 31, 2010 from the following:

Donations to \$49

Arends, Carole
 Brown, Joan
 Burger, Carol
 Canavan, Colleen Ann - *In Memory of Jim Loden - Endowment*
 Catron, Bonnie - *Restoration Fund*
 Celinski, Joyce - *Restoration Fund*
 Chamberlain, Mary
 Chuba, Julie
 Davis-Kay, Jennifer - *Endowment Fund*
 DeWeese, Shirley - *Assessment Fund*
 Eckart, Mary
 Eidet, Margrethe - *In Memory of Erlvs Krueger*
 Fahling, Connie
 Falencykowski, Donald & Clova
 Flanagan, Alice - *Assessment Fund*
 Frederick, Jill
 French, Judith - *Restoration Fund*
 Geiger, Janice - *Restoration Fund*
 Gerker, Carol
 Halbrooks, Mary
 Hilleke, Elizabeth
 Huss, Gina
 Kaulzloric, Jayne
 Kavulich, Susan
 Maheras, Frieda - *In Memory of Margaret Schmidt*
 McGovern, Heather
 Menzer, Janet
 Munoz, Grace
 Olearczuk, Peggy
 Parnell, June
 Phillips, Anne - *Assessment Fund*
 Rolek, Tricia - *Assessment Fund*
 Ryan, Sarah
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 Schafer, Martha
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 Waugh, Helen

Donations \$50 - \$99

Arzdorf, Judy - *Assessment Fund*
 Biewen, Gene

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 Canavan, Colleen Ann - *In Memory of Ronnie Osborne - Endowment*
 Canavan, Colleen Ann - *In Memory of Helen Adams - Endowment*
 Daly, Bonnie
 Hastler, Mary - *In Honor of Evelyn Moessinger*
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 Knowles, Sallie
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 Landis, Mary
 Lieske, Suzanne
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 Watson, Linda - *Restoration Fund*
 Woizeschke, Sharon
 Young, Mary Pat - *Assessment Fund*

Donations \$100 - \$499

Breeggemann, Sharon
 Brown, Robert & Susan
 Freymuth, Patricia
 Goldberg, Marcia - *Endowment Fund*
 Jordan, Mary
 MacCulloch, Susan
 Sandleback, D'Lene - *Assessment Fund*

Donations \$500 - \$1,000

Brown, Robert & Susan
 Hindersman, Christie - *Assessment Fund*
 Johnson, Janine - *Assessment Fund*
 Johnson, Janine - *to purchase vacuum cleaner for Betsy's house*
 Thomas, Richard & Jean

Paver Fundraiser

November 15, 2009 – January 31, 2010
 Brems, Cecelia
 Hemmer, John Michael
 Jasinski, Kathryn
 Lamp, Melva
 Malafa, Jeanette
 Merliss, Lori
 Thonen-Kerr, Elizabeth

In Kind Donations

Green Thumb Garden Center
 Erin Johnson
 Suzanne Nezin
 Neil Nurre - South Central College

Betsy's House Mortgage

Silver Donor – Jammie Dennin, *In Honor of Betty Jacobson*
 We're very sorry that this information was mistakenly omitted in the August 2009 issue of the *Deep Valley Sun*, pg. 7

Thank You, Volunteers!

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 Ken Schrader
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 Patti Sjulstad
 Bryce Stenzel
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Artifacts & Archive Donations

November 15, 2009-January 31, 2010
 Sally Bonello - *The Charming Sally* by Maud Hart Lovelace
 Suzanne Nezin - *One Stayed at Welcome* by Maud Hart Lovelace

Wish List

Cash donations are gratefully accepted and will help us purchase items needed.

1950 Mankato High School Otaknam yearbook

1900 period artifacts and furniture for Betsy's House museum (see list on BTS website)

Books by Maud Hart Lovelace:
The Tune Is in the Tree

Dust jacket images for *Petticoat Court* and *One Stayed at Welcome* by MHL

Dehumidifier for Betsy's House

LCD projector

Archival boxes & supplies for artifacts

Lily pattern by John Maddock & Sons (Stella Hart's dishes)

Wishes Fulfilled

The Charming Sally by Maud Hart Lovelace

One Stayed at Welcome by Maud Hart Lovelace

Vacuum cleaner for Betsy's House

Thank you!

Message from the President...

After a busy fall and very successful "Victorian Christmas," things are quiet at the childhood homes of Betsy and Tacy. Snow is piled high along the corners of Center and Lewis streets, and the neighborhood looks a bit like a Currier and Ives print.

Except for special tours, the houses are closed during the winter months. We're happy to report, though, that we have had many visitors at our newly revised website. We hope you've paid us a visit there as well!

2009 was a rewarding year for all of us here in Deep Valley. We were thankful to pay off the mortgage on the houses in April and were most happy to welcome many convention guests to our beautiful southern Minnesota valley in July. Many renovation projects were finished to put things in tip-top shape for our summer visitors.

The recession has presented us with additional financial challenges. We continue to be grateful to you, our membership, for your loyal support, and we look forward to a better economy in the year ahead. We are also appreciative of all of you who purchase books and other items on our website and in the gift shop at Tacy's house.

In 2010 there will be cause for a year-long celebration, as the Betsy-Tacy Society marks its 20th anniversary. Look for special events posted on the website!

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your support and wish you all the best in 2010! Happy reading!

Penny Banwart
President, Betsy-Tacy Society

BTS Board News

Patti Sjulstad has retired from the board and will continue serving on the restoration committee and working as a volunteer for the society. We thank her for her service.

The BTS welcomes two new board members: Pat Nelson and Jackie Hilgert.

Pat Nelson, a longtime director of fiscal and computer management for various non-profit organizations, has lived in North Mankato for 35 years. She is married with two sons and two grandsons and enjoys gardening, scrapbooking, and reading. Pat was introduced to the BTS when she was asked to volunteer at Tacy's house in the fall of 2008. Since then she's become fascinated with the Betsy-Tacy series and the restoration of the Betsy and Tacy houses, and she feels compelled to remain involved in the many activities of the BTS. She believes it's important to help the BTS in promoting and contributing to its mission and keeping the past alive for all generations of our community.

Jackie Hilgert is an author, editor and producer of corporate, personal and family history books and video documentaries. Legacy preservation services are offered through Histories in the Making, an endeavor Jackie launched in 2005. In 2008, Jackie partnered with her daughter, Rebecca, to form Traditions Communications, an enterprise that allows the mother-daughter team to expand their creative client offerings beyond history products to include graphic design, research, web authoring, and consultation in areas of new media and social networking. Prior to becoming an entrepreneur, Jackie worked for a Minneapolis-based publishing company. Jackie moved to the Mankato area in 2008 when she and her husband started a small commercial vineyard. Jackie has been a BTS volunteer and is committed to supporting children's literacy efforts.

Deep Valley Books Back in Print!

In October 2010 Harper Perennial Modern Classics will reissue the remaining Deep Valley books: *Emily of Deep Valley*, *Carney's House Party*, and *Winona's Pony Cart*. *Emily of Deep Valley* will feature a new foreword by acclaimed young adult author Mitali Perkins. *Carney's House Party* and *Winona's Pony Cart* will be published together in one volume with a new foreword by author and blogger Melissa Wiley. Both Wiley and Perkins are longtime Lovelace fans (and promoters!) and are so excited to be

a part of these reissues. Historical back matter for *Emily* and *Winona* is being written by the Betsy-

Tacy Society's own Julie Schrader. Amy Dolnick, author of *Future in a Handbasket*, is writing archival material for the back of *Carney*. As with last fall's Betsy-Tacy reissues, Vera Neville's beloved illustrations will be used on the covers. Learn more about Mitali Perkins at www.mitaliblog.com and more about Melissa Wiley at www.melissawiley.com/blog.

Jennifer Hart
VP, associate publisher
Harper Perennial and Harper Paperbacks

The BTS shop still has copies of *Emily of Deep Valley* (soft- & hard-cover) and *Winona's Pony Cart* (hardcover) while supplies last!



*Make plans to attend the annual
Victorian Lawn Party*

June 5, 2010
Noon - 4 pm



Costumed reenactors, horse and buggy rides, historic home tours, ice cream, lemonade, and fun for all ages as we relive life at the turn of the century. We'll be celebrating the centennial of Maud's and Bick's high school graduation at the Betsy-Tacy houses. This annual event is sponsored in partnership with the Betsy-Tacy Society, the Blue Earth County Historical Society, and the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association. Check our website for more details as they become available.

Maud Hart Lovelace Documents Update

As previously reported, the BTS will soon be posting documents from Merian Kirchner's estate for members to view. We're in the process of obtaining a grant to upgrade our website.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Memberships are due each year on January 1. Please check for your renewal date on the address label of this newsletter. If your membership expires on December 31, 2009, please renew today. Thank you!

Do we have your current e-mail address?

Our new database allows us to keep in closer contact with our members by making it easy to send out e-mails about current news and events that take place between newsletter publications. But we need your e-mail address! If you are not receiving occasional e-mails from us, please check to be sure we have your current e-mail address on file or that our messages are not getting caught in your spam filter. Contact: julie@betsy-tacysociety.org.

*You are invited to the
Betsy-Tacy Society Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the Betsy-Tacy houses
There will be an old-fashioned potluck picnic at 5:30 pm.
Please bring a dish to pass.
The annual meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.
Check our website for more details.*

Give the Gift of Betsy-Tacy

Gift shop sales are a wonderful way to support the BTS year-round! Whether you're shopping for yourself or for that special someone on your gift list, we have unique gifts that are sure to please. Many of our items are custom made especially for the BTS and are not found anywhere else. Visit our website to shop online or request a catalog (see p. 2).



The Betsy-Tacy Society and the Deep Valley Convention were awarded the "Bring It Home Award" at the Business Hall of Fame award night on Nov. 17, 2009. The "Bring It Home Award" is presented by the Greater Mankato Convention & Visitors Bureau. L-R: Lona Falencykowski, Julie Schrader, Kelly Reuter, and Kristin Woizeschke.



Tacy Masters graduated from Mankato East High School, June 2009. Tacy has been involved with the BTS since she was a toddler. She is currently studying radiology at NDSU Fargo, ND.

Thank you

to all who continue to support the BTS! During these difficult economic times, your support is vital to us! As a nonprofit organization, we operate solely on memberships, gift shop sales, and special donations. We receive no federal or state funding. Our faithful members are the backbone of the BTS!

Betsy-Tacy Society – The Beginning (1990–1995)

By Kelly Reuter (BTS recording secretary 1990-1997)

Last fall we burned the mortgages on Betsy's and Tacy's homes! What an amazing feat of love and perseverance! Just 20 years ago a handful of us sat around Doris Berger's dining room table discussing our love of Betsy-Tacy and how we could promote the books and keep this heritage alive. We put out the call to all other fans, but since we were right here in Deep Valley, the day-to-day activities and events were our responsibility. We had no funds and very little experience in founding an organization, but through the years we learned through trial and error.

Now, a mere 20 years later, the Betsy-Tacy Society is alive and thriving with hundreds of members all around the "Great World." We've welcomed multitudes of new (and old) fans; given hundreds of tours; scrimped and saved and donated our time and talents; hosted conventions and events; and purchased, restored, and revitalized Betsy's and Tacy's homes. Now the mortgages are burned and the homes belong to all of us, to continue to support in whatever way we can. We always believed, but never imagined the dreams would become a reality in such a short time.

Although the BTS was officially founded in 1990, its roots go even deeper into Mankato history. Through the years following the 1940 publication of Betsy-Tacy, the fan base widened as the first generation of Betsy readers grew up and began telling their own children about Betsy and her family and friends in Deep Valley. How exciting for the people of Mankato to know that they were living in the real Deep Valley! In 1961 Mankato honored its most famous daughter with "Betsy-Tacy Days." Planned by the Mankato Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the celebration was enjoyed by hundreds of mothers and daughters, along with Maud and her childhood friends, who were the real people behind the beloved characters of her books.

In May 1977 the new Minnesota Valley Regional Library was dedicated, with its children's wing named in honor of Maud Hart Lovelace. Maud's daughter, Merian, enjoyed the many events of the weekend, including a Betsy-Tacy luncheon at the Cray House, suppers at the Century Club and the Berg home, a book-signing at the library, and especially being able to meet local fans who thanked her for starting it all by begging her mother for more childhood stories. Merian visited Deep Valley again in 1980 for the unveiling of Marian Anderson's "Maud's Deep Valley" mural in the Lovelace Wing and other activities with the local fans. Sadly, she and her husband, Bert, returned a few days later for her mother's memorial service at St. John's Episcopal Church.

On April 30, 1989, the Mankato Campfire Girls dedicated a Betsy-Tacy bench to honor Maud "who here began the childhood daydreams that one day would be our window to the past." The new bench at the end of "Hill" Street is in a perfect

spot, where little girls of today can sit and imagine that they too can fly off on a magical pink feather.

During those pre-BTS years, the Blue Earth County Historical Society featured Betsy-Tacy costumed characters and vignettes in many of its events, such as "Ghosts of the Past." Through these activities, Mankato area Betsy-Tacy fans got to know each other, and that led to the spring 1990 meeting on Hill

Street and the founding of the BTS. Soon after, on April 3, 1990, an organizational meeting was held at the library.

Many of the early BTS meetings were still held at Doris Berger's historic home on the corner of Center and Pleasant, right next door to where Maud/Betsy was born. It was a very Betsyish place to meet ~ not only for the location, but for the beautiful gardens in the spring and summer and the scrumptious aromas of the goodies Doris baked for the meetings. Our children were always welcome, for Doris had dolls (both paper and fabric), a dog, and two cats named George and Martha (descendants of Washington, maybe?). My daughters remember meeting Lona at that very first meeting and thinking she was a very interesting lady. Little did we know back then what a huge part she would play in the future success of the BTS.

Society Statistics

1990

- **First Officers and Board Members**
- President-Doris Berger
- Vice President-Kathryn Hanson
- Recording Secretary-Kelly Reuter
- Corresponding Secretary-Michele Franck (Blake)
- Treasurer-Shirley Lieske
- Assistant Treasurer-Kay Hocker



Dedication of the MVRL Maud Hart Lovelace wing, May 21, 1977. L-R: Kelly Reuter, Caroline Nicholas (granddaughter of Marion Everett/Carney), Merian Lovelace Kirchner (daughter of Maud Hart Lovelace), and Shirley Lieske (children's librarian). Kelly Reuter and Caroline Nicholas were the co-chairs for the Lovelace wing committee.

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Board Members - Lona Falencykowski, Linda Karow, Joan Landas, Carlienne Frisch

- Began letter-writing campaign to Harper and Row (now HarperCollins) to keep the books in print
- **Aug.** - 43 families are members of the BTS
- **End of Year** - 92 members and treasury balance of \$589.80

1991

- **Apr.** (one-year anniversary) - 145 members and treasury balance of \$1139.33
 "We have designated some of this money for the charter, and some for the signs in the Lincoln Park area. We need some of these funds to host the National Convention planned for 1992; some of the money in our savings was donated with hopes that it would help in buying one of the Betsy-Tacy houses." - Shirley Lieske, treasurer [2010 note: Wow, money must have gone further back then!]

1992

- **Feb.** - Treasury balance is now \$1919.52. Signing the articles of incorporation, dated Feb. 15, 1992, were Doris Berger, Shirley Lieske, Kathryn Hanson, Joan Landas, Linda Karow, Kelly Reuter, Judy Arzdorf, Lona Falencykowski, and Carlienne Frisch.



Commemorating Maud's 100th Birthday
 On April 24, 1992, the BTS commemorated Maud's birthday by planting a Lincoln Elm tree in historic Lincoln Park. Back, L-R: Lona Falencykowski, Doris Berger, Iris Nelson, Dean Pettis, Wendi Masters holding Tacy, Shirley Lieske, Kathryn Hanson. Front: Mayor Stan Christ, Emily Falencykowski-Scott, Kelly Karow, Allie Reuter, Floyd Roberts.

Apr. - "Maud's 100th Birthday" - Minnesota Gov. Arnie Carlson proclaimed April 25, 1992, to be Maud Hart Lovelace Day. On April 24 the BTS

commemorated Maud's birthday by planting a Lincoln Elm tree in historic Lincoln Park. Mankato Mayor Stan Christ donated the tree, and Dean Pettis with the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association assisted with the planting. Ken Berg, editor of the Mankato Free Press, was the speaker. Early Candlelight was reprinted by the Minnesota Historical Society Press in honor of the centenary of MHL.

- **July 10-12** - THE CONVENTION! - "Come to Deep Valley" Maud Hart Lovelace Centenary 1892-1992. Guest of honor was Merian Lovelace Kirchner, Maud's daughter, and noted Minnesota author Patricia Hampl gave the keynote address.
- **Oct.** - Amendments to the articles of incorporation, dated Oct. 8, 1992, were signed by Alison Gulden, Kathryn Hanson, Kay Hocker, Doris Berger, Kelly Reuter, Lona Falencykowski, Shirley Lieske, Linda Karow, Joan Landas, and Carlienne Frisch.

1993

- **Feb.** - By-laws, dated Feb. 4, 1993, are signed by Doris Berger, Shirley Lieske, Kathryn Hanson, Linda Karow, Kay Hocker, Lona

Falencykowski, and Joan Landers.

- **Apr.** - BTS annual meeting at the Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center. Lona Falencykowski was elected president, Kathy Baxter vice president, Kay Hocker treasurer, Shirley Lieske publicity chair, and Linda Karow program committee chair. Kelly Reuter and Michele Franck Blake remain as recording secretary



"Betsy-Tacy and Tib Day" June 1993, hosted by the Twin Cities chapter of the BTS at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. Featured speakers were Anna Quindlen, Susan Allen Toth, Joanne Ray, and Louise "Judy" Everett King (Sam and Carney's daughter). Standing L-R: Michele Franck Blake, Kay Hocker, Emily Falencykowski-Scott, Lona Falencykowski. Seated is Anna Quindlen.

and corresponding secretary, respectively. Board members elected were Sharla Whalen, Barbara Carter, and Dolly Blomquist.

- **Sept.** - Amendments to bylaws, dated Sept. 18, 1993, are signed by Joan Landas, Kathleen Baxter, Lona Falencykowski, Kelly Reuter, Shirley Lieske, Barbara Carter, Linda Karow, Peggy Bartelt, Kay Hocker, Dolly Blomquist, and Doris Berger.
- HarperCollins reissued the first four titles in the Betsy-Tacy series, due to the campaigning of the BTS.

1994

- **Apr.** - Annual meeting of the BTS is held at the BECHS Heritage Center. Shirley Lieske, Doris Berger, and Kay Hocker accept reelection, and Sandy Kleinschmidt is elected to the board. In May Dolly Blomquist was elected vice president.
- The Twin Cities Chapter of the BTS is now the Maud Hart Lovelace Society
- The BTS has over 1,000 members, and the treasury balance is over \$18,000.

1995

- **May 1** - The BTS bid of \$39,000 for Tacy's house at 332 Center St. is accepted!!!
- **July** - The loan from the Minneapolis Non-Profit Loan Assistance Organization (working with the BTS on the purchase of Tacy's house) is approved on July 5. Upon reviewing all of the information, financial statements, minutes, and documentation of the society, the loan organization says that we are one of the most organized and well-run groups that it has dealt with, especially for an all-volunteer group only five years old.
- **Summer** - Purchase price of Tacy's house is \$39,000. On May 2, \$500 is paid, with an additional \$8,770.42 at closing. The monthly payments will be \$500. The BTS has been hard at work fixing up the house, but there is much to be done. It needs many repairs, including to the plumbing and heating and to the roof.
- **July 7-9** - The Great Mankato Get-Together convention with Dr. Louisa Smith, professor of English at Mankato State University, as the keynote speaker.
- **July 14** - Members of the BTS board meet at Midwest Realty to sign papers giving the society ownership of Tacy's house. Present

are President Lona Falencykowski and her daughter, Emily; Vice President Dolly Blomquist; Secretary Kelly Reuter and her daughter, Allie; a representative from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Barb Huebsch of Midwest Realty; attorney Charles Ingman; and Kathleen Corley of the Minnesota Non-Profit Loan Assistance Organization.

- **July 15** - The BTS is now the proud owner of Tacy's house at 332 Center/Hill Street! We all own a piece of Deep Valley!
- **Aug** - First BTS board meeting in the parlor at Tacy's house!
- **1995 - Betsy-Tacy Society Officers & Board Members**
 President - Lona Falencykowski
 Vice President - Dolly Blomquist
 Treasurer - Kay Hocker
 Recording Secretary - Kelly Reuter
 Corresponding Secretary - Michele Franck Blake
 Board Members: Peggy Bartelt, Doris Berger, Barbara Carter, Linda Karow, Sandi Kleinschmidt, Joan Landas, Wendi Masters, Renae Ratzloff, Louisa Smith, Jacqui Woodwick, Shirley Lieske (retired end of year)

1995 ADDENDUM [written following the July 1995 "Get-Together" National Meeting]

After hearing much discussion about the society's need to define and pursue its goals, the secretary takes it upon herself to look up the original goals as stated in the first newsletter and compare them with what has happened since.

- To meet regularly. - We meet monthly, and more often when needed to address pressing concerns and to plan events.
- To become more aware of Maud Hart Lovelace and the Betsy-Tacy series. - Members and their children worked together with the BECHS to present Betsy-Tacy vignettes and Betsy-Tacy related activities.
- To learn more about Mankato's history. - Board members have spent many hours researching not only Mankato's history, but all the details of life in the Betsy-Tacy era. BTS members work together with the BECHS on events such as "Ghosts of the Past" portraying Betsy-Tacy characters in vignettes and as guides. The BTS has also worked with the Lincoln Park Association to decorate and host tours of homes in the Betsy-Tacy neighborhood.
- To hold workshops for all ages based on MHL's writing. - Examples include hosting speakers such as Bunny Just (on Tib's house) and Jean Landers (Irma's niece, on life in the Betsy-Tacy neighborhood) and planning a children's tea, including a craft session with the theme of patriotism as portrayed in *Betsy and Tacy Go Over the Big Hill*.
- To find volunteers to help visitors and tourists view sites mentioned in the MHL books. - Many of our BTS members have volunteered to lead tour groups and speak to visitors. We have also printed a new map and driving-tour guide to help everyone find the sites themselves.
- To promote the publication of some of the MHL books that are out of print. - After many petitions and phone calls to

HarperCollins, the first eight are back in print with two more to follow. *Abdo and Daughters* has also reprinted *The Trees Kneel at Christmas*, with another book on the way. The Minnesota Historical Society has reprinted *Early Candlelight and Gentlemen From England*.

- To plan membership drives and fundraising events. - Members are sought at all times and in all places, including by traveling to the Victorian Festival in Winona to promote the BTS. A very successful campaign is underway to raise money for the House Fund.
- To provide plaques for the houses and places that figured in the stories. - The street signs in the Lincoln Park neighborhood feature a Betsy-Tacy logo on one side, and a banner has been placed in Tacy's yard.
- To have an annual Betsy-Tacy celebration. - Betsy-Tacy has been celebrated in different ways at all times of the year, including an annual Christmas party and our annual meetings.

Long-Range Objectives

- To commemorate MHL's 100th birthday in 1992. we want to hold a convention for Betsy-Tacy fans. - We not only had a very successful convention in 1992, but we hosted the Great Mankato Get-Together in 1995.
- To purchase a house to use as a visitor center, gift shop, and starting point for tours. - The house has been purchased and will become all of the above as soon as we can afford it.

We also publish a quarterly newsletter and have three chapters in the U.S. The board believes the society's goals are well defined and are continually being addressed. The BTS should be very proud of what it has accomplished in only five years!

Members can read more about the history of the BTS from 1990 through 1995 on the society's website. Log in to the members' page.

In the next issue of the Deep Valley Sun: Part 2 of the history of the Betsy-Tacy Society



Betsy-Tacy Book Club members, January 2010.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BID ADIEU TO THEIR ALMA MATER LAST NIGHT

Forty-One Graduates Were Presented With Diplomas at the Theatre

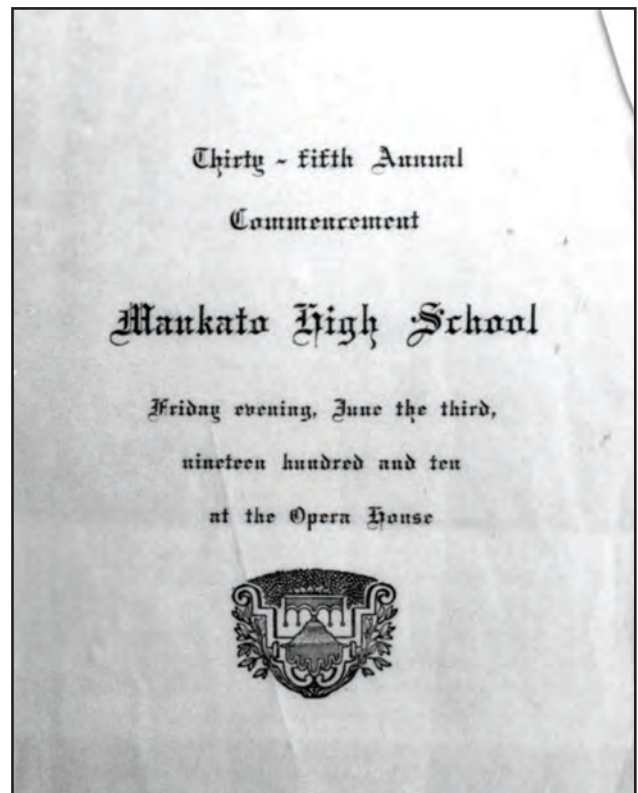
The Commencement Exercises Held in Presence of Large Audience

Young Men and Women Acquit Themselves in Creditable Manner

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 * LIST OF THE GRADUATES. *
 * Latin Course -- Violet Hildred Atchison, Anna *
 * Amelia Anderson, *Harriet Howe Ahlers, Mary *
 * Eileen Boucher, *Philip F. Comstock, *Herman *
 * Eliot Haward, Mabel Gerthe Knoff, Edna Vera *
 * Mills, Luella Henriette Olson, Alma Mathia Olsen, *
 * Logan Rose, *Willard W. Washburn. *
 * Scientific Course -- Roy J. Ash, *Alice Gertrude *
 * Alworth, Mary Janet Bain, Clarence B. Burmeister, *
 * George P. Brotherton, David R. Evans, Frances *
 * Flowers, Earl Gilmore Girvin, Florence Pauline *
 * Himmelman, *Maud Palmer Hart, Merle W. *
 * Harter, *Robert W. Hughes, Louis Edward *
 * Janda, Katherine Mae Jones, Edwin Larrabee *
 * Kuhn, Francis Vivian Kenney, *Ethel A. Korsell, *
 * Katherine Phillippi Leas, Lulu Mae Lamp, Jabez *
 * Alvin Lloyd, James A. Moore, Lois Jane Mills, *
 * Sara Blodwen Richards, *Vera B. Schmeltzer, Kate *
 * Sidotte, Alice Catherine Snook, Grace M. Wagen, *
 * *Zelora Brown Wells, Viola A. Weber. *
 * * Honor Students. *
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Forty-one high school students bid farewell to their Alma Mater last evening and stepped out into the world to either make good or not, according to the use that they make of their opportunities. It was the ending of school days for most of them, and the commencement of other but perhaps no pleasanter duties of life. The exercises that marked this change in their lives were of as high an order as ever before presented by the school, and the citizens of Mankato could not but have had a feeling of pride in their excellent school system as they listened to the exercises and looked upon the imposing array of nice appearing and intelligent young people who filled the large stage, rising row upon row toward the rear.

The thirty-fifth annual commencement of the high school was in every way a success. The theatre was filled from pit to dome. The members of the school board and high school faculty occupied boxes. The class colors of purple and gray were brought out in the decorations, mingled with green, and the stage and boxes looked very pretty. The figures "1910" were brought out in gray. On the stage, besides the graduating class, was the large



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chorus.

The program opened with an overture by Lamm's orchestra, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," by Suppe, and was very nicely done. Rev. P. K. Edwards pronounced an invocation, and a large chorus of 100 voices, directed by Miss Fanny Pitcher, the supervisor of music and drawing, rendered "Hark, Hark, the Lark," by Schubert, "The Owl," by Hotchkiss, and "In the Dawn," by Capua. The work of the chorus showed that it had received most careful and painstaking instruction, and the result was very good. A great deal of effort is due Miss Pitcher for the effectiveness of the different musical numbers on the program.

All Did Finely.

The essays and orations were of an unusually high order, and interesting in the subjects and the way that they were handled, as well as effective in the manner of delivery, denoting not only native talent of a high order on the part of the speakers, but careful training on the art of appearing in public and delivery. Each young lady and gentleman on the program did herself and himself proud.

Miss Vera Schmeltzer was the first speaker, her subject being "American Women of Action." She said that the fact that woman is no longer a clinging vine was shown by the fact that 6,000,000 of them were earning their own livelihood. They were fast surpassing men in teaching. She instanced the success of some of the most prominent women workers of the world, and closed by saying that the opinion of women on vital things was to count enormously more in the future than in the past.

Philip Comstock spoke on "The Farmer of the Twentieth Century." The gauge of a nation's prosperity now, he said, was its crop report. Rapid changes have been made in methods of farming, and the American farmer of the future would be a broad minded citizen and a good business man. Business ability will be one of the imperative requirements of the future. Small farms and rural communities will make farm life much more enjoyable.

Miss Ethel Korsell's subject was "The Value of Play." She said that the multiplicity of vehicles no longer left any room on the street for children to play, and she told of the advantages to be derived from play grounds. The repression of play in children was a dangerous thing, as it meant disease, and perhaps the white plague. Play grounds could do a great deal toward reforming the character of children.

The chorus sang "Old Ironsides," by Klein.

Miss Maud Hart read a delightful dissertation on "The Heroines of Shakespeare." She said that some of his characters were good and some bad, but the most were divided between good and bad, like real people nowadays. Women had no interpreter as sympathetic

as Shakespeare. She reviewed the characters of Juliet, Rosalind, Ophelia, Lady Macbeth and Imogene, "the crowning flower of womanhood."

"The Measure of a Man" was the subject treated by Herman Hayward. He showed how standards had varied with the changes of the times, from brute strength in the feudal age down to our own age, which he said was one of money madness. Commercial success was our ideal, but wealth does not bring true happiness, but brings out the coarser side of man's nature. The roll of honor of those who achieve real success will contain many names unfamiliar to us.

EARNED AN ENCORE

Miss Frances Kenney rendered the solo, "The Evening Wind," (Samson and Delilah) by Saint-Saens, assisted by the mixed glee club of thirty-two voices. It was so well done that it was encored and Miss Kenney sang "Sylvia," assisted by the boys' glee club of sixteen. She possesses a very sweet soprano voice.

Miss Harriet Ahlers described "Oberammergau and the Passion Play," very effectively. She told of the city and how the villagers first happened to give the play, in compliance with the promise made in a prayer to dispel a plague. The audience listened breathlessly to her description.

Miss Alice Alworth told of "Factory Life for Women." She said that the American people should know that what hurts the girls hurts the nation. She told of factory life, and of its unwholesomeness, with lunch time too short, poor light that was hard on eyes, etc. The system of factory inspection was causing but a slow improvement in conditions. When the work ceases to be a drudgery the first step will have been solved in the problem of improving factory conditions.

Miss Katherine Mae Jones sang the solo part of "Swords Out for Charlie," from Bullard, the boys' glee club rendering the chorus. This was encored, and they sang "Blue Danube." It was a choice number. Miss Jones has a soprano voice of much range and clearness.

Willard Washburn was the last speaker, and his subject was "party Solidarity." He said that there were many advantages of having political parties and some disadvantages, one being that most members must make some sacrifice of principle. Party reform should lie not in making a line of cleavage, like the present insurgent movement on the part of some republicans, which causes a split and gives the opposition a coveted chance, but by the quieter and slower policy of education inside of the party.

Dr. J. S. Holbrook, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas, after addressing the class as follows:

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PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

"This day is the one you have long looked forward to. Perhaps some of you tonight have not attained all that you could have during your high school course, and think if you could only live over the past few years--if you could only start afresh with your present knowledge and experience--you would be better prepared for the commencement of your life work. There is an old saying that 'If we were not so busy looking back at yesterday and forward to tomorrow, we would make better things of today.' Chances are all about you, and all you have to do is to reach out and take them. Every day is a fresh beginning, every sunrise is but a new birth for you and the rest of us--the beginning of a new existence and a great chance to put to new and higher uses the knowledge you have gained.

"If you are sincere in your desires that this day may be the commencement of great things for you, you will not waste the golden hours of opportunity in regret, but will put to use the lessons learned.

"I care not what you have learned from your studies, if you have developed an honest character and a determination to win by fair methods, and stick to that determination through thick and thin. If you will 'let conscience lead and approbation follow,' you cannot fail.

The board of education congratulated you, the class of 1910, on your success in fulfilling the requirements for graduation, and extend their hearty wishes for continued success in your life work, whatever it may be, and I have the honor to present to you for this board your well earned diplomas. I hope you will hang them where you will see them daily, so that they will be constant reminders of your determination to make each day a new beginning of a newer, brighter, and truer life for yourselves and those about you."

The chorus sang "Hark, Hear the Cannon's Thunder Pealing" (Tannhauser) by Wagner. The rendition was splendid.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The following is the high school commencement program that will be rendered at Mankato Theatre on Friday evening, June 3:

- Overture "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna" Suppe
Lamm's Orchestra
- Invocation Rev. P. K. Edwards
- Chorus, "Hark! Hark! The Lark" Schubert
- "The Owl" Hotchkiss
- "In the Dawn" Capua
- American Women of Action Vera Schmeltzer
- The Farmer of the Twentieth Century Philip Comstock
- The Value of Play Ethel Korsell
- Chorus, "Old Ironsides" Klein
- The Heroines of Shakespear Maud Hart
- The Measure of a Man Herman Hayward
- Solo and Mixed Glee Club, "The Evening Wind" (Samson and Delilah)
Saint-Saens.
Frances Kenney.
- Oberammergau and the Passion Play Harriet Ahlers
- Factory Life for Women Alice Alworth
- Solo and Boys' Glee Club, "Swords Out for Charlie" Bullard
Katherine Mae Jones.
- Party Solidarity Willard Washburn
- Presentation of Diplomas President J. S. Holbrook
- Chorus, "Hark! Hear the Cannon's Thunder Pealing" (Tannhauser) . . . Wagner
- Benediction Rev. T. Ross Paden

COMMENCEMENT AT THE NORMAL

The following is the program that will be rendered at the normal commencement, normal hall, tomorrow evening:

- Invocation.
- Songs, "Faith in Spring," (Schubert, and "Spinning Song" from "Flying Dutchman," (Wagner) Girls' Glee Club, Miss Fink, director.
- Song, "A June Morning," (Willoby); "Come to the Garden Love," (Salter);
"The Pine Tree," (Salter); "A Proposal," (Salter)
Mr. Thomas G. McCracken, Minneapolis.
- Address, "Living as a Fine Art"
Professor Theodore Gerald Soares, Ph. D., University of Chicago.
- Songs, "Springtide," (Becker); "Daffodils," (King Hall)
Triangle Club, Miss Breher, leader
- Solo, "I Go to Prove My Soul," (Harrison) Mr. McCracken
- Presentation of Diplomas Governor A. O. Eberhart
- Three Flower Songs, "The Clover," "The Yellow Daisy," "The Bluebell"
(Mrs. H. H. Beach) Girls' Glee Club
- Benediction.
Rev. T. Ross Paden.

The program closed with a benediction by Rev. T. Ross Paden.

(Program reprinted from the *Mankato Daily Free Press*, June 1, 1910. Article reprinted from the *Mankato Daily Free Press*, June 4, 1910.)



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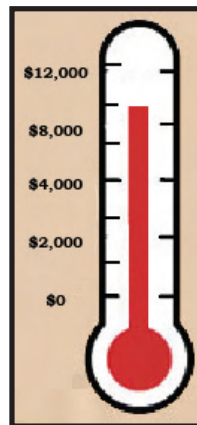
July 15-17, 2010

Minnesota State University Mankato

The first-ever multi-day conference of its kind for fans, educators, and academics who love Laura Ingalls Wilder! The BTS has been invited to participate in the conference. Many Maud Hart Lovelace/Betsy-Tacy fans are also fans of Laura Ingalls Wilder! Betsy meets Laura when we host activities at the Betsy-Tacy houses during the conference. For more information about LauraPalooza, visit <http://beyondbeyondhouse.com/laurapalooza> or check the BTS website.

Street Assessment Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who has responded with donations to help pay the street assessments for the Betsy-Tacy houses. This fundraiser will continue until we have raised the remaining \$9,582.28.



Paver Fundraiser

There is still time to get your name in stone or to give this as a gift in honor or memory of your loved ones. An order form can be downloaded from our website. This fundraiser will continue until the entire walkway by Betsy's house is filled with engraved pavers! Blank pavers are replaced by engraved pavers as the orders come in. Because of price increases from the manufacturer, we have had to increase the cost of engraved pavers to \$100.



Betsy-Tacy Society and GiveMN.org

The BTS is now accepting online donations through GiveMN.org, a new, innovative online resource for Minnesota nonprofits. 100 percent of your donation made through GiveMN.org goes directly to the BTS. GiveMN.org takes no transaction fees. It's a secure, fast, and easy way to donate to the BTS. You'll find the GiveMN.org link on our online gift shop - click on donations. Or you can go directly to GiveMN.org and type in Betsy-Tacy Society.



The Betsy-Tacy Companion

The BTS has received a donation of four new copies of *The Betsy-Tacy Companion* (currently out of print) to be used as a fundraiser. These copies are available for purchase online, or contact us for more information.



2009 BTS Outreach Report

- 1,838 people signed the guest book at the Betsy-Tacy houses in 2009.
- Visitors from 37 states and 7 foreign countries
- 20,689 website visitors
- 76 new members
- BTS hosted 12 special programs and participated in the Deep Valley Convention and several other programs off-site.
- 41 private tours for individuals, schools, clubs, and tour groups



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You can find us at: www.facebook.com/BetsyTacy

Scrapbook clippings...

Miss Margaret Wilcox of Kasota is to entertain a house party of Mankato young people at her home this week. Today several of the young ladies started and tomorrow a party of boys will go to participate in a dance tomorrow evening, returning on the late train. The young ladies return on Thursday. In the party were Marion Willard, Maude Hart, Eleanor Johnson, Mildred Oleson and Marjorie Gerlach.

(Mankato Free Press - June 8, 1909)

House Party Dance

Miss Margaret Wilcox of Kasota, who is this week entertaining a house party of Mankato girls, gave a dance last night for her guests at which a party of high school boys were present.

The boys went to and from Kasota in autos, and with a dance as an added pleasure, the evening was a most enjoyable one from beginning to end.

A delicious luncheon was also served and the hour for departure came much sooner than the young people realized, so royal a good time were they having. The young ladies are expected to return today.

(Mankato Free Press - June 10, 1909)

Leave a Legacy



We all leave our own unique mark on this world through our families, work, and the organizations we believe in and support. We celebrate these legacies at the Betsy-Tacy

Society – after all, this is the heart of the history we are passionately working to preserve every day.

A legacy gift, also known as a planned or estate gift, can help ensure the Betsy-Tacy Society has the resources to preserve and promote the legacy of Maud Hart Lovelace and her works for future generations. If you are also thinking about the future, please consider a legacy gift to help ensure the Betsy-Tacy Society has the resources to preserve these historic literary houses (childhood homes of Maud Hart Lovelace and Frances “Bick” Kenney) and the precious Lovelace artifacts and archives for many years to come.

As we look to the future, the BTS is researching the possibility of creating an endowment fund. Our first move toward this endeavor has been to become a member of LEAVE A LEGACY® Mankato Area, a collaborative effort to educate the public and promote the idea of giving through bequests and estate plans by increasing awareness of and interest in charitable giving options. The creation of an endowment fund will take some time as we investigate all the possibilities and legal aspects.

To learn more about giving opportunities, contact Julie Schrader, executive director, at 507-345-9777. To learn more about LEAVE A LEGACY® Mankato Area, visit its website: www.leavealegacymankato.org.

Visit the Betsy-Tacy Society website



We are continually adding new information to our website: www.betsy-tacysociety.org. A member benefit is a “Members Only” page. Members just need to create a password to enter this page, which features current and back issues of the Deep Valley Sun and other special articles and member information. Don’t forget to check out our shop!

New Members

Every new member receives a new member packet that 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.
- Have access to the special "Members Only" page on our website
- Receive special "Members Only" gift shop discounts.
- Be informed of all upcoming events.
- Be part of an important effort to restore the Betsy-Tacy houses, historical literary landmarks in Mankato to educate future generations about the importance of the period.

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 older issues 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.

During these difficult economic times, your support is vital to us! As a nonprofit organization, we operate solely on memberships, gift shop sales and special donations. We receive no federal or state funding.

Betsy-Tacy Society Annual Membership Form

Membership runs from January 1st - December 31st

Name _____

Business Name _____

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New Renewal

I would like: Mailed newsletters

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Choose electronic newsletter – save money for the BTS and save a tree!

Membership Levels

\$25 Basic (Foreign members receive electronic newsletters – if mailed are preferred move up to the next level.)

\$50 Patron

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\$500 Lifetime (Gift A and C)

Pay in 4 installments of \$125

* Denotes business memberships

Please do not send my gift. I want my full contribution to support the BTS.

GIFTS

Gift A: Winona's Pony Cart - hardcover

Gift B: Immortal Trio notecards

Gift C: Betsy's House ornament

Donations

I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____ above my yearly membership dues.

I would like to allocate my gift to:

- Unrestricted
- General Fund
- Restoration Fund

No acknowledgement for donation required

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Membership dues and monetary gifts cover a growing part of the BTS annual operating budget. Thank you for your support as the BTS preserves and promotes the legacy of Maud Hart Lovelace.

Please return this form to:

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Calendar of Events

- March 9-10* BTS participates in the South Central Service Cooperative Young Writers & Artists Conference (For more information: www.mnscsc.org/student_outreach/ywac.html)
- April 24* Maud Hart Lovelace Day - Maud's (Betsy's) birthday
- June 5* Victorian Lawn Party
- June 10* BTS Annual Meeting & Potluck Picnic
- July 16-17* Betsy Meets Laura - BTS special events in collaboration with LauraPalooza in Mankato
- September 25* Betsy-Tacy Neighborhood Walk
- October* Book release party - *Emily of Deep Valley*, *Camey's House* and *Winona's Pony Cart* (Date to be announced)
- December 4* Betsy-Tacy Victorian Christmas

Event details are posted on our website - www.betsy-tacysociety.org and www.greatermankatoevents.com

Address Changes

Please remember to inform us if your mailing address or e-mail 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

Mailed newsletters: Check your renewal date on the address label of this newsletter. If your membership has expired, please renew today. If you mailed your membership dues after Feb. 10, 2010, the new expiration date may 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.