



Deep Valley Sun

Newsletter of the Betsy-Tacy Society

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Happy Holidays from Deep Valley!

Thanks to everyone for the support given to the BTS in 2005. Especially to Julie Schrader - I quote *The Free Press* when I give her a thumbs up! The experience with Hometime was a dream come true. I only wish I could flash out a story like Maud because this experience was much like a story she might have told Bick. This was very exciting for Deep Valley. Much like hearing from the King of Spain, winning the queen contest and winning the pie eating contest all rolled into one! Happiest wishes for the new year!

~ Lona Falenczykowski, President

Tacy's Victorian Christmas

Saturdays,

November 26th - December 17th

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Betsy & Tacy invite you to experience a traditional Victorian Christmas! Enjoy hot apple cider and cookies, browse the gift shop & sign up for the door prize.

Join us and begin your Holiday Season in a style that transcends time!

Sat., November 26th

A reading of *Betsy, Tacy & Tib*
Go Christmas Shopping at 1:30 pm

Sat., December 3rd

Author, Lisa Bullard will read
Not Enough Beds, at 1:30 pm

Sat., December 10th

Author, Ruth Berglin, will read,
Dear Big Mean Ugly Monster, at 1:30 pm

Sat., December 17th

A reading of *The Night Before Christmas*
at 1:30 pm

A Longaberger basket representative will be present each Saturday to take orders. Orders made before Dec. 12th will arrive in time for Christmas. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Betsy-Tacy Society.

Dean Johnson and PBS 'Hometime' Show Visit Deep Valley



During the week of October 10th the Betsy-Tacy Society was honored to host Dean Johnson and his PBS television program *Hometime* team as they filmed two episodes featuring restoration work on Betsy's house. The *Hometime* show, which aims to assist people in projects from landscaping to major additions, worked and filmed at Betsy's house for three days.

Ten years ago, when the BTS purchased Tacy's house, Dean Johnson contacted BTS and offered to help with restorations. Johnson had been introduced to the Betsy-Tacy books when he was a fourth-grader in the early 1960s. His tutor, Mrs. Briggs, assigned him to read the books, which left a lasting impression on him. Dean was being home-schooled that year due to an illness and the phone company had set up an innovative intercom system from his house to the school so he could participate in class.

Johnson isn't the only member of the Hometime show that is familiar with the Betsy-Tacy books. Executive Director, Chris Balamut, co-host Miriam Johnson and Construction Manager Judd Nelson had either read the books as a child or to their own children.

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The Betsy-Tacy Society

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Our mission is to promote and to preserve Maud Hart Lovelace's books, encourage continued publication and distribution of the books, and restore historical literary landmarks in Mankato.

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Tours: Call Lona - 507-345-8103 or lonaf@charter.net
For group tours: reservations are requested two weeks in advance of the tour. Any questions or to book a tour, please call Lona – 507-345-8103.

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 is 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 at 333 Center Street.

~ In Memoriam ~

The Betsy- Tacy Society wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Vi Hoehn and Brad Haslip

Donations

The BTS would like to gratefully acknowledge donations received during the months of May 1 through November 15, 2005 from the following:

Memorial donations:

- * So. California Chapter Betsy-Tacy Society – In Memory of Georgenia Irwin
- *Colleen Canavan – In Memory of Barbara Lodin
- *Colleen Canavan – In Memory of Eleanore Zimmerman-O'Bert

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Ehmke, Judith	Youngren, Phyllis
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Fahling, Connie	
Fedo, Judith	Janine Johnson donated money to purchase a new hot water heater for Betsy's House including installation. Installation work was done by Paul Kvitek of Paul's Plumbing & Heating from Eagle Lake, MN.
Frisch, Carlienne	
Gast, Patricia	Jennifer Kay-Davis donated money for the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for Tacy's House.
Gesling, Linda	
Gorrell, Betsy	Matthew Barnes of North Star Insurance donated money for the framing costs of Cheryl Harness' original artwork, "The Immortal Trio".
Grod, Ellen	
Heck, Susan	Lindsay Window donated the new storm windows & replacement windows for Betsy's House.
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Hoden, Allison	
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Peppi, Teri	We apologize if we inadvertently omitted anyone from this list. If you do not want your name listed, please make a note with your contribution. Every contribution is appreciated!

