

TOWER VIEWS

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Our Goal - To preserve the irreplaceable in the Galt Area !

President's Clipboard!

Fall is here and winter is around the corner. Everyone is hurrying to complete projects at the McFarland Living History Ranch, The Rae House Museum, The Liberty Cemetery, and the Elliott Cemetery before the bad weather sets in. Just because inclement weather creates problems with our outside projects, it does not mean we stop working until Spring. There is much inside cleaning and organization that can be done during the winter. It is also a time to reflect on our past events and accomplishments; and things we could do better; and look forward to 2018 to improve what we have done in 2017. It is a great time for committees to meet and make plans for 2018. We still have a few events this year, including Christmas at the MAC and Christmas at the RAE in December. If anyone would like to volunteer and help during the winter or for any event, please contact any Board Member.

These past two years seem to have passed quickly. It has been my honor to serve as your President in 2016 and 2017, and I look forward to do the same in 2018. We have achieved much in the past two years, but there is always more work. The same Board will be in office in 2018. We look ahead to another productive year. We all appreciate everyone's support.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Alice's Attic

The Historical Society is in possession of hundreds of photographs acquired over these past thirty years. Some photos were accumulated by one of the founders, the late Genie Olson, others have been scanned recently by Dan Tarnasky. Of these images, there is still a "bucket list" of ten photos that we would like to have in our collection.

1. A photo with both Dr. Obed Harvey and John McFarland standing together
2. The Peerless Milling Company on the corner of 4th and F Street.
3. The miniature golf course that was on 4th Street.
4. A photo of William Henry "Boss" Koontz
- 5 The first water tower.
6. The railroad turntable near B Street and the tracks.
7. The Pizza Palace.
8. The A & W Root Beer Stand after construction.
9. The first City Hall.
10. Any photo of the County Fair.

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of any of these photos, contact Dan Tarnasky at bickrssn@hotmail.com. Once these photos have been located we'll create another list.

Charter Night Meeting

Everyone present enjoyed the delicious beef dinner that was prepared for them, and of course you don't want to forget the pumpkin pie served with real whipped cream. We then had our general meeting and the evening was climaxed with the announcement of the 2018 officers:

Pres.	Janis Barsetti/Gray
1st V.P.	Ida M. Denier
2nd V.P.	Ralph Cortes
Rec. Sect.	Bobbie Koger
Corresp. Sect.	Louise Dowdell
Treasurer	Bobbi Lewis
Historian	Dan Tarnasky

AND

The Harvey McFarland Award to
Lavonne Riddlesberger and Maria Spannuth.

Lost Item Found

It was reported at our last general meeting an item at the McFarland House had been stolen during a recent event. Everyone can rest assured as the item was located on the mannequin in its original position.

Holiday Shopping Using AmazonSmile!

As the holiday shopping season draws near, we at the Galt Area Historical Society are hoping you shop at AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price (5%) to your favorite charitable organization, the Galt Area Historical Society. Type <https://smile.amazon.com/> into your browser, select Galt Area Historical Society, and shop til your hearts content.

Docents Needed!

If you are interested in becoming a docent at the McFarland Living History Ranch and/or Rae House Museum, the Society needs your help! The Rae House Museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the McFarland House is open on special events. We would love to have the McFarland open on the first Sunday. If you are interested, please call Ida Denier at 745-1477 to schedule a short training meeting.

In Memoriam

Our Society has recently lost another member who served us well in past years. We received word JoAnn Geiger passed this past month.

Those of us who worked with her remember well how both she and her husband, Earl, helped in so many ways.

Jo Ann was membership chairman for many years and also used her legal experience in dealing with and preparing legal forms during those busy years of applying for and receiving grants as well as property, as Galt Area Historical Society grew.

We owe a debt of gratitude to members like her who have helped us along the way.

There will be a celebration of her life on November 18 at 10:00 A.M. at our Hall. Donations in her memory may be made to the Galt Area Historical Society.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will have Barbara Filbin as our guest speaker. She will be presenting information about CIVIL WAR VETERANS buried at the Liberty Cemetery and how we may acquire headstones for them from the Federal Government.

Dessert will be served with the meeting starting at **6 P.M.**

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is just around the corner. It's that time of the year when we think of those less fortunate than us. Please bring a wrapped new toy to our December meeting marked with either boy or girl and the approximate age that the toy is appropriate for.

YARD SALE

Our sincere thank you to LaVonne Riddleberger and Sue Dean for all their hard work in cleaning the hall, organizing all the donated items, selling the items, and then again cleaning the hall after it was all over. Their hard work brought in **\$765.00** to go towards the painting of the McFarLand House. Also, thank you to all the members who donated items for the sale, and working the day of the sale.

Veteran Memorial

On November 7th at 4 p.m. there will be a rededication of the park on 4th Street. The Lippi Family and Smith family plaques will be unveiled. All veterans and the public are invited to this special ceremony.

Members of both the Lippi family and Smith Family will be attending.

Tower Views On-Line!

Please email Rhonda Smith, our Membership Chair, at Rhonda@galtsmiths.com with your email address. We only have approximately 80 emails. For the month of November, we will send the newsletter both ways. If you do not get the email, please let Rhonda know.

CALENDAR

Nov. 4
McFarland Workday 9 a.m.

Nov. 7
Rededication 4th St. Park 4 p.m.

Nov. 18 Rae Workday 9 a.m.

**Nov. 27 General Mtg. Dessert
6pm**

Dec. 2 Christmas Rae 9- 2p.m.

Dec. 9 Christmas McFarland 9-2
pm

Short and Sweet

**Thanks to the Kiwanis for their
pumpkin day with the young
children.**

**Thank you to all our veterans for
their service.**

**Leesa Koltz who will be
decorating the Rae House for
Christmas.**

**Sue Dean and her committee who
will be decorating the McFarland
House for Christmas. If you
signed up to help decorate at our
last general meeting, please follow
through. Sue cannot do it with
just one or two people showing
up.**

**Thank you LaVonne
Riddlesberger for offering to
clean restrooms at the Rae on the
last Monday of each month.**

