



MECCA NEWS AND DUES

*Museum Encompassing Canby Community Area
A Nonprofit Corporation*

Sky Light Not An Option for Historical Home

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Special Events:

- *Roof Remove and Replace*
- *Fund Raiser for new roof—
Watch the Canby News for details*
- *Annual Meeting:
Second Wednesday in June*
- *Ice Cream Social:
Third Thursday in July*
- *Open May through September*
- *Group Tours: (507) 223-5613*
- *Daily Schedule: (507) 223-5085*

The light streaming through the wooden roof on a sunny day wasn't a good omen. After 25 years, the cedar shingles of the Lund-Hoel house needed attention. From the outside, the damage was not always noticeable; but from the inside, the buckets in the attic on a rainy day were a very good indication a major problem existed.

After close examination and discussion of the deteriorating roofs of the Lund-Hoel house and Carriage house, the board voted to replace both roofs in Spring, 2005. The maintenance committee developed a bid request form. Forms were distributed to all area lumber suppliers and the bid was advertised in the Canby News. Bids were opened and awarded on November 2, 2004. Terry Gackstetter of Lake

Benton was awarded the labor contract. Canby Builders was awarded the materials contract. Project is to be completed by July 1, 2005.



**Lund-Hoel House
Fall 2004**

The new roof will be replaced pursuant to historical materials and original specifications. With all the different roof lines, it will be a complex job. Although it is an expensive project, it must be done or more damage may result. Later, an assessment will be made to check for any water damage on the interior.

~Maynard Hughes, Chairperson-
Maintenance, Preservation, Restoration, & Repairs

Save Our History Grant Update

Last fall, the History Channel offered a Save Our History grant opportunity that would involve youth and historical groups in a project that would preserve and share local heritage.

MECCA enthusiastically and creatively prepared an application for a Military History Center to be located in the Interpretive Center. Ours was one of 699 applications requesting over \$5.6 million in funds. In the determination letter, it said "Despite the strength of your application, unfortunately, your organization did not receive one of the 29 grants

awarded this year." They congratulated us for our efforts in preserving our heritage and engaging our local community in their local history.

We are so convinced of the timely patriotic value of our project plan to our community and youth that we WILL RESUBMIT. Plans are to pursue the project in the future with coordination with the school media classes when funds are available. Many thanks are extended to the many who helped assemble the Grant Application!

~Betty Hanna, Chairperson-Fund Raising

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This space is normally where the mailing address would go, but instead I will use it to remind you to visit the **Canby Depot**, our sister organization. They have been working hard, and we applaud their effort!

Knowing the difficulty of putting this publication together at the last minute, I dearly wish to thank those Board Members I contacted at the last minute (literally) who so graciously submitted their articles without complaint.

Our goal is to develop the Newsletters and keep the members and community informed. We also plan to create a website where we can post more information and pictures than can be put into a newsletter. That would also cut our mailing costs considerably and provide a resource for those with access to the internet keeping the membership informed in a more timely manner.

~Editor

A Word from the President

Greetings Members,

I will soon be returning from Arizona to begin another season of working with the MECCA Directors and Volunteers. Each year brings new challenges and rewards.

As MECCA enters its 30th year of operation of the Lund-Hoel House, the Board of Directors is facing some major challenges this season. Over these many years there have been many changes and improvements to this historic site including, most recently, the development of the MECCA Interpretive Center. We invite you to stop by and take a look at the impressive displays which have been developed.

All of this has been done without making a general appeal to the residents of the Canby Community for financial contributions.

As loyal MECCA Members, we ask you to encourage your neighbors and friends to watch for and support future announcements of our efforts to meet and partially fund these expensive projects.

Sincerely,
Bud Qualley, President

The Officers, Board of Directors, and Staff of MECCA invite you to participate in the annual meeting in June and Ice Cream Social in July. Please watch the Canby News for additional information and news of our on-going roof project. Please feel free to ask questions and make comments. Your feedback is invaluable to us.

DUES

Spring is already here, and there is much to be done. The Dues Notice is being sent out this year with a survey on the back. The Board would like to have all members participate and provide input and comments you think will help us better manage the Lund-Hoel House. We will very much appreciate just a few minutes of your time to fill out and return the survey with your Dues remittance. It will help us plan ahead. Thank you!



Tree of Life:
Please take time to view the Linden tree in the back yard of the Lund-Hoel House. It is over 100 years

Fund Raiser Planned

The Board will meet in May to discuss a special fund raiser to help defray the cost of the new roof. Plans for that event will appear in the Canby News. We are hoping you will join us and make the event a success.