NBAHS 32nd Annual Meeting
To Be Held April 26

The New Brighton Area Historical Society’s (NBAHS) Thirty-second Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 PM at the New Brighton Family Service Center.

The program for the evening will be the topic of “What Do You Want to See Preserved in the City and Surrounding Areas for the Future?” and “What Brings People to Visit New Brighton?” in its 125th year.

The public is invited as well. Please join us! Refreshments will be served.

Rhubarb Fest
June 3: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
New Brighton History Center

Join us for our first event of the season. This is the Fifteenth Year that our ever-popular Rhubarb Fest has been held. Originally started to honor the Lakeside Berry Farm owners and workers, we now welcome guests from throughout the metro area to enjoy homemade rhubarb desserts or purchase rhubarb stalks, plants, and cookbooks.

Volunteers Needed For Depot Openings
We could really use your help this summer! We will train you so you know exactly what to do! If you can help out at the NBAHS Depot Museum this summer for a three-hour stint, Saturdays or Sundays, please contact Peg at 651-633-4070.
Members: Please look over NBAHS dates to the left. Help! On May 19, we are doing a major cleanup of the history center. We do this yearly to be ready for our June opening. Join us at 9AM and help us dust, vacuum, and do general cleaning.

Note the date for our first event, the Rhubarb Fest, on June 3. Posters will be posted at various locations announcing this event.

Here’s an opportunity through our New Brighton Parks & Recreation Department for an interesting tour.

New Brighton Historical Society and Lily Garden Tour

Join New Brighton Parks and Recreation for an interesting mini-trip to the home of the New Brighton Historical Society on Wednesday, July 25, from 11:15 AM to 3:45 PM. Learn some interesting facts about the city’s history and enjoy a box lunch after the tour. We will also visit a local gardener who has a knack for growing lilies. His plants boast thousands of blooms bursting with color. After touring his beautiful gardens we will stop for a quick Dairy Queen treat before heading back to the community center. Fee for this trip is $19 and includes lunch, tours, DQ treat and van transportation. Please call 651-638-2130 to register. Registration ends on Thursday, July 19.

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The following offices for the New Brighton Area Historical Society, 2012-2013, will be voted on at the April 26 Annual Meeting: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and several directors. We are gathering names now for our slate of officers, which will be presented that evening. Please contact Peg at 651-633-4070 if you’re interested in becoming one of our directors or officers.

New Brighton Area Historical Society 2012 Calendar of Events

April 26: NBAHS Annual Meeting
Family Service Center, 7:00 PM

May 19: Spring Clean-up,
History Center, 9AM - 12 PM

June 2: Rhubarb Pulling
Contact Jerry @ 651-633-6275 to help

June 3: Rhubarb Fest
History Center, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

June 3: New Brighton History Center
Opens for the Season
1:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturdays & Sundays

August 10,11: Stockyard Days
History Center open extended hours:
Saturday: noon - 8PM
Sunday: 10AM - 4PM

September 30: Depot Closes for Season

October 14: Over 80s Dinner
1:00 PM Eagles Club
Three New Brighton Area Historical Society Books Available

- **A CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF NEW BRIGHTON, MINNESOTA**, By Gene F, Skiba, published 1987;
- **A PICTORIAL HISTORY: NEW BRIGHTON AREA, MINNESOTA, FROM THE 1880s - 1950s**, Including the Communities of Mounds View Township, Irondale, and Lake Johanna, published 2002; and


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**Genealogy and Fiction with Mary DesJarlais**

On Thursday, March 2 at 2 PM. The New Brighton Historical Society, under the leadership of President Peg Joyce, co-sponsored a program with the New Brighton Library, entitled **Genealogy and Fiction with Mary DesJarlais**, with a discussion of her new book, *Dorie LaValle - A Minnesota Story of Moonshine and Murder*.

Here’s a review from her website, [www.marydesjarlais.com](http://www.marydesjarlais.com):

Survival takes many forms...but never the one you expect.
Born on the first day of 1900, Dorie finds herself at odds with the world and out of options. When she married Louie LaValle, a local man with an inherited farm, but not the talent or stamina to run it, Dorie is anchored in poverty, childless and tied to someone she doesn't love. Prohibition and desperation inspire Dorie to make and sell moonshine to the men in town; soon she makes more money than she ever dreamt possible. To expand production, she enlists freewheeling Victor, who builds a secret distillery in the woods. When Victor appears at her door with a gunshot wound, describing an ambush at the still, it's up to Dorie to protect her future - and Victor - against angry neighbors, a zealous sheriff and the Chicago mob.

The New Brighton Area Historical Society appreciates this collaboration with Ramsey County Library and thanks Judy Woodward for her vision of working with our Society.
Are you aware that the New Brighton Area Historical Society has an active website?
Go to www.newbrightonhistory.com

Our website has the following sections:
• Welcome
• 2012 NBAHS Events
• Membership Info
• NBAHS Books Info
• Rhubarb Fest
• Over 80 Dinners
• Annual Meetings
• Info on the Time Capsule at New Brighton School
• New Brighton Gold Star Mother

• Download Pages
• Tributes to Gene Skiba
• Photo Albums
• Our Volunteers
• Society’s History
• Displays and Exhibits
• Historic Caboose

This site is also accessible at the City of New Brighton’s website: http://www.ci.new-brighton.mn.us/
> About NB > City History

> For More Info, in right sidebar. We have had over 4700 hits on the website since it was launched a few years ago. Visit us!

NBAHS Officers: Back row: David Fleming, Jerry Laumeyer, Jerry Bensing, Peg Joyce, Front row: Joyce Klomcz, Dede Gavic, Jerry Blanksi, Missing: Dave Hoel, Ron Hansen, Ron Cota, Bill DeCoursey, Louise Hipp

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