NBAHS 33rd Annual Meeting
To Be Held April 25

The New Brighton Area Historical Society’s (NBAHS) Thirty-Third Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 25, at 1:00 PM at the New Brighton Family Service Center. We have decided to meet earlier in the day to better fit our attendees’ schedules.

The program for the afternoon will be the topic of "The Dakota Uprising: A Pictorial History," given by noted historian Curt Dahlin, who will tell the story of the conflict of 1862 through pictures. Dahlin has written many books on the Dakota War and has done considerable research on this topic. His talk contains period photos of people and places, with narratives accompanying photos. He will have copies of many of the books which he has published about the Dakota Uprising.

This look at one of the most tragic episodes of Minnesota history comes 150 years after the event and was commemorated at various events throughout the state in 2012.

Former NBAHS board member Jan Klein and sister board secretary Joyce Kloncz lost their great-great grandfather and his son in this tragic event. His wife and another son were taken prisoner. Another half-brother and his entire family were also killed in this war.

Subsequently, Klein began a group called “Family and Friends of Dakota Victims,” which now has a website, Facebook page, and a published booklet of settler stories. Go to: www.dakotavictims1862.com for more info.

Our speaker Curt Dahlin is also a part of this group and will be sharing information about it.

The public is invited as well. Please join us! Refreshments will be served.
New Brighton Area Historical Society 2013 Calendar of Events

**April 25:** NBAHS Annual Meeting
Family Service Center, 1:00 PM

**May 18:** Spring Clean-up,
History Center, 9AM - 12 PM

**June 1:** Rhubarb Pull
Contact Jerry @ 651-633-6275 to help

**June 2:** Rhubarb Fest
History Center, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

**June 2:** 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 29:** Depot Closes for Season

**October 14:** Over 80s Dinner
1:00 PM Eagles Club

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16th Annual Rhubarb Fest
June 2: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
New Brighton History Center

The 16th Annual Rhubarb Fest, sponsored by the New Brighton Area Historical Society, continues to honor the Hipp Family and those who worked 40 acres of rhubarb on Joe Hipp’s Lakeside Berry Farm. As the farm became Long Lake Park in the 1980s, Dave Nathe, a former worker, moved the Hipp farm rhubarb roots to his farm in Elk River. To retain and promote farm-like activity in the park in 1985, NBAHS began an “Exchange” then with Jeanne Hunn at Keys 5th Avenue. We would give her rhubarb stalks; she would give us a donation.

Once each year, Nathe permits us to pull 150 pounds of his strawberry-red rhubarb stalks for Jeanne to make rhubarb jam at Keys Lexington. Her donation now: 4 trays of rhubarb desserts to be topped with rhubarb sauce and ice cream. An additional 250 pounds of the stalks will be pulled for stalk sales at the Rhubarb Fest.

The Rhubarb Pull will be at Nathe’s farm on Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 AM to noon. We can use help. Contact Jerry Bensing for details, 651-633-6275.

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 homemade rhubarb jam, rhubarb stalks, plants, and cookbooks.
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

Available at: US Bank, New Brighton City Hall, New Brighton Family Service Center, Beisswenger’s Hardware, New Brighton History Center (summers). All books are $25. Call 651-633-4070 for more information.

Volunteers Needed at Depot

Please look over NBAHS dates on page 2. On May 18, we are doing our spring 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.

We could really use your help on weekends at the depot 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.

Where Do We Go From Here?

The New Brighton Area Historical Society was formed in 1980, 33 years ago. We have come a long way since that date; now we ask the question, where do we go from here? We need input from our members and we need help from our members. As are all organizations today in the New Brighton area, our volunteers are aging and not able to do the manual labor required for the upkeep of our depot: the New Brighton History Museum.

A big project we need to do this summer is prepping and repainting the depot exterior and refinishing the depot decking. We do not have the funds to HID it (Hire It Done), so we are really looking for your help. Do you know of any able-bodied men and women who might have an interest in helping out? Please call us at 651-633-4070 or email us at nbahs@mac.com, if you can provide us any help. We are the only organization in our area telling the story of our community’s past. And remember, HISTORY MATTERS!
**Shadows of Time… Minnesota’s Surviving Depots**

The Woodbury Heritage is engaged in a project to identify and record information on Minnesota’s surviving train depots. Their objective is to photograph each depot and develop a short descriptive historical narrative to include with each. Results of this effort will be published in the fall. The working title of the book is *Shadows of Time… Minnesota’s Surviving Depots*.

Bill Shrankler of the Woodbury Heritage has been in contact with Joyce Kloncz, who maintains the NBAHS photographs and database. The Society has loaned these copies of original photos of the depot on its original site and historic documentation for this project. Watch for the publication of this book.

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**New Brighton History Museum: Major Roof and Gable Damage**

Due to hail damage, the NBAHS found through our insurance adjustor that we had major roof damage. Further inspection showed that there was also extensive gable rotting. Rick's Roofing, who had done the original re-roofing in the 1990s, was contracted to fix the gable ends by jacking up the existing gable ends and installing bracing every 4 feet plus shingle replacement. In addition, a ridge vent was installed, necessary for ventilation. All roofing materials were removed and replaced with Timberline HD Life shingles, a very good quality shingle.

This renovation was completed in early October and was chaired by Director Wayne Searles. A letter was sent out to members requesting donations to cover the costs which our insurance did not cover. We are still short of funds. If you can help, please mail your check to NBAHS, PO Box 120624, New Brighton, MN 55112. Any help you can give us will be most appreciated.