

# The Lake Area Preserver



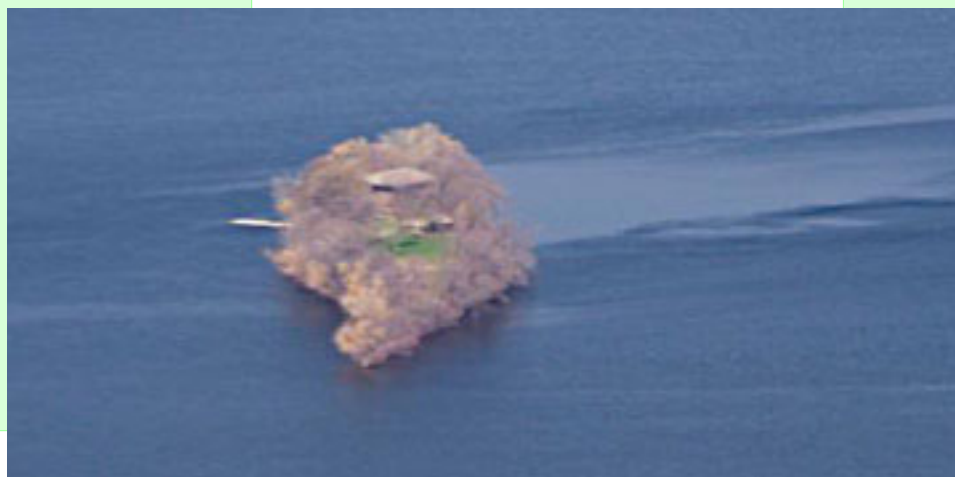
White Bear Lake Area Historical Society

Fall 2008

## The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society's 2008 Historic House Tour is Back By Popular Demand!

The White Bear Area Historic House Tour returns on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The WBLAHS will continue this community tradition with the 2008 White Bear Area Historic House Tour featuring ten homes around the area.

Included on the tour are:



### 1 Bald Eagle Island

The current home on this exclusive site was built in 1986 with an emphasis on energy-efficiency and sustainability. Imagine a home that you can only get to via boat or hovercraft—an experience not to be missed!

### 15 Dellwood Avenue

This spectacular house boasts a recent award-winning remodel that is not to be missed! The home was built in 1916 during Dellwood's rise as a grand summer destination.



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**2199 First Street**

Built in the 1880s, this recently renovated historic Queen Anne is an architectural treasure. This home was originally built for local lumberyard owner, Cyrus B. Cobb.

**5340 East Bald Eagle Blvd**

Built in 1904 as a summer home for the W. A. Miller family this home features more than eighty windows and grand tree-filled lot with a wonderful view of the lake.



**5336 East Bald Eagle Blvd**

A home in its own right, this quaint Tudor style cottage, formerly the stable for the main house, sits on a grand lakeside lot and beckons to the days of yesteryear.





**5378 East Bald Eagle Blvd**

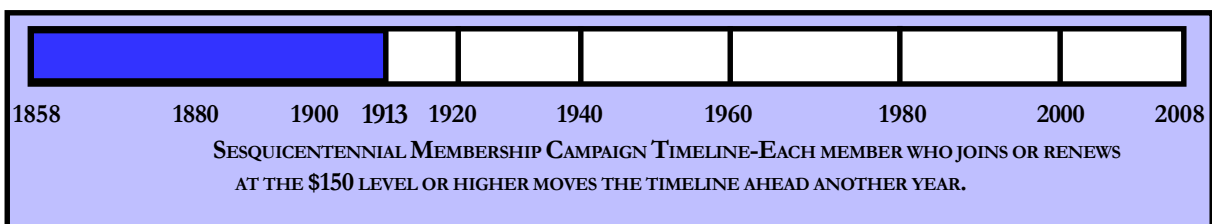
This home was built just after the turn of the last century to replace the small cottage originally on the lot. The original owners, the Tregilgas family, were active participants in Bald Eagle's social circle.

**4735 Lake Avenue**

The Fillebrown House initially built as a lakeside summer cottage by Charles and Emily Noyes in 1879 reminds one of an earlier era. Converted to a year-round home in the 1920s by Harriet and J. Walter Fillebrown and then donated with its contents to the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society by their children Helen and Arthur in the 1970s the house stands today as a time capsule of our past.



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**5372 East Bald Eagle Blvd**  
Built more than a century ago, this home has been known affectionately as “The Bungalow”. Today it remains in the family of the original owners and has been carefully preserved.

**2299 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

Built in the 1920’s, this lovely little cottage has recently been given a face lift, blending the old with the new, but still being careful to maintain the original integrity of the design.



**5251 West Bald Eagle Blvd**

Built as a summer lakeside cottage circa 1910, this home has been updated over recent years to accommodate a modern family while maintaining the integrity of the original structure.



Tickets are \$25 each before the tour, \$20 for WBLAHS members and \$30 the day of the tour for everyone. They will be available after Labor Day and can be purchased via Visa, Mastercard or Discover by calling 651-407-5327, visiting our website at [whitebearhistory.org](http://whitebearhistory.org) or checks payable to WBLAHS can be mailed to PO Box 10543, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

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## Your Society in Action

You may have heard that the 2009 Governor's Fishing Opener will be held on White Bear Lake next May. One of the selling points of coming to the White Bear Area is the great history this community has to celebrate. The Governor's Fishing Opener is the kick-off to the summer tourism season in Minnesota as well as an opportunity to highlight the community where the event takes place.

This is a wonderful chance for the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society to show off the tremendous history we are lucky enough to have. Plans are currently in the works for area tours and experiences. If you would like to help make history through helping with this event, please contact Sara Markoe Hanson at 651-407-5327 or [sara@whitebearhistory.org](mailto:sara@whitebearhistory.org).

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### From the Director's Desk...

Throughout this busy year I have had the privilege of being reminded of the tremendous dedication from our many volunteers including the Historical Society's Board of Directors. Without their guidance, energy, ideas and enthusiasm this organization would be sunk.

We have had an extraordinary number of events and projects this year—more than ever before, and we have been able to accomplish these tasks in a wide range of ways. One opportunity that the Board has made possible is bringing Jean Woodberry (a former board member!) on as a part-time staff person through the remainder of the year.

Jean's specific role is described in more detail in this issue of *The Lake Area Preserver*; but what you don't see in that description is the fact that by relieving me of those duties allows my time to be used in other ways such as working with the community leaders to further our presence and value in their minds as well as the day-to-day projects that occur when leading an organization as active as the WBLAHS.

We have had the benefit of temporary staff in the past and it is always amazing how much can be accomplished with an extra set of hands. Bringing on a part-time person this year was something the board had the foresight to budget for and has been a tremendous asset to the organization. Without that additional assistance we would not be able to accomplish all that we have.

Hope you're having a great year!

-Sara

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### In Other Historical News

Our own board member, Tom Rice, will speak at the Minnesota Star of the North Genealogy Conference September 19-20 at the Minnesota History Center. The two-day conference will highlight tips and techniques on navigating genealogy research projects and includes a banquet. Registration is required and fees range from \$35-135 depending on the segments you would attend. If you are interested in registering or would like more information, please visit [www.mnngs.org](http://www.mnngs.org).

### Mission

## Statement of the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society

The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society connects the community to its past, fostering an understanding and appreciation for our history.

We fulfill our mission by....

- Gathering and maintaining historical information and artifacts.  
*We are safe keepers of our heritage.*
- Educating the community about our history.  
*We are the community storytellers.*
- Encouraging personal and community responsibility for preserving our physical links to the past.  
*We are advocates for historical preservation.*

**Learning from  
Our Past,  
Preserving for  
Our Future.**



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## From Our President...Peter Reis

**W**hat is history? A senior might say, “it’s what happened in the olden days.” A literalist would say “anything that happened over five minutes ago.” Santayana said “Those who don’t study history are condemned to repeat it.” And so on...

Your Board of Directors had a spirited discussion regarding the Society’s involvement in next year’s Governor’s Fishing Opener and what our role would be (as most of you know our very competent Executive Director, Sara Hanson, is the Vice Chair of the event). It will be a historic few days and recording it all is important.

What does all this have to do with you and I? It is easy for most of us to minimize our lives thinking them unimportant. I have lost both my parents and would give anything to be able to talk to them again, like many of you also feel. There are hundreds of things I would like to know about their lives and events that I simply never asked. Some of these are momentous—my mother’s older brother served in combat as a volunteer ambulance driver in WWI. Others are very simple—my home is the one my mother grew up in, where was the outhouse or the chicken coop located?

The point is we all need to leave a written (or spoken) narrative of our own history of our own history for our families. This can be as simple as a three page “letter” or as sophisticated as a professionally created video interview. The important thing is for us all to do it. Yes I am as lax as anyone, I haven’t done it yet, but I will, I will!

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## Jean’s Jottings

**T**his past spring I joined the WBLAHS staff as Outreach and Program Coordinator. Some of my duties include: organizing and leading boat, house, bus, school and walking tours; research for ongoing programs and exhibits; and assisting with projects at the Depot. I have spent many of my working hours guiding tours this summer. The boat tours, which are provided through the White Bear School District’s Community Education program, continued to be extremely popular this season. We originally offered one session and quickly expanded to four. In the ongoing effort to reinvigorate interest in the tours at the Fillebrown House we tried some new things this season. Instead of Sunday afternoon tours we were open each Thursday evening during Marketfest. Two years ago, during our annual Spring Event we raised funds to develop a curriculum for White Bear history in the local schools. I have worked closely with Sara and others to put together a curriculum that has been piloted at two schools. We plan to put the finishing touches on it this school year and have it in all the local elementary schools. Even though I was a board member for 6 years, I did not realize how incredibly busy it is at the depot. Some days it seems as though we have a revolving door and the phone rings off the hook. It has been wonderful to see the interest in local history and to meet many new people. This organization is blessed with many hard working volunteers for which we are very thankful.

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## WBLAHS 2008 Board of Directors

**Peter Reis**, President                      **Holly Geck**, Past President  
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**Lin Lindbeck**, Fillebrown House, Out-house  
**Tom Rice**, At-Large  
**Meg Todd**, Membership & Promotion

The WBLAHS is currently seeking board members for the following position: Programs

For more information on becoming a board member please contact  
Peter Reis at 651-426-1268  
or Sara Hanson at 651-407-5327.

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## A Special Thank You to Our Hometown Business Members



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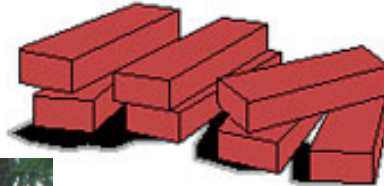
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### Organizations:

Lakeshore Players  
White Bear Lake Lion's Club

For information on how your  
business can be a WBLAHS Home-  
town Business Member please  
contact Sara at 651-407-5327

## Pavers Make a Great Gift



**GUESTS LOOK ON AS WBLAHS PRESIDENT PETER REIS NAMES THE FAMILIES BEING HONORED AT THE PAVER DEDICATION CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL POPS ON THE PORCH CONCERT.**

**J**ust can't find the perfect gift for that special person? The White Bear Lake Area Historical Society's paver program is the solution for you! Give a permanent legacy to commemorate a parent, an anniversary, a birth or any other special occasion or person for just \$250. In addition to being able to see their paver gracing the walk to the Fillebrown House for years to come the recipient will be a guest of honor at an event to dedicate the new set of pavers. For more information please contact Sara Hanson at 651-407-5327.

## Proudly Serving

**T**he White Bear Lake Area Historical Society is proud to serve the following communi-  
ties:

- Birchwood
- Dellwood
- Mahtomedi
- White Bear Lake
- White Bear Township



If you have a story,  
pictures, or any  
information that you  
would like to share,  
please contact Sara at  
651-407-5327

# Calendar of Events

For more details on these events and more visit [whitebearhistory.org](http://whitebearhistory.org) or call 651-407-5327.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** First Annual Township Days Event at Polar Lakes Park 9am-9pm

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** Historic House Tour 2008 noon-6pm Tickets \$25/person or \$20/WBLAHS Members prior to the tour, and \$30/person the day of the Tour.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** WBLAHS Annual Meeting featuring Cathy Carey, author of *White Bear: A History*. Location To be Announced.



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FUTURE ISSUES,  
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