Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Amana Church services are live streamed on FM 93.5 & Facebook. Limited in church attendance is offered, face masks are strongly encouraged for unvaccinated members. Social distancing is encouraged in the Saal.

Early German Service will resume August 01.

The Regular Sunday Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, July 25, 2021, starting at 10:00 AM with Elder Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" No. 196

Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Laubach, July 29th, 1715

Scripture: Mark 6:45-52
Psalm 107:28-32

Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" No. 57

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in Middle.

Saturday Fellowship, meets 5:30 PM in Middle

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The Amana Society Service Co. Will be flushing hydrants on the following dates from 8am – 4pm

Middle	Thursday July 22
Parkside & Lakeside	Friday July 23
White Oak Hills & Rv Park	Monday July 26
Girls town & Boys town	Tuesday July 27
Main Street Amana	Wednesday July 28
East Amana & High Amana	Thursday July 29
West Amana	Friday July 30
South Amana	Monday August 2
Homestead	Tuesday August 3

Should you encounter any discolored water or low pressure please let water run for up to 15 min out of a bathtub or outdoor spigot. If problems persist call 319-622-3052

FIRST RESPONDERS SEEK DONATIONS FOR EMT CLASS

Amana First Responders are seeking donations to help send four volunteers to EMT class. Amana First Responders are down to one active EMS provider and need to get these new volunteers through EMT training. The cost to train one EMT is $2116.00. If you can help please send donations to Amana First Responders, c/o Lucas Miller, 1713 S Ave., South Amana, IA 52334.

Please make donations payable to Amana First Responders.

If you would like additional information about Amana First Responders call Lucas at 319-551-5587.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A few years ago the Amana Heritage Society put together a program concerning WWI. There were many smaller parts to the program including people drawing sketches of the Amana men who were sent to war, stories about the war, and lots of exhibits.

It got me thinking about the anti-German sentiment during that time and comparing it to what happened during WWII with the Japanese.

Ironically, during the time the museum was having the exhibit other thoughts would surface such as the Influenza Epidemic and then Covid-19. How did we simply seem to forget the Influenza epidemic ("Spanish Flu" N1H1 infected 1/3 of the world's 1.5 billion people, killing an estimated 20-50 million) and why did we not get as hostile to the Spanish as we did now to China. (One reason is that it did not start in Spain.)

Then there was this anti-German attack. The British monarchy (which was quite German, Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Victoria was Hanover) changed their name in 1917 to Windsor. People in places like Indiana, for example, killed dachdhunds and German shepards out of hatred of all things "German."

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Small Engine Plane Crash in Amana

The Iowa County Sheriff's Department reported that Robert Garrett, 45, walked away uninjured from a small engine plane crash near the Amana Airport, Monday July 19 at 2:10 p.m.

The 1976 Grumman bi-plane crop duster was laying upside in the nearby cornfield after the accident. The office stated that the crash took place just west of the Amana Airport runway. Garrett reported a loss of power as he was attempting to take off at the airport. No one was injured on the ground.

As happens in the event of any plane crash, the National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the accident.

Creamery Theatre Founders Reunion Sept. 4 - 5

Come one, come all to the unofficial Old Creamery Founders Reunion to be held Saturday, Sept. 4 – Sunday, September 5 in Garrison, Iowa.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Old Creamery Theatre Co.

A group of the original board members and friends has set up this weekend gathering to celebrate the founding of the Creamery Theatre. Or as Creamery co-founder Tom Johnson says, it is "Time for tall tale-telling and to spend with old friends." The Creamery's founding members are: Steve Koch, Erica Zaffarano, Merritt Olsen, Tom Johnson, Ann Olson, David Olson, Rita Davies, Mick Denniston, Judy Johnson and David Berendes.

The weekend will include a shorter, reader version, presentation of "Spoon River Anthology," the very first play produced by the Old Creamery Theatre Co. with music by the Great Bluegrass Herons, along with an "ask the old ones" open microphone plus, story telling "When the Hippies Came to Town" with slides at the Farmer's Mercantile Hall, 100 W. Main Street in Garrison at 7:30 p.m. The hall has been converted to a center and performance space and will be the general meeting area for most reunion events.

Thus far 60 former company members and friends have signed up to attend. Sunday morning the attendees will be feted with a breakfast hosted by the Garrison Lions at the Garrison Farmer's Mercantile. Plus there will be a Benton County bike ride, a catered supper and more.

The complete schedule is on the event website. To join the fun, and all are welcome, go to the website https://foundersreunion.godaddysites.com or call Tom Johnson and Meg Merkens at 319-551-6691. They will need rsvps for specific, catered, events.

Of course this is the "unofficial" Founder's Reunion as none of the original members is on the current board or a company member of the Old Creamery today. No official OCTC events have been announced for the anniversary.

The Old Creamery Theatre opened in 1971 with 10 original members in the Garrison brick building that once housed the local dairy, after Iowa media heralded the re-location of several professional artists to the Garrison area. The theatre company's goal was to bring high quality, professional theatre to rural Iowa.

In service to this goal for 50 years, save one, the company has offered an annual slate of theatre productions, touring performances and school shows, eventually adding studio theatre, dinner theatre, youth theatre and youth theatre camps.

The very first show "Spoon River Anthology" by Edgar Lee Masters was on tour throughout the state in 1971. In 1972 after much sweat and effort, the group opened the Old Creamery Theatre in the old brick creamery with "Two French Farces." In 1976 with a grant from the Iowa Bicentennial Commission the Old Creamery Theatre Co. performed in over 200 Iowa communities, many of them with populations under 2,000 people. In 1980 the company received the Iowa Governor's Distinguished Service Award for service to Iowa in the presentation of the theatre arts and the expansion of arts opportunities in rural Iowa. In 1988 the Amana Society worked with the Old Creamery to build a theatre in Amana to open in time for the World Ag Expo. A State of Iowa community betterment grant to build the theatre made the construction of the theatre near the expo grounds possible. Operations continued in Garrison, but after 25 years in 1996 the performance space in Garrison is closed.

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Card Shower for

Madeline Roemig Bendorf's

90th Birthday on July 24th

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Feathers *from page 1*

During WWII we would AGAIN become anti-German, Prince Philip, for example, was not allowed to invite his three remaining sisters to his wedding because they had married Nazi soldiers even though the House of Windsor's primary language (up until WWI) had been German, as was Philip's.

Prince Philip's three sisters were eventually invited to Queen Elizabeth's coronation (June 1953) so I guess bad feelings towards the Germans had somewhat cooled a little.

One wonders how one would react when faced with an enemy such as Hitler's Luftwaffe.

I was in awe when I read about a monarch like Christian X who admitted defeat when the Nazis made a surprise attack on Denmark.

Denmark is, a relatively flat country and small in comparison to the German war machine so the government knew what would happen and did not want Copenhagen to end up like Warsaw.

What happened next is what brings hope to the people.

The King, Christian X, got on his horse, Jubilee, and rode daily through Copenhagen without an escort. He inspired his fellow countrymen with this small moment each day for over two years. On his coat he had a button with an insignia showing that he was still their king. Unfortunately he fell from his horse and was lame until his death after the war.

At one time, on his birthday, Hitler sent greetings . Christian X thanked him but not saying anymore. It infuriated Hitler so much that he had another man dispatched as envoy to Denmark.

Legends began saying that the king wore the Star of David, that he demanded the German flag be removed from a hotel and when a soldier who would do that would be shot the king said, "the soldier will be me," that people asked who was guarding the king and a little boy said, "the people of Denmark," and so the stories went.

The truth of the matter is that this man faced the enemy not with swords or guns, but with a moral resistance which few people have.

It is good to know of people one can look to in times of despair and know that there are people of quiet courage.

B.S.H.

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting July 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. An in-person meeting is not possible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

II. Set Agenda.

III. Review/approve June Minutes.

IV. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in a Historic Preservation Zoning District:

a. Application 2021-059. Applicant, Amanda Okopski. Property located at 405 53rd Ave, Amana. Zoning HP-R. Proposed project: Repaint existing transite shingle siding, repair wood trim around two front entrances, restore and repaint existing Amana windows; replace two windows with Amana windows of similar size, replace iron handrails, replace flagstone steps, replace modern aluminum storm door, and restore transom window above north entrance.

b. Application 2021-060. Applicant, Kirk and Linda Setzer. Property located at 403 52.nd Ave., East Amana. Zoning HP-R. Proposed project: On the East side of dwelling; remove and replace windows, move main floor window, replace center window, remove large flat roof dormer and install two smaller gable-roof dormers and windows in each. On the west side of dwelling remove north flat-roof dormer, repair roof, rebuild south dormer to match dormers on east roof of dwelling, replace west side main floor window. On both sides of dwelling; cover all window trim identified in the application with white aluminum soffit material and re-shingle roof.

c. Application 2021-065. Applicant, Lynn Trumpold. Property located at 2703 220 Trail, Middle Amana. Zoning HP-R. Proposed project: Reconstruct porch on west side of house to mirror image of the original porch. Porch and railings will be built as is seen in old pre-1932 photos using treated lumber below the floor, which will not be seen. All visible materials will be cedar, the roof will have shingles to match the house. Also replace two existing windows with 9 over 6 wood clad replacement windows to match rest of the house.

V. Other Business.

a. Discussion/Action: Review and recommendation of 2021 second round of Historic Preservation grant proposals.

VI. Work session. Continue review of Amana Colonies Land Use District Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

VII. Adjourn.

COLONY BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

On Saturday, August 7th, the Amana Arts Guild will sponsor our annual Festival of the Arts. Please note: WE HAVE MOVED, the venue for the Festival is the Market Barn in Amana, 707--46th Ave. As always any pies, cakes, cookies, pastries and traditional desserts you can make for the food booth will be appreciated! Please bring your favorites to the Market Barn any time after 8:00 AM on August 7th. Thank you in advance for your donation! The Festival of the Arts is a major fund raiser for the Guild and all donations are greatly appreciated!

Charlie's Market Saturdays 10 till 12
COOKIES, **TOMATOES,** PRODUCE, PLANTS, FLOWERS
West End of Homestead near the Old Fire House

LILY LAKE PURPLE MARTIN PROJECT

Once upon a time, Purple Martins were a common feature of the Amana summer residential landscape, nesting in wooden houses on poles, made and maintained by homeowners, and perching on telephone lines. They are a unique type of swallow that are almost totally dependent on man-made nesting structures and thrive by nesting in "colonies", making them a natural companion with Amana. Unfortunately, they have
been absent as a nesting bird in the Amana area since the early 1980s.

Twenty-one long years ago, Dan and Angela Ray began a project to attract Purple Martins back to the Lily Lake in a project with assistance from the Purple Martin Conservation Association. The Lily Lake is an ideal habitat and food source for Purple Martins, which feed primarily on large flying insects like dragonflies, providing the best
opportunity to re-attract Martins to Amana.

You may have noticed some "white things on poles" on the west shore of the Lily Lake. These are the updated version of wooden Martin houses; white plastic "gourds," specifically designed for all the necessities of successfully raising and monitoring large numbers of birds.

After 17 years of trying to attract Purple Martins to the area and four years of increasing success with nesting birds, 2021 looks like a great year with 35 nesting pairs and the prospects of fledging more than 100 young Martins. This would be a critical mass for the continuation of the colony and also to provide birds that would expand nesting opportunities within the Amana area.

The Martins that are now nesting in the gourds on the Lily Lake started most likely from expansion birds from Jim Schmuecker's farm, north of West Amana, where he has had a growing colony since 2016. Prior to that, the nearest nesting Purple Martins were a small group in Coralville and large colonies on Amish farms in Kalona. It just took a long time to attract and then entice them to stay in an area where there were no Purple Martins, despite Amana's reputation for tourism. The Lily Lake colony will become a good source for expansion to other Amana residents that put up similar housing; there even may be a successful nesting in Upper South this year.

If you are interested trying to attract Purple Martins to nest in your yard, we would be more than happy to help with your own project; contact us at therays@southslope.net or visit the Purple Martin Conservation Association at purplemartin.org. Anyone interested in seeing the birds and the project can just stop by any evening when the birds congregate after a day of collecting food. Please don't get too close to the Purple Martins as to disturb them.

The first scout bird arrived in late April, egg laying began at the end of May, and the first fledglings have just left the nest last week. By the second or third week in August, all the birds will have left the nests and the whole group will begin the journey back to Brazil for the winter; returning to Amana next spring.

With a bit of luck, in a few years, we could have Purple Martins again in each Amana village.

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In 2000 the Creamery celebrated its 30th anniversary school tour with "Grab em by the Tale!" As of 2000 the Old Creamery had performed over 1,000 shows in schools. In 2002 the Amana Colonies Trails group offered the Depot in Amana to the Old Creamery to serve as a studio performance space. The Creamery had added an outdoor patio space at the Amana theatre too. In 2008 due to Iowa River flooding the Depot closed and the studio theatre shows were moved to the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana. In 2009 the Creamery was awarded a $50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. A new studio stage opened in 2010 at the Amana School in Middle.

During 2012 – 14 renovations to the Old Creamery main stage in Amana included the installation of a new lighting system, handicapped accessibility, a major overhaul of the sound system and more. In 2015 a new curtain was installed and in 2016 the 45-year anniversary of the school tour was celebrated.

In 2020 the theatre closed due to the COVID pandemic and the artistic staff was laid off/ terminated.

What's happening now with the Old Creamery Theatre Co.? As of this week, the Old Creamery Theatre Co. website has one show on its schedule. On Friday Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Brian Hoffman will remember Red Skelton. Red Skelton was a TV and stage actor whose TV show in the 1960's was popular. He is perhaps best known for having dressed as a clown or a tramp and performing mime and skit comedy. No plans have been announced by the Old Creamery Theatre Board regarding the anniversary, the 2021-22 shows and the hiring of an artistic director and staff.

Current OCTC board members: Peter Teahen, Cedar Rapids, Mark Hixson, Cedar Rapids, Debra Brooks, Cedar Rapids, Kim Kudej, Cedar Rapids, John Slusher, Cedar Rapids, Mark Van Heukelom, Cedar Rapids, and Mike Murray, North Liberty.

Village Garden Walk is Saturday

The second colony garden walk, Colonies in Bloom, is this Saturday, July 24 with a select number of private gardens in the seven villages open for tours. Colonies in Bloom is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To find out which gardens are on the tour look for the small German and American flags in the yards of participating homes. Or stop by the Amana Colonies Visitor Center for a list and map of gardens on the walk.

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ARTS GUILD RAFFLE!

The Amana Arts Guild annual raffle is a special one this year because of our new Gallery on Main. In celebration of our opening we are offering a $250 shopping spree at the gallery as our raffle prize.

Tickets as always are $1 per ticket or 6 for $5. Tickets are available at the new gallery, and will be available at the Festival of the Arts on August 7th at the Market Barn in Amana. The drawing will be held during the afternoon at the festival. (Need not be present to win)

Stop in at the Gallery on Main and get your entry in for this amazing offer and think about what wonderful piece of Amana art or craft would look great in your home.