



# Fall 2021 Newsletter

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## Fall 2021 President's Message

I had the opportunity to share with the AAHS Board of Directors and Officers what has been accomplished over the past year. You, as active members of AAHS, should be extremely proud of the efforts of the Board of Directors, Officers, members, and other volunteers. Not only did AAHS survive the direct and indirect effects of the Covid epidemic on AAHS, we prospered in promoting our mission "to inspire in our community a sense of meaning and belonging by sharing the history and culture of the Ankeny area". Please allow me the opportunity to thank all of you for the continued collective success of Ankeny Area Historical Society! AAHS.....

- Navigated Covid.
- Raised the Roof on the House.
- Received a Generous John Deere Donation.
- Maintained the planned budget and paid the bills.
- Applied for and accepted continued Bravo Grant funding.
- Reorganized and updated many displays in the Barn.
- Held three reopening events.

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We want to acknowledge our appreciation for the support and grants



JOHN DEERE



GREATER DES MOINES



## *Fall 2021 President's Message Cont.*

- Resumed tours and open houses.
- Placed the Old Central (and Parkview) School Bell onto a new pedestal at the museum
- Sold memorial bricks and placed them around the bell.
- Added new signs explaining the history of the house museum, the bell, and the barn.
- Partnered with John Deere volunteers through the Benevity Program that helped with a variety of projects at AAHS.
- Maintained our beautiful grounds with the help of the Museum landscaping committee.
- Increased membership due to these efforts by the office manager and the membership committee.
- Accepted the donation of a new picnic table.
- Partnered with Ankeny Schools ORBIS program helping with suggestions for the museum reorganization and reviewing AAHS print media shared with the public.
- Decorated the house Celebratory Seasonal displays.
- Resumed the Annual Ice Cream Social!
- Honored Eleven long-term ladies in our community for their support of AAHS!
- Continued Communications with members and the public through emails and newsletters to the Members and Facebook posts to the public.
- Actively supported the Uptown Ankeny Association activities and meetings.
- Participated in Uptown's Pumpkins and Pints and "Trunk or Treat" events.
- Again, held the pumpkins fall fund raising event.
- Continued processing and organizing the artifacts through the efforts of the Collections Committee.
- Scheduled the annual Cookie Walk along with other holiday events.

As proud as I am of all the successes for AAHS, there is still an extensive To Do List for the upcoming year and long-term future of AAHS! Please consider how you can help!

- ◇ Expand the growth of AAHS membership and maintain strong members support!
- ◇ Continue robust financial support.
- ◇ Develop A Funding mechanism for a sustainable future.
- ◇ Engage Volunteers to develop new display boards including QR codes to explain display case artifacts.
- ◇ Train Volunteers to help develop TV slides to support the farm house parlor and farming displays.
- ◇ Continue our established fundraising and member involvement events.
- ◇ Re-establish our speaker series to educate participants further about Ankeny history.
- ◇ Create an even stronger partnership with Ankeny Schools.
- ◇ Develop ideas and involve volunteers in the development of new displays.
- ◇ Recruit and train more volunteers to help collections committee.
- ◇ Encourage further donation of Ankeny artifacts to better allow us to tell the Ankeny Story!

I am encouraged by the successes AAHS has had and am excited to see what can occur as we look forward into 2022. All of our successes both in the past and in the future do not happen by themselves, so please consider how you can help AAHS with continued success and growth in the future! Thank you for everything you do for AAHS!

Yours in History,

John Stratton, President Ankeny Area Historical Society

***"Our mission is to inspire in our community a sense of meaning and belonging by sharing the history and culture of the Ankeny area."***

***We appreciate the businesses who support Ankeny Area Historical Society and we hope you will consider them when you have a need for their products & services.***

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98 Investments	John Deere Des Moines works
Accumold	julsdesigns, inc.
Adamson Insurance & Assoc., Inc.	Kreg Tool Company
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Albaugh, LLC	Lamberti, Gocke & Luetje. P. C.
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Ankeny Alumni Association	Luke Carlson Physical Therapy
Ankeny Animal & Avian Clinic	Mark Gray Law
Ankeny Animal Health Clinic	Metro Eyecare Associates, LLC
Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce	Moeckly Family Farm, LLC.
Ankeny Community Schools	Molly Maid of Ankeny
Ankeny Friends of the Arts	Nading Law Firm
Ankeny Lions Club	Northwest Bank
Ankeny Memorial Gardens	Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church
Ankeny Real Estate Service	Parkview Middle School
Ankeny Sanitation Inc.	Polk County Heating & Cooling
Ankeny Veterinary Clinic	Porch Light Coffee House
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# Bricks and Memories



Did you miss getting a memorial brick placed around the old school bell this year? Good news. You are still able to do that! The Ankeny Area Historical Society will continue to take orders for bricks on its website [www.ankenyhistorical.org](http://www.ankenyhistorical.org).

The bricks are a wonderful way to remember folks and companies that were part of Ankeny's history. They would make a great Christmas present, too! When ordered, a certificate will be emailed to you to present to the person, if desired. The orders will be batched periodically, and the bricks will be laid around the bell. As a memorial donation ... or just to honor a special person, these bricks will display our affection for years and years to come. Thank you!



## Donations

Without the philanthropy of our donors, the programs and improvements to our museum would not be possible. We wish to publicly thank you for your generosity.

### General Donations

Hogan and Mary Liechty  
John and Marjorie Ley  
Kay and Chuck Triplett  
Robert and Mary Jo Frazier  
Mary Lonsdale

Donna Thompson  
John Stratton  
Jim Nervig  
Virginia Logli  
Yankee Clipper

Tom and Joan Quinlan  
Janet Kochheiser-Downing  
Debra Garner  
JoAnn Burgess  
Porch Light Coffeehouse

*Please accept our apology if your name was not included with this issue. Your donation was truly appreciated.*

# Christmas Cookie Walk

**Advance tickets purchased thru the website or call the office.**

The Christmas Cookie Walk is back this year. A limited number of tickets will be sold, in advance, to pick out 2 dozen homemade cookies before it is opened to the general public.

## Times:

- **Ticket Holders:** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- **General Public:** 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

## New this year:

- Pick an item from the "**Treat Table**". (Christmas Candy and/or Sweet Bread)
- Ticket Holders will be entered into a **raffle** at 1 pm.

Multiple items will be raffled off. You don't have to be present to win.

**Cost:** \$20 per ticket.

**LOCATION:** Museum House, check-in located on the first floor library.



# Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Fundraiser

We have been selected again to be a part of the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag program that supports local non-profits. .

For the month of November, each time a \$2.50 red "My Heart" Reusable Bag is purchased at the Hy-Vee located at **410 N Ankeny Blvd.**, \$1 will be donated to AAHS.

Please share this information with your family and friends.



# Membership

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Your membership helps us develop exhibits so we can share Ankeny history with everyone.

## **Annual Memberships**

**Personal** - Individual for \$25 and Family for \$50

**Business** - \$100

## **How to Join?**

Go to [AnkenyHistorical.org](http://AnkenyHistorical.org) and sign up



# Events and Tours

## **Ice Cream & Pie Social**





# More Events and Tours

## Mill Pond Retirement Tour



## Independence Village Tour



## Pumpkins and Pints



## Trunk or Treats



## ***Open Houses***

Sunday, January 2, 2021	2 pm to 4 pm
Sunday, February 6, 2021	2 pm to 4 pm
Sunday, March 6, 2021	2 pm to 4 pm
Sunday, April 3, 2021	2 pm to 4 pm
Sunday, May 1, 2021	2 pm to 4 pm

June thru Labor Day weekend, each Sunday  
from 2 pm to 4 pm.

### **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk**

Saturday, December 4

Go to **[www.ankenystorical.org](http://www.ankenystorical.org)** for  
more information and tickets.

## ***Mission:***

*The Ankeny Area Historical Society's mission is to  
inspire in our community a sense of meaning and  
belonging by sharing the history and culture of the  
Ankeny area.*

*Check our website for upcoming dates and  
programs.*

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