

Annual Report of the Hastings Historical Society 2011

The volunteers at the Hastings Historical Society continue to be busy every Monday and Thursday. We have had several authors come to do research for their books as well as the usual requests from those trying to establish ties to previous generations. In October, as well as an open house, we hosted three astronomers, Richard Parker, Francis O'Reilly and Allen Hall, who spoke about their findings after extensive examination with Bart Freid of one of Henry Draper's hand-made mirrors. They presented us with two copies of their "Report of Optical Evaluation of a 15.5 Inch Telescope Objective Mirror Made by Henry Draper" written by Dick Parker. All those who attended the lecture were very impressed.

We began the new year with a class for adults and students interested in learning how to conduct oral history interviews organized by Sue Smith and Coleman (Spike) Barkin, our trustee, who has done many local interviews for the Hastings channel WHOH. A good time was had by all and happily we are now adding to our collection of oral histories which will be invaluable to researchers in the future.

Muriel Olsson and Jan Gustafson hosted a troop of Boy Scouts interested in Hastings history showing them artifacts from arrow heads to WW II memorabilia. Then, in honor of Memorial Day, Jan collected items for display near the parade to show how Hastings residents participated in the conflicts.

Finally, we had a smashing annual meeting with movies and slides presented by Joe Schiavone on the subject of the Old Putnam Railroad. If you missed his entertaining lecture, we expect to give you another chance to hear him in November. Stay tuned!

"New Program about the Old Put"

by Joe Schiavone

Sunday, November 13th
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Orr Room
Hastings Library

Come and hear about the old Putnam Railroad

HASTINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Income and Expenses and Fund Balances 1/01/2010 to 12/31/2010

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| General Fund | | Mary Allison Archives Fund | |
| Balance at 1/1/2010 | \$9,936. | Balance at 1/1/2010 | 182. |
| Dues | 19,115. | Transfer to General Fund | (182.) |
| Donations | 8,354. | Balance at 12/31/2010 | 0.00 |
| Merchandise sold and misc. | 4,162. | | |
| Receipts from events | 7,700. | All Accounts | |
| Transfers: | | General Funds | 11,238. |
| Fr Endowment Fund | 28,000. | M. Beece Program | |
| Fr Mary Allison Archives Fund | 182. | & Exhibit Fund | 10,683. |
| Total Receipts | <u>67,513.</u> | Endowment Account | 162,579. |
| Cottage expenses and maintenance | 20,647. | Total Funds at 12/31/2010 | \$184,500. |
| Bus. costs, insurance & sales tax | 15,087. | Total Funds at 12/31/2009 | \$191,875. |
| Historian newsletter and postage | 5,903. | | |
| Archiving expenses | 21,780. | Respectfully submitted, | |
| Exhibits & programs | 2,794. | David E. Forbes-Watkins, Treasurer | |
| Total Disbursements | <u>66,211.</u> | | |
| Balance at 12/31/2010 | \$11,238. | | |