

HISTORIC DAYTON HOUSE NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement of the Historic Dayton House

To preserve the historically significant Dayton House, interpret the community's cultural and social history as told through the lives of the dwelling's residents, and increase people's awareness of this heritage by making the building accessible as a public gathering place.

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Retirement beckons Becky Schilling

It was with reluctance that the Historic Dayton House's Board of Directors accepted Becky Schilling's resignation, effective Dec. 31, 2011. Becky, who served faithfully as Historic Dayton House Manager since October 2005, was ready to make more time in her life for a little "rest and relaxation," as well as free time for volunteer opportunities and visits to her two adorable granddaughters in Georgia.

Becky was always a most gracious hostess for House events; her picture may appear next to the word "Hospitality" in the dictionary! She was also an effective and pleasant representative of the House to the greater community. Her lovely smile will certainly be missed, but she remains a staunch supporter of the Historic Dayton House, as well as an active volunteer, so we are delighted that her retirement means only a little less of her presence but not a

complete absence of her charm and personality.



The Board sincerely thanks Becky for her 6+ years of dedicated work and service to the Historic Dayton House.

In this December 2010 photo, Becky Schilling takes a moment for a photo with two Dayton House Volunteers. Schillings' warm and engaging style drew many volunteers, young and old alike, to the Historic Dayton House's extended family.

New and Renewed Memberships

Following is a list of new and renewed members from August 2011 to February 2012. Thanks to them, as well as all members, for supporting the Historic Dayton House and maintaining its status as the "gem" of Worthington! If you notice any errors, please contact the house staff to have them corrected.

BUSINESS - \$300

Keith's Grocery & Bake Shoppe
Avera Worthington Specialty
Clinic
Intervet, Inc.
Jenny Andersen
Worthington Federal Savings
Bank
WREDC

PHILANTHROPIST- Over \$200

Ludlow, Robert & Pat
Weiskircher, Steve & Jackie
Freese, Wayne & Karen
Moore, Gordon & Jane
Dayton, John & Arlene
Koller, John & Tammy
Dayton, Mary Lee
Shore, Jim & Julie
Freese, Marc & Dawn

PATRON - \$100-\$199

Hawthorne, Mary
Kempema, Neil & Darlene
Ritter, Allan
Aaser, Martin & Dorothy
Meier, Francis & Vonda Lee
Sudmeier, Richard & Suzanne
Tveit, Carol
Troth, Rebecca &
Wright, Christopher
Rickers, Russell & Janet
Snyder, Muriel
Anderson, Bruce & Darlene
Dayton, Julia
Duffy, Audrey
Bents, Dwayne & Colleen
Fiola, Jerry & Judy
Shepherd, Mark & Marcia
Eads, Dale & Janice
Hayenga, Craig & Sarah
Benton, Galen & Sharon
Kirk, Dorothy
Schimbeno, Leon & Chris
Harchanko, Ray & Dorothy
Greve, Rich & Marilyn
Simonson, Randy & Susan
Dayton, Douglas
Johnson, Roger & Sharon
Johnson, Mike & Janelle
McNiece, Ed & Carol
Widboom, Matt & Teresa
O'Neil, Patrick & Wendy
Schilling, Paul & Becky
Hoffman, Ronald & Anne
Windom Painting
Swanson, Marlene

Moore, Charles & Jackie
Anderson, Marlis
Fischer, Arnold & Judy

SUSTAINING - \$50-\$99

Benson, David & Sally Anne
Regnier, Steve & Barbara
Meyer, Arnold & LeAnne
Kooiman, Alvin & Alvina
Verdoorn, Wayne & Dominga

Foss, Arlen & LaVonne
City of Worthington
Zylstra, Frank & Gayle
Weness, Erlin & Jean
Worthington Area Chamber of
Commerce

Elsing, Shawn & Melissa
Johnson, Sally
Fiola, LaVina
Frame, Arthur
Graf, Erving & Lois

Avenal-Navara, Cheryl
Winter, Ted & Marjorie
Larson, Roger & Marjorie
Luig, Al

Hale, Dennis & Dee
Hallstrom, Ron & Winora
Henderson, Jim & Sharon
Hudson, James & Linda
Rubsam, Dori

Rickert, Shannon & Clea
Ten Haken, Lyle & Beth
Farra, Dr. Firas & Nai
Schissel, Terry

Shrubb, Richard & Julie
Bobeldyk, Jerry & Ora
Loy, Jon & Melissa
Petersen, Lori

Karelis, Paul & Kelly
Jansen, Ken & Zuby
Schlichte, Richard & Denise
Hartzler, Dave & Marilyn

Benson, Marilyn & Wulling, Tim
Kucker, Lamont & Sheryl
Pietz, Curtis & Shirley
Crippen, Ray

Fairland Management
Vajgrt, Jerry & Beve
Worthington YMCA
Burns, Betty

Olson, Kieth & Marj
Jaycox, Chad & Kristin
Nystrom, Lowell & Ruth
Robinson, Aldyne
Merkel, Leroy & Rosemary
Harmon, Michael & Elena
VandenBerg, Darla
Camery, Bernice

Daily Globe
Lopez, Jorge & Julie
Cashel, Thomas
Shirbroun, Randal & Amy
Heil, Del August
Kaufman, Evelyn
Williams, Jim & Barb

CONTRIBUTING - \$25-\$49

Molitor, Karen
Anderson, Peter & Evelyn
Carlson, Dale & Joanne
Friedrich, Margie
Haas, Stan & Julie
Krasner, Steven & Faye
Grius, Henry & Lois
Ager, Marion
Roos, Daniel & Laurita
Willardson, Bob & Margaret
Sather, John & Sandra
Broste, Darlene
Renken, Evelyn
Burchill, Conrad & Ceclia
Goetsch, Loren & Jeanne
Hoefft, Michael & Rebekah
Leistico, Vern & Marilyn
Hagen, Bryan & Sue
Polzine, Alfred & Roxann
DeWitt, Dr. Ross & June
Appel, Troy & Kristin
Barber, Bruce & Sara
Mews, Vern & Marie
Raak, Ken & ARthea
Zylstra, Marvin
Karl, Bonnie

McClintick, Marge
Hain, Lee & Donna
Klein, Raphael & Esther
Flygar, Bruce & Luanne
Hoekstra, Brad & Sheryl
Scherff, Carol
Dayton, Harriet
Heig, Vivian
Johnson, Andy & Jayne
Peters, Dale
Kvilhaug, Greg & Diana
Jenson, James & Jeanette
Thompson, Randy & Tara
Ella, Dolores
Carlson, Dr. Rolf & Kathleen
Hohn, Charles
McAllister, Lee & Betty
Luke, Jeffrey & Mary
Hanson Roberts, Norma
Hardwick, Audrey
Roslansky, David & Kathy
Macklin, Tom & Darlene
Voit, Duane & Jan

Volunteers**The Historic Dayton House owes much to its volunteers**

Since its beginning, the Historic Dayton House has been fortunate to have a contingency of wonderful volunteers. The House continues to recruit new volunteers, as well as invite those from the past, to join in keeping the House vibrant and far-reaching.

Some of the volunteer opportunities include assisting in the following ways: tour guide, decorating, flower care, lawn care, tea parties, spring cleaning, bartending, house events, serving on a committee.

If you have an idea for an event or would like to help out at the House in your own, unique way, please let us know.

To sign up or recommit as a volunteer, please contact the Historic Dayton House:

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"I have been favored with the kind assistance of many - and I have endeavored to pass on to others..."

From the autobiography of George Draper Dayton.



New display cases at Dayton House

Two new display cases have been installed at the house. The beautiful cherry wood cases provide a secure environment for the display of historical and significant importance to the house. The cases were purchased through a grant award from the Minnesota Historical Society.



Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Minnesota Legislature from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund created with passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution in November 2008. The grants are awarded to support projects of enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation across the state. www.mnhs.org

Dayton's Dicta

"I wish to bid you a hearty 'God Speed' in your new venture. It is no easy task...but in your hands I expect it will be a success in every sense of the word-and I am more anxious that it should be a success along the lines of character building for the Northwest than simply along financial lines. You have come into a great inheritance-and a tremendous responsibility. You will be wielders of public opinion, and it is for you to see that your herculean blows shall always be on the side of right."

--George Draper Dayton, in a circa 1907 letter to an editor friend undertaking a new journalistic responsibility

Area students assist with preservation project



In December, a dozen students from the Luverne High School Photography class visited the Historic Dayton House. Their mission was to take photographs of the details of the house furnishings. Hundreds of images were captured in photos that day and will be saved in an electronic catalog for archival and research purposes.

The photo on the right is an example of some of the intricate details to be found in the furnishings at the Dayton House.



Welcome to our new staff!

In the wake of Becky Schilling's recent retirement, two new part-time staff members have become part of the Historic Dayton House.

Meredith Stanton Vaselaar joined the House in the role of House Manager/Business Coordinator in early November. Meredith also works part-time at the Adrian branch of the Nobles County Library. She holds a degree from Southwest State University, Marshall, and has past experience with grant writing, historic organizations and journalism, among other areas. She lives north of Adrian with her husband, Eric, a Minnesota State Trooper; they have three children, the youngest of whom, Rona, will graduate this spring from Luverne High School.

Anna Dopheide came on board Feb. 20, to serve as the House's Event Coordinator and Guest Suite Coordinator. A graduate of Worthington High School and the Le Cordon Bleu Scottsdale Culinary Institute, Anna brings a good deal of food and banquet experience to the House. Anna is married to Kyle Dopheide; they have one son, Kade, and are expecting their second child early next fall.

*Calling all members:
Member Open House and Annual Meeting
Sunday, March 25, 2012*

Members of the Historic Dayton House are invited to attend an open house and annual meeting on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

The annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., with an open house reception following from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come and meet our new staff members, Meredith Vaselaar and Anna Dopheide, enjoy some musical entertainment, and relax with complimentary coffee and treats.

In addition, retired House Manager Becky Schilling will be recognized for her years of service to the Historic Dayton House. We hope you will help us thank her for her dedication and gracious service.

We look forward to seeing you on March 25!

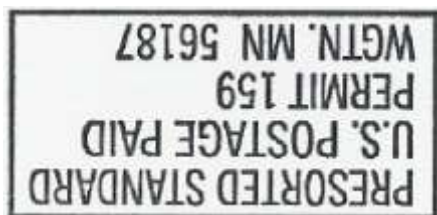


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