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ENGS Has New Location in Basement of May Museum



Loretta Meistrell (left) and Renee Bunck, both ENGS members, check a card catalog holding early 1900s obituaries.

Thanks to Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society (ENGS) and Dodge County Historical Society members, the ENGS Library materials got moved the end of May to its new location in the May Museum basement.

Obituary files, family histories, cemetery records, microfilm and microfiche, atlas and map collections, newsletters from various genealogy groups, and general references for genealogists can all

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Director's Column

Jeff Kappeler



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is for Dodge County

It is back to basics for the 2019-20 May Museum special exhibit, which will explore the early formation history of Dodge County.

The new displays will also include the three county courthouses and the district schools.

Join us for these beginnings and a return to the school days of yore.

Any county and/or school memorabilia will be welcomed. Contact us at 402.721.4515.

Calendar of Events

Mon., Aug. 13, 7 p.m.
ENGs meeting

Mon., Sept. 10, 7 p.m.
ENGs meeting

Thurs., Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Quarterly Meeting

Mon., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
ENGs meeting
with Doug Rung
Humanities Nebraska
"Nebraskans Remember
World War II"
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Open to Public

Mon., Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
ENGs meeting

Tues., Dec. 4, 7-9 p.m.
Museum Open House

Memorials & Gifts

In Honor of Jack & Judy
Ekeler's 50th anniversary
Faith Perry

In Memory of Michal Martin
Lloyd & Nancy Morris

In Memory of Clara Haney
Jeff Kappeler
Helen Kracl

In Memory of Patricia Martin
Elizabeth J. Petersen

In Memory of Dale Harvat
Lloyd & Nancy Morris

In Memory of Doris Speas
Jeff Kappeler
Elizabeth J. Petersen

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be accessed at the Museum. Also available for use are microfilm and microfiche readers and a photocopy machine.

Jeff Kappeler, Museum director, said housing the ENGs Library in the Museum was very appropriate since ENGs and Dodge County Historical Society members have worked in close partnership for many years.

An appointment can be made for anyone wanting to utilize ENGs materials for genealogy research. It is important that an appointment is made in advance to assure someone is available to provide assistance. Call the Museum at 402.721.4515.

Steve Bunck is interested in offering a late 19th century hands-on woodworking class at the May Museum.

Participants will learn basic techniques regarding how to use the tools. Also included will be how to sharpen the tools and basic tool maintenance.

Number of participants will be limited to 6-8.

Date and time will be scheduled after interest level is determined.

To reserve a spot, call the Museum at 402.721.4515.

Celebrations 2018



Upper Left: Steve Bunck introduces Angie Bernal, who is wearing her Mexican quinceañera (Sweet 15) dress. Upper Right: Anna Soderling (left) started working at Petrow's Fremont Candy Kitchen when she was 12 years old. Nick and Shelly Petrow own Petrow's Restaurant in Omaha. Middle Left: Deanna Wolf blindfolds Brian Perry before he takes a few swings at the piñata. Middle Right: Bill Wagner (left) and Jack Ekeler prepare a variety of drinks from the featured countries of Greece, Italy and Mexico. Bottom Left: Bob Missel serves Chocolate Clown sundaes. Hopefully, his wife, Michelle, got one. Bottom Middle: Renee Bunck (right), a member of the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society, helps Mary Buller (left) with questions about her ancestry. Bottom Right: Norma and Wendell Dorsett enjoy the vast selection of food provided by Lori Dahl.

Volunteering during John C. Fremont Days

Volunteers work throughout the year contributing to daily operations of the May Museum. In addition, special events result in additional needs for volunteers. Eighteen volunteers had a variety of assignments at the Museum during John C. Fremont Days, held in July. Docents were stationed in many rooms to relate specific historical information about the Museum.



What could be more fun than making Chocolate Clown sundaes outside in the gazebo? Michelle Missel (center) and Dawn Kucera (right) serve Cherry Gocken a cup of the tasty treat. The recipe from Petrow's Fremont Candy Kitchen (1903-mid-1940s) calls for both chocolate and vanilla ice cream, chocolate and marshmallow syrups, and Spanish peanuts.



Steve Bunck loves old tools. He began buying them at garage sales that were in "marvelous condition and cheap." Reading articles, talking to others and simply using the tools taught Steve a lot. Displaying a variety of his tools under an old maple tree at the Museum, Steve demonstrates a tongue and groove plane while Gabby Barnes (left) from Valley and Jerry Bennett (Fremont) watch. Referring to using old tools, Steve said sometimes he enjoys the process more than the finished product.



In the downstairs parlor, Richard Rader plays a variety of songs on the Square Grand piano. The piano dates from 1882 and was donated by an early Fremont family (Ella Bothwell Fahey). Richard taught himself to play the piano at about age 45. "I break all the rules and I'm clumsy at the piano." About the selections he plays, Richard said, "It's got to be fun or I won't do it."