



TERRACE MILL FOUNDATION

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FAULTY FOUNDATION FUNDED AND FIXED

As the Mill's facelift project continued last spring, members of the TMF board noticed that the 100 year old north wall of the foundation was crumbling and in drastic need of repair.



Board member Jim Olsen looks over new foundation

"We could see the light of day through the areas where the old mortar had crumbled away in the hundred year old foundation," said an astonished Jim Olsen.

The interior wall was braced before the restoration began. The old mortar was removed and the areas cleaned before the rock foundation could be re-pointed with the new specially treated mortar.

The exterior of the foundation was exposed to the footing and a cement retaining wall installed along with a drainage system.

This project involved the combined efforts of Countryside Builders from Cyrus and Braaten Masonry from Glenwood. Funding for this project was through a generous grant from the Minnesota Historical Society and the project was designed by Engineer Chris Hartnett. Work continued throughout the months of July and August. Many volunteer man hours were put in by Richard Grella, Jim Olsen and Steve Jensen.

The mill now has a strong footing for many more years.

FIRST CLOWN ACADEMY FUN AND FROLIC

The first Clown Academy held their final performance and graduation ceremony on July 8 with special diplomas handed out by Professor Friendly the Clown.

Friendly the Clown is Robert Jensen from Princeton, MN. He has a huge following performing at birthday parties, banquets, conventions and charity work.

The four day workshop covered all aspects of clowning with special emphasis on the makeup and personalities of the different types of clowns.

"It wasn't easy to put on the make up," said Blair Andersen, "but it was fun and you looked so cool when you put on your hat and nose."

Members of the group ranged in age from 7 to 70. Mary Eddy brought her enthusiastic grandchildren from Alexandria every day.

"I learned a lot. I'm thinking of doing it again next summer," said Carma Hauge who celebrated her sixteenth birthday during the workshop.



This enjoyable workshop will be offered again this summer on July 5 – 8. Friendly the Clown will again teach and entertain the class. The cost is only \$25.00. If interested, contact Richard at 320-278-3253 or rpgrella@aol.com.

IRISH TALES TOLD

Another great night of entertainment was celebrated when on July 21 and 22 the TMF Children's Theatre Company received a standing ovation for their production of "Once Upon a Leprechaun."

Three hilarious leprechauns (Jadrian Thompson, Anna Larson and Belle Searcy) try to help a shepherd (Coleton Lahr) tell a story to win his true love. The leprechauns teach three Irish tales with clever songs and dances performed by a huge cast.



Members of the cast were Skylar DeMorett, Mariah Heinze, Caleb Wuollet, Courtney Lahr, Carma Hauge, Jenna Fischer, Sabrina Odigie, John Jarbi, Colton LaSota, Becca Grenze, Clayton Lahr, Lucy Lloyd, Zoey Elwood, Annika Stensrud, Mary Larson, Mary Wuollet, Emily Bakko, Carson Lahr, Bonita Odigie, Greta Reichmann, Ashley Bakko and Blair Andersen.

The production was sponsored in part with funds from the Lake Region Arts Council and Tastefully Simple. Our gratitude is extended to these two organizations for their continued support.



The first Children's Theatre production in 2011 will be "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White" with the theater workshops being July 10 – 19 and performances at 6:30 PM on July 20 and 21. This play is full of catchy hip-hop, doo wop and rock and roll songs.

If interested in participation, contact Julie Lloyd at dramamama@tds.net or by calling 320-268-3394. Be sure to apply early.

CINDERELLA HAD A TWIN BROTHER?

That's how the tale went on August 18 and 19 when the Children's Theatre Company favored us with another spectacular with "Twinderella, The Musical."

So the story goes that the twins were separated at birth and each had a wicked step-family. Cinderella (Laura Langan) hopes to break away to get to a birthday ball while the twin, Bob, (Cole Mercier) has his sights on an all-kingdom baseball game.



Would an early evening rain stop the production? No! The show must go on and it did! These hearty actors were Jenna Fischer, Jadrian Thompson, Karly Ascherman, Tiana Heald, Brooke Waller, Carma Hauge, Lucy Lloyd, Samantha Payne, Allie Payne, Paige Miller, Kallan Mercier, Maddi Flom, Mary Wuollet, Blair Andersen, Kaitlyn Strom, Sophie Ascherman, Colton LaSota, Tristan Heald, Ellen Pflaster and Elizabeth Langan.



The second Children's Theatre production in 2011 will be this well-known story of Mowgli who was raised by wolves in the jungle and of Shere Khan, the tiger, who has vowed to destroy Mowgli. The workshop dates are July 31 – Aug 9 with performances Aug. 10 -11. Contact Julie Lloyd at 320-268-3394 or dramamama@tds.net.

Again, a big thanks to Lake Region Arts Council and Tastefully Simple for their ongoing sponsorship of these events.



FIDDLERS' CONTEST DRAWS FANS OF ALL AGES

Usually, the people involved in the annual Fiddlers' Contest are in fear and trembling as to what will be the weather for the day of the contest. The weather, as well as the entertainment, could not have been better.

There were 36 entries which were a good amount for an afternoon's entertainment. The age range in this contest was from 5 to 86.

This event was coordinated by Jim and Rosanne Olsen. They even arranged an interesting collection of vendors who sold their wares during the program.



Winners in the **Small Fry** division were: 1st: Maria Mathison, Foreston, MN; 2nd: Kendall Mack, Olivia, MN; 3rd: Anna Mathison, Foreston MN

Junior A winners included: 1st: Maddie Brown, Duluth, MN; 2nd: Devin Mathison, Foreston, MN; 3rd: Timothy Finsaas, New London

Sedra Bistodeau, Princeton, MN placed first in the **Junior B** division with Claudia Finsaas, New London, MN in 2nd and Sadie Sorenson from West Fargo, ND in 3rd.

Winners in the **Intermediate** division were 1st: Deena Bistodeau, Princeton MN; 2nd: Alita Weisgerber, St. Peter, MN; and 3rd: Lydia Finsaas, New London, MN.

The winners in the **Adult** division were Tom Weisgerber from St. Peter, MN in first place, Gilmore Lee, Maple Plain, MN in second and third place went to Per Ostigaard from Hoffman MN.



Sharon Larson won the stained glass window which was the first prize in the Fiddler's Contest raffle.

The **Open Class** involved a competition between those who placed first in the other divisions. The scoring was very close with 3rd prize going to Tom Weisgerber from St. Peter and second prize going to Sedra Bistodeau from Princeton. The grand prize winner was Deen Bistodeau from Princeton.

Those who had the difficult time of judging this talented group were Lloyd Larson from Fargo, Bob Whitney from Willmar and Michelle Schettler from Monticello MN.

Those interested in being a contestant or a vendor in the 33rd Annual Fiddlers' Contest to be held on Sept. 25, 2011, please contact Jim Olsen at 320-634-3490.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS DRAWS BIGGER CROWD

As the word gets around, more people and animals are coming to the annual blessing of the animals done by Pastor Eileen.



This custom was started in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. His feast day is October 4. In Terrace, the blessing is held on the Sunday closest to that day.

It turns out to be a great time for all animal lovers to get together. There are treats for people and their "significant others." If you come, be sure to bring stories to share about how wonderful your pets are..

This year, Pastor Eileen will have the Blessing on Oct. 2 in front of the mill at 1:30.

LRAC GRANT AWARD

TMF has received a Lake Region Arts Council Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$14,330.00 to replace the roof of the mill and install ventilation units above the Wheeler Art Gallery. This will greatly enhance conditions in the gallery.

Upon completion of the construction in June, the Wheeler Art Gallery will be reopened with a multimedia art exhibit that will include sculpture, pottery, oils, watercolor and photography. This special show will feature the work of internationally known as well as local artists.

The gallery opening will be announced in the local papers and online.



FROM
THE
PRESIDENT

On behalf of our TMF Board of Directors, membership and volunteers, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to our sponsors, The Lake Region Arts Council and the Minnesota Historical Society for generous financial support. In the last several years, this assistance has enabled us to restore and maintain the mill and remain one of the major arts providers in the community.

TMF has recently purchased the one-room school house in Terrace. Repairs on this historic building have already begun and it will be the focus of our restoration efforts in the next couple of years.

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