

# OBHS News

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## OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, NOON, AUGUST 16, 2008, AT THE LAKE NEBAGAMON AUDITORIUM.

*Program: Mr. John Altshool, an OBHS member, will speak on Frederick Weyerhaeuser's Logging Activities in the Northern Douglas County Region. Mr. Altshool is an alumni of the Lake Nebagamon Boys Camp, the former local Weyerhaeuser home and sawmill site, was a friend of late logging railroad local historian Howard Peddle, and has done extensive research on the Hawthorne, Nebagamon and Superior Railroad which served the Nebagamon Lumber Company.*

WE WILL BEGIN OUR DAY'S EVENTS WITH A LIGHT "POT LUCK" LUNCH FOLLOWED BY OUR SPEAKER. OUR BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE NEXT, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF MEETING OF OUR NEW BOARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

**Thanks to the Village of Lake Nebagamon for the use of their Auditorium,  
and to all those serving & bringing food to share.**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

### "CHANGE"

We hear the word change all too often now in the political campaigns. It is being used over and over again, but what can we do about it? Probably the best answer would be to believe only 10% of the rhetoric and that may be high. The word "change" loses its meaning and effectiveness when it is used every day, over and over again. Yet it is a word that we all use, such as, we will change cars, change clothes, change occupations, change to a different math concept; we change from being a child to teens, to young adults, to, one hopes, mature adults. And in our churches from non-believers to believers. The list goes on and on.

But why do I bring up this over-used word "change," and what does it have to do with the Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc. We have seen a lot of "real" changes the last few years at the Davidson Windmill. If you have not driven by recently and seen them, here are some of the most visible:

New flag and flag Pole, donated.

The Memorial Sidewalk is complete, or almost, installation of the memorial brick pavers and now placing the names on the pavers of those who have requested it.

New chimney in the Eskolin Log House using six bricks from the original chimney plus old bricks from the 1930s from other sources.

Installation of a memorial stone near the trees planted in memory of those who contributed much to the Old-Brule Heritage Society.

There are other changes that will be coming at our annual meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>:

My term as President ends, as I have been on the Board for four years, and our organization has a stirring and rest policy, that one can only serve on the Board four consecutive years at any time.

Other officers and board members going off this year are: Karin Colby, Secretary; Jackie Plunkett, Treasurer, end of two year term and for personal reasons; Marion Christensen, Jack Pank, and Irene Parenteau.

As President I personally want to thank all who have served so faithfully during my term as President, and during this period of major changes at the Davidson Windmill grounds. Many also have served in areas that are not directly related to the Davidson Windmill. Thank you, Thank you.

My study to determine the various nationalities and their numbers in Old-Brule around 1900, will take longer than I had originally thought, and it will be an article in a future newsletter, when I am not President and have more time, I hope. But a quick look at the various countries that the parents were born in gives one an indication of the diversity of nationalities. Following is the list of the countries: Bavaria, Belgium, Canada (English), Canada (French), Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Malta Island, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Sweden, Wales. A fairly large number of people were born in other states in the U.S.A., who then moved into this area, and that does not give one their nationality. But all this will be in another newsletter.

The Old-Brule Heritage Society is trying to find and to preserve as much as possible of the history and heritage of our area before it is all lost. Please help us by giving us the opportunity to scan your old records and photo albums, or, if you do not want to keep them, we will be glad to add them to our Archives.

Please check out "[www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)". The Web site is being updated on a regular bases. (Note: if the Web site looks like it has not changed please push the refresh button on your browser.)

Respectfully,  
Earl Granroth

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

For many of us in OBHS our regular worlds were put on hold during the migratory FinnFest, this year held at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. From July 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> the FinnFest Tori, or marketplace in Pioneer Hall, became the hub of our worlds. The City of Duluth threw out a broad welcome mat, including blue and white flowers, and the President of Finland, now "Dr." Tarja Halonen, even came for the celebration, and to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth ... and to go for a swim in Lake Superior. Our membership, Finnish background or not, rose to the occasion, completing sidewalks, raising flag pole and flags at the Windmill site, and serving as hosts and as tour guides for many FinnFest guests. The total effort was years and months in the making. What did it all mean?

We directly served our mission with our participation in the FinnFest tori and other venues. It is important that we inform members of both the worldwide and the local Finnish-connected communities about our historical activities and sites. This is part of the preservation and sharing of the history of the Old-Brule region. In the best tradition of the American way much of that history was shared with groups which were not Finnish. All of these communities lived in a cosmopolitan world in the peace of a civil and legal partnership. In a modern world filled with intolerant frenzied zealots, godless drug lords and their paranoid henchmen, we need the reminder that groups who could not even speak the languages of one another still lived productively next to one another, without fear. The history of the lives here tells this story, in Finnish, Swedish, French, English or even Chippewa.

We seek to maintain a balance in our programs and activities among the several communities that made up the Old-Brule region. We are not a "Finnish" club. But our efforts would be meaningless if we did not recognize the essential presence and the contributions of Finnish immigrants and their children to the way of life in our region, in all respects, and the conditions and attitudes that led to the mutual happiness they all shared, despite the pioneering hardships, hard work, and cultural barriers. Thank you to all of you who shared at FinnFest, and routinely, in this educational effort with me.

-Jim Pellman

#### **2006, 2007 and 2008 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.**

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed soon. Limited numbers of their 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. To order any of these calendars by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, (715) 372-4948.

Continuing in the BHRG calendar tradition, the *2008 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is now available at \$7.00 each. Our earlier calendars are also available at \$5.00 (2006) and \$6.00 (2007) in limited numbers. The 2008 calendar is available from O-BHS members or at limited local business outlets. An e-mail address for more info: [musketeer6@cheqnet.net](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at [www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org). Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50each.

**OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE OBHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.**

**ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.**

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating databases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archive space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meetings: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 1:00 p.m. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Old-Brule Heritage Society**

**Lakeside Town Hall, June 18, 2008, 6:00 P.M.**

Attendance—24

The evening opened with light refreshments served before the regular meeting. Thank you to all who brought refreshments. Also thank you to the Town of Lakeside for the use of their Town Hall, and to all who have donated so much time and work at the Windmill.

**Call to Order:** Earl called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Minutes:** Approval of the April 9, 2008, Minutes for the Regular Meeting held at the Amnicon Town Hall as printed in the June OBHS Newsletter. Alice moved to approve the minutes as printed and Marion seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Due to the absence of our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett, there was no report.

**Old Business:**

**Davidson Windmill Report:** Grounds: Sidewalk: Construction of Phases I and II of the sidewalk will be completed shortly. Acts of God in the weather this spring, and the Pooler family loss have held us back. We have paid Dave Pooler and son up front \$ 2,500 with a balance of \$1000.00 upon completion of Phase I, plus cost for slab salvaging and moving. That slab which was at the entrance to the Eskolin log house was down too far. A ramp meeting handicap standards would have covered most of the decorative slab. A decision was made on the spot to move this and try to keep it intact to use it in other locations. Portions will be used for picnic tables & benches. There will be a credit to us for the foam sheeting not used. Added cement for our Memorial Monolith base has been absorbed by Pooler Construction. Paul has secured now three grants of \$ 1500.00 each from ConocoPhillips for work on sidewalk and grounds. Phase II will bring the sidewalk work to completion slated now before the end of June & FinnFest 2008 in Duluth July 22-27. Pooler's bid estimate to bring the sidewalks to completion is \$3,906.00. The Board was polled and agreed to this amount. We will be paying \$1,042.50 for past slab removal and salvaging plus ½ of the \$3,906.00 or a total of \$2,995.50 for start up, and balance of \$1,000.00 for Phase I + \$1,953.00 for Phase II for a total of \$2,953.00 upon job completion (with adjustment for actual yards used, costs in Phase II per square foot of \$8.00 are still the same as last year). Memorial Brick Pavers are being reserved for \$10.00 donation each. ( samples are available.) Forms were available and on the Website. Approval granted for construction of a small storage building next to the biffy on the new slab which will help disguise the biffy towards the west. There is a \$ 40.00 fee with Douglas County. Lattice and ivy to be added to the west side (and possibly the south side too). Some of our grant will go toward tee shirts that Paul Colby will be ordering to be given to our volunteers who work at the mill site as per the grant from ConocoPhillips. We had 1,000 brick pavers with still about 850 available. Paul Colby has donated them. A thank you to Paul. Windmill lot zoning changes or variances being investigated. The reason is that the lot is undersized. Douglas County will work with us on it. The contract has been signed and Pooler got the check today.

Benches, picnic tables, road signage, fieldstone-work is to be put around areas of potential erosion. Part of the "Phase III" grant yet to be done. Flagpole in progress. Frank Hietala donating the labor cost. Eddie Walman, Alice Christensen & Shirley Kankas-Rouleau are covering the cost. Carl Pellman family is donating large American & Finnish flags. A thank you to all.

Eskolin House: Security door installed by Harry Wester. Cupboards, counter, caulking, etc. Custom outside door still needed by Jim. Duane Colby has generously laid chimney bricks and donated his work. A thank you to Duane. Six bricks on the bottom are from the original chimney from the Eskolin house. Ron Hendrickson was helping Duane with the mud. Harry Wester, Paul Colby & Jim Pellman cleaned the bricks. Earl donated bricks from a chimney that was built in 1934. A thank you to all who were helping and for the donations. Ron H. has installed wiring, lights & security light and an old light fixture Jackie Plunkett had donated for the ceiling, and he contributed and installed the Memorial Boulder. The plaque should be installed by meeting time. Tree Protection needed. Alice has secured First Aid Kit. A plaque needed on the biffy wall should state that the logs are from a barn on the Davidson homestead site. Parking for FinnFest July 22-27 2008: We were permitted to park on both sides of the River Road. We need to make sure there is a lane open for emergency traffic. We were also allowed to park where the old Riverside School was located.

**Fund Raising:** We still need to get out solicitation letters to larger business to seek more financial contributions. Inventory & marking done of all merchandise. See the Website. We thank you Alice & Shirley for taking care of this project. And also thank you to Hope for storing and selling merchandise. There is a button you can push to highlight to get the forms on the Website to order. We as a Board have removed the sale we had on the merchandise Tee shirts, &

sweatshirts.

**Archives Committee:** Next meeting at Pellmans' June 30, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. Working with the Maple Cooperative materials, and Maple History Photo Collection. Ever Rest Cemetery Map done. Paul Hakkila discussed the maps of the cemetery. Paul mention he probably could get the map of Faith Lutheran Cemetery. We should ask John Autio about the maps of the Apostolic Maple Cemetery. Earl said he would be interested in getting information on the Lakeside cemetery.

**Website Committee Report:** Site faithfully kept up by Earl. Our thanks to him & Jon Winter who is helping with the email contact button on site. Do a close look at all the information.

**Pollari Memorial Gift Committee:** Good progress on Douglas County/ Old Brule Historical Map. Randy Jones is helping. Lois has donated another \$500.00 to help project along. Thanks to Lois. Harry, Hope, Audrey, and Jim who are members. Deadline extended to latter summer. Lois has brought a quick First draft of what they are doing they are getting bids from three different printers. There is already \$1500.00 set aside for this project. Lois is explained what is being done on the project. Irene Parenteau asked how much they will be selling for she wasn't quite sure maybe around \$5.00

**Publicity/Advertising Committee:** Audrey does press announcements. Maryann is working on brochures. Our thanks to them. Audrey mentioned she thought she had a picture of the scholarship winner. She will be sending it to the *Connection* paper & the *Telegram*. Irene said she had seen an article in the paper about FinnFest and it also mentioned the Mid Summer Activities we were having. Mary Ann said she put in the *Telegram* about our Mid-Summer Dinner & Tours. She wanted it in earlier but the *Telegram* didn't want to put it in until Thursday. She said next year she will put it in on Monday.

**Publications Committee:** Heritage Maps in progress now under Pollari Memorial (above) *Wisconsin Far Northwest* printing is in. New calendars for 2008 were available for sale. And at Gopher Hole, Round Up North, Sharon's Lakeview Café in Lake Nebagamon, Poplar Market. We are looking for other sites to put some tin, too. Another grant received for \$ 500.00 from ConocoPhillips via Paul for publication of Windmill History booklets. In progress. Jim is working on that along with some history from Eugene Davidson.

**Membership Committee:** Please record your Volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets (end of July 2008) So we can recognize people for their volunteer Hours.

**Brule History Research Group:** OBHS ISBN Number reserved. They are making progress despite personal losses. The history will include many family histories. Jim said Velma Doby is active with it now She is also involved with FinnFest. The first Finn Fest dinner was planned at her dinner table.

**FinnFest 2008:** Paul & Jim attending planning sessions FinnFest. Will host 7,000 people in Duluth 22-27 of July 2008. We will be ready for our tours, partnering with DCHS in booth at Tori. Reservations made. Jim to lead northern Wisconsin Tour, and to give talk on windmill at the DECC. All encouraged to plant blue & white flowers at windmill and at homes. Jim explained what you have to do to get on a bus tour Look at the website; it will give you information on the tours. Paul Hakkila mentioned about the golf tournament at Lester Park. 3 holes for \$ 50.00 includes green fees, golf cart, & dinner.

**Taylor's Bridge:** Internal Sign damage replacement with other than paper Kathy Laakso at DCHS Contacted Lake Head Signs we will have to share 50-50 with DCHS for repairs

**Other Old Business:** 2009 calendars. Shirley moved to start working on the new 2009 calendars ordering around 300 of them. Archives will select the pictures to be put on the calendar. Barb Granroth seconded the motion, which carried. Lois moved that we release the Heritage Map monies of \$ 1500.00 for printing. Audrey seconded the motion which carried. Earl mentioned giving a certificate of appreciation to Miss Jeannie Castleberry for all her skills and services rendered on the book *Sisu & Sauna*, a history of the Town of Lakeside. Jeannie did all the arrangement of pictures and all the typing. It was very much appreciated. Earl would present it at the town hall during our dinner, June 21, 2008. Lois moved to present her with the Certificate of Appreciation and Ron Hendrickson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** Terms are expiring at our annual meeting Earl Granroth (4 years), Marion Christensen ( 4 years), Karin Colby (4 years). Up for renewal, Jackie Plunkett (2 years), Irene Brazill (2 years), Jack Pank (2 years), Irene Parenteau ( 2 years ), Mary Wester ( Alt 2 years ). Our traditional nominating committee has been made up of those who are leaving the board.

**Annual Meeting:** Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, August 16, Noon. Pot Luck Lunch. Speaker, Mr. John Altshool will talk on Frederick Weyerhaeuser's activities in the region. Our Business meeting will follow. Short Board Meeting to install new officers to follow.

**Sympathy & Encouragements:** Lorraine Tyykila.

**Communications:** Paver donations and orders keep coming in.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Lakeside Town Hall, June 18, 2008, Mid Summer Prep Workshop & light lunch.

**Next Board Meeting:** Eskolin House, July 9, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

**Next Windmill Meeting:** Eskolin House, July 8, 6:00 p.m.

**Other New Business:** Joe Mann letter regarding a Model T visit September 27, 2008. He & Kim Kulp are promoting a Model T Car event. To be driven to the Windmill Site. It's their 100 anniversary this year. Jim moved to send a letter to invite them on September 27<sup>th</sup> and Hope seconded. Motion carried. Hope had an American flag that was given by Ruth Lintelmann to be given to someone. A number was picked and Shirley received the flag. A thank you to Ruth. FinnFest donation request approved. Paul H mentioned that when he went to Finn Fest in Marquette, Michigan, they had wooden chairs painted white and blue with the Finnish Flag on them. Jim moved that if someone would like to bring a blue & white chair with Finnish flag colors painted on it they could, to the Mill for the FinnFest and to pick it up after. Paul H seconded the motion. Carried. Someone also mentioned bringing blue & white benches. Audrey left three OBHS History Books for people to view. She has kept the history since day one. Ruth Lintelmann donated several scrap books. Dennis Hill gave some prints of the fire at the Italian Hall in Calumet, Michigan, where many Finns died. Alice explained the flowers at the mill: Wentworth gardens donated the flowers, Alice & Nancy W. planted them. A thank you to Alice & Nancy and to Wentworth Gardens for their lovely donation.

**Adjournment:** Barb Granroth moved to adjourn. Second by Elvie A. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Karin Colby, Secretary

#### FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$4.00, old stock caps, \$5.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included. **SEE OUR WEB SITE ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)) FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.**

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 ½ by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same image is available in our magnet series. Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Pathways* and *Echoes*, and Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$4.00 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member. O-BHS Calendars for 2006 (\$5), 2007(\$6) and 2008 (\$7) are also available (\$3.50 shipping). 2008 Calendar is available at our meetings or from any member by request.

#### UNAPPROVED BOARD MINUTES

##### Old-Brule Heritage Society, Eskolin House, July 9, 2008, 6 p.m.

**Members Present:** President, Earl Granroth; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Alice Christensen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau; Secretary, Karin Colby; Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett; Mary Ann Gronquist, Irene Parenteau, Marion Christensen, Jack Pank, Eddie Walman, Irene Brazill, Hope Swenson, & Jim Pellman.

**Call to Order:** Earl called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Minutes:** Earl asked for approval of the May 14, 2008, Board Minutes as published in the last newsletter. Alice moved to approve, and Shirley seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** CD Account- \$ 5,287.27. The 2<sup>nd</sup> CD cashed in at about \$2,600.00.

NBC Mill Fund-\$ 2,086.13. Checking Account-\$ 6,079.00. Pavers: 158 plus 2 more today: Total so far, 160 donations.

Mary Ann asked about our Midsummer Event: Meals: \$ 639.34, Merchandise Sold: \$ 283.00; Donations: \$106. Adult tickets 102, Children 2. Mary Ann moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Marion seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business: Davidson Windmill Report:** Earl handed out a spreadsheet showing mill expenses, using figures the Treasurer had given him, eliminating items not pertaining to this year's project. The report was complete to the end of June. This did not include a recent \$1000.00 ConocoPhillips grant and the \$500 grant dedicated to the Windmill history project. We still owe \$579.00 on Mill bills with others coming. We still have one CD that is roughly \$ 5,200.00. We have a bill from Poolers right now for the remaining bid balance of \$ 2,978.00. He has one other job here that is included in the price: He has to cut the sidewalk every 4 feet but pavers need to be put down to measure from. To get grounds ready for FinnFest Paul is going to get a Skidsteer to do some landscaping under his latest \$1,000.00 grant. Jim mentioned we had hoped to use Roger's bid for sand, but his truck broke down. Ed Grube had to move in with 20 yards of sand. Paul's grant submission showed 40 yards of sand plus top soil but we may need more. Mary Ann asked about fencing along the edge for safety. We discussed field stones and flowers and putting a railing along the lower octagon and then out in each

direction a certain distance determined by the slope, the spot becoming a look-out. In reference to the \$ 2,978.00 owed we should pay ½ now (\$1,489.00). Alice moved that we direct the Treasurer to send half to Dave Pooler now, and Irene seconded the motion, which carried. Earl asked if the Heritage Maps' \$1500.00 was included in the \$6,079.06 funds still available. Our treasurer said no. The \$1500.00 and \$ 500 were in new separate accounts. The maps are taken care of. Earl & Paul have taken pictures to document Paul's work for ConocoPhillips and overall progress. Alice asked about doing an album. She said she had some pictures and Earl has some as well. Pictures of all of us working during our Midsummerfest Dinner should also be included.

Grounds: Memorial stone is in place and concrete was added there. Jim installed the Memorial Plaque. Flag Pole base has been installed. Thanks to Eddie & Jim for putting it in. Flagpole was made by Frank Hietala. Alice, Eddie & Shirley are absorbing the cost, and the American & Finnish Fags have been donated by the Carl Pellman family. The Biffy storage area needs to be completed. We will need four poles. Eddie brought three, and Jim said he will bring a long one.

Signage: Earl has some issues to take care of for the signs with the State. Web address sign is installed donated by Mary Ann & Jim. Discussion on blue and white flowers for FinnFest. Alice to pick up more blue ones as they had dried up.

Eskolin House: Cupboards and counter will be taken care of by Alice & Marilyn. Ron Hendrickson was re-paid for wiring. The brown disk in the ceiling covers electrical access to be used for some track lighting on future displays, and we thank Jackie for the old ceiling fixture. We still have work on the main door (Jim). The chimney is complete. Paul's dad laid the bricks. Eddie, Earl, & Paul gathered ceramic materials for the chimney. Jim and Eddie worked on the platform. Jim donated lean-to shelving brackets. Hope donated Cliff's boards for shelving. Second floor lumber was to be donated by Alice in memory of Cassius, but the existing floor was sound enough. Thank you regardless to Alice.

Earl thanked everyone who worked on the Midsummerfest dinner & sales at the hall & the Mill, and all who gave tours on that day. All enjoyed the food. Also thanks to the Castleberry girls for all their help serving the day of the dinner.

Special Certificate of Appreciation: Given to Jeannie Castleberry at the town hall at the Midsummerfest dinner. Her work has been very much appreciated. She put in much of her time and did much of the writing of the *Sisu & Sauna* book, and in the writing of Amnicon's history in *Wisconsin Far Northwest*. She sent some very nice thank you letters to the OBHS and to Earl.

Mill Merchandise: Shirley brought in a price list & some tee-shirts from Cam Diamond Hill Creek Marketing. They were very nice shirts with many different colors, and we planned to get some lighter color tee-shirts. The shirts are a very good quality. Paul Colby also brought some light colored tee-shirts of the same quality but made locally by Tina Prior. We are able to get all different sizes too. Jim showed the shirts Paul had ordered. Shirley and Alice were put on a committee to order the shirts. The ones Paul had could be made for us in a 24 hour period. Mary Ann moved to have Alice & Shirley go ahead and buy around 50 tee-shirts for \$350.00. The shirt would say Davidson Windmill and Eskolin House, Town of Lakeside.

Windmill History Booklet: We would have a mock up hopefully published in time for FinnFest. If not we could have people take advance orders from us. We have a grant from ConocoPhillips of \$500.00 toward publication.

Next Windmill Meeting: August 12, 2008, Eskolin House 6:00 p.m.

**Fund Raising Committee:** Paul investigating Duluth Area Community Foundation grant process. Current financial audit is needed to apply. We can apply after our next audit.

**Archives Committee** Meets every other Monday at Pellmans' at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting, August 11, 2008. Currently we are working on scans of Follis and Maple Farmers Coop records, and inventorying Town of Maple photos. Mary Ann said her brother had given her something he had found to put in the Archives, from 1934 from Lustig Store that was once in Waino that burned many years ago.

**Website Committee:** Jon Winters is working with Earl on the email button. Thanks to Earl, Jon & Paul. Earl would like to see a description of everything we sell and maybe even a small picture on the site.

**Pollari Memorial Gift:** Map is close to completion. Randy Jones is working on final layout and historical site coding, map legends. Harry, Hope, Audrey & Jim have met at Randy's. Completion set for later this summer.

**Publicity / Advertising:** Thanks to Mary Ann for distributing our brochures, and to Audrey for press releases. A press release after the walk is complete would be good. Contact Julie Moravec? FinnFest publicity discussed.

**Publications Committee:** Heritage maps now in progress under Pollari Memorial above. 2008 calendars sold quite well. 2009 edition has been authorized. Those wanting *Far Northwest* maps to complete their collection should sign up with Jim.

**Membership Committee:** Dues collect for 2009 will begin after the Annual Meeting in August. Please record your volunteer hours on blue sheets through the end of the month of July and turn into Jim or Earl. Thank you.

**Brule History Research Group:** Committee is active, steadily preparing to publish their work this year if possible.

**FinnFest 2008:** Paul and Jim have been attending cultural program planning sessions. FinnFest will host 7,000+ people 22-27 July. Have scheduled tour times, guided tours of the windmill and Eskolin House and staffing of the Tori booth. Jim to give talk on Windmill on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and will guide a bus tour of our area on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tori market place: we joined with DCHS paying half the cost. Shirley is studying what items to sell and how to display them and is cautiously expanding our inventory. Shirley and others have volunteered to staff the booth. Other help will be needed. Please contact Jim or Shirley. Earl & Jim have stands. Old-Brule exhibit needed. Coordination with DCHS needed.

**Taylor's Bridge Sign:** Need to complete repairs using plasticized foil (Superior Trophy). Sharing expenses with DCHS.

**Next Board Meeting:** After Annual Meeting Lake Nebagamon ( For officers installation)

**Next Regular Meeting:** October 8, 6:00 p.m., Eskolin House

**Annual Meeting:** August 16, 2008, Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, Noon, lunch, program to follow. Speaker, Mr. John Altshool. Business meeting to follow. Lower Level. Thanks to the Village of Lake Nebagamon.

**DCHS Bateau:** Earl will write a letter explaining we are unable to accept the bateau, but encourage DCHS to find another place for it. Offer to help find a safe storage place.

**Nominating Committee:** Candidates needed. Terms expiring at our Annual Meeting: Earl Granroth (4 years), Marion Christensen (4years), Karin Colby (4years), Jackie Plunkett (2 years), Irene Brazill(2 years), Jack Pank(2 years), Irene Parenteau (2 years), Mary Wester, Alt ( 2 Years). Our traditional nominating committee has been made up of those members leaving the board.

**New Business: Special Board Meeting** comes after the Annual Meeting in August. Then Regular Board Meeting, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Eskolin house at 6 :00 p.m. Agenda items in September: Clarification of Officer Job Descriptions, and revival of the use of our Board Members notebooks, and of our Finance Committee

**Other New:** Mary Ann asked about getting a wagon to haul water to the Eskolin House. Jim explained that the new walks were built to be driven over. Eddie & Alice were asked to record their recollections about the Eskolin house.

**Communications:** Model T Car Caravan to the Windmill Site: On Saturday, September 27, 2008.

**Sympathy & Encouragements:** Pat Meteraud, Ann Saari.

**Adjournment:** Alice moved to adjourn. Second by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Karin Colby, Secretary

## Area History: No. 63

### **Some Notes on Weyerhaeuser's Hawthorne, Nebagamon & Superior Railroad.**

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*Mr. John Altshool and Dr. Frank Telewski have studied the Weyerhaeuser family enterprises for many years. In honor of Mr. Altshool's coming remarks at our annual meeting (with Dr. Telewski facing health issues and recovering at home, from which we wish him a speedy recovery) we offer here just a few remarks about the HN&S Railroad, a favorite area of their field research. (John has long sought a picture showing an HN&S caboose in case anyone has seen one.) Frederick Weyerhaeuser was a German immigrant whose fortune associated with land, wood and wood products made him, around the turn of the Nineteenth to the Twentieth centuries, arguably the richest man in America. Locally Weyerhaeuser's name is associated with the Village of Lake Nebagamon where his large, state of the art, saw mill ran and closed, even before the village was legally formed, from 1898 to 1906, and where in a typical year 90,000,000 board feet of lumber was cut. Total profits for the firm totaled \$3,516,000. Much of the uncut stumpage went to the Edward Hines Lumber Company, and cutover land went to the American Immigration Company, with eight other logging companies, another ultimately profitable Weyerhaeuser concern.*

The HN&S RR, also known as the Hawthorne, Nebagamon & Superior Railroad, was a short line, owned by the Weyerhaeuser controlled Nebagamon Lumber Company. The line operated from 1899 until the fall of 1907. The original trackage gave the sawmill, located on the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad (DSS&A) access to the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad (CSPM&O or "the Omaha") in Hawthorne.

The HN&S was incorporated as a common carrier on Aug. 14, 1898. Apparently Frederick Weyerhaeuser built the line to avoid having to deal with the DSS&A. In what appeared to be a coincidence, in the fall of 1899 the DSS&A's trestle over the CSPM&O near Hines Siding was burned by

an arsonist, which forced DSS&A trains to temporarily run over the HN&S main line from Lake Nebagamon to Hawthorne and then take the CSPM&O to Superior. Upwards of 30 trains a day were operating on the HN&S at this time. For a time, three times a week, a mixed train made the run from Lake Nebagamon to Hawthorne.

The HN&S was also chartered to construct a line from Superior to Ashland. The rest of the HN&S was built for logging purposes, and this included several branches which headed north out of Lake Nebagamon, from Blueberry, Winneboujou, and from Brule. The HN&S ultimately had extensive trackage rights on the DSS&A and the Northern Pacific which ran to its north through the area of cutting.

The HN&S was forced to operate with two different styles of couplers and brakes because its first three locomotives and sixty-one log cars came from the former Lake Superior Lumber Company Railroad. These engines and cars all had link and pin coupling and hand brakes. Later several more locomotives, among them a standard gauge Lima (Ohio) Shay (#637) in 1901 and fifty-eight more log cars were

acquired which had automatic coupling and air brakes. This meant that only certain locomotives could operate with certain cars, although these older locomotives and cars were apparently phased out by the end of operations.

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- NOTICES -

**THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS:** To those who continue to donate toward Windmill paver memorials. To **Shrley Kankas-Rouleau and her crew** of many who held shop at the FinnFest Tori. To **Ron Hendrickson, Harry Wester, Earl Granroth, Paul Colby and Jack Pank** for all of their hard work and donations of materials to the Windmill site, as well as all the help and goodies from **Mary Ann Gronquist, Alice Christensen, Karin Colby, Hope Swenson, Jackie Plunkett, Mary Wester, Kathy Colby, Barb Granroth, Lois Pollari, Delores Pellman and Marilyn Pank**. To **Murphy Oil and ConocoPhillips Corporation** for their corporate generosity. To **Dave and Mark Pooler Construction, Roger Colby, Frank Hietala and Ed Grube** for their professional services. To members **Arnold & Gloria Johnson** for their berries at FinnFest!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Mike Granlund** on his entertaining *Daily Telegram* sports column.

**ENCOURAGEMENTS:** To **Arnold & Doris Perala, Pat Meteraud, and "Hot Shot" Leroy Lahti**.

**OUR SYMPATHY:** To the family and friends of members **Margie Koskie**, formerly of Cloverland, and **Lorraine Wiinamaki Tyykila** of Arlington VA, who were both cancer victims.

*... and who have we missed or forgotten?*

CALENDAR

**August 11**, Monday, 1 p.m. Next Archive Meeting at Pellmans'.

**August 12**, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Windmill Committee Meets, Eskolin House.

**August 16**, Saturday, Noon. OBHS Annual Meeting. Lake Neb. Auditorium. Pot luck. John Altshool speaks. Elect new Board.

**August 23**, Saturday, Wisconsin Historical Society Affiliates, Northwest Regional Convention in Hurley.

**September 1**, Monday. Labor Day.

**September 10**, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Board Meeting, Eskolin House, Davidson Windmill, Lakeside.

**September 15**, Monday. Contributions to October *OBHS News* are due. Articles are encouraged!

**September 27**, Saturday, Model T Celebration in Superior driving to the Davidson Windmill. Contact Joe Mann. DCHS.

**October 3-5**, Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend. Windmill Tours.

**October 8**, Wednesday, Next Regular Meeting.

**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE**

The Website Committee has been building up our Web site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)). Our thanks to President Earl Granroth who continues to make regular updates, and to **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems in Superior**, our Web host at no charge to us.

Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 364-2216, or our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett at 363-2417. Her address is 4845 S. County Rd F, Maple, WI 54854. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

**New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!**

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