



westonka historical society

AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY WE SHALL HOPE TO PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS HISTORY OF THE LAKE AREA FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW AFTER US...

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1997

11:00 A.M.

AT THE MOUND DEPOT

Stewardship of an Urban Watershed

with

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed

Video takes viewers on journey in search of Minnetonka's 'big waters'

"Stewardship of an Urban Watershed," an 18-minute professionally prepared video of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed will be shown at the March 15th meeting.

The video opens by taking viewers on an early journey in a canoe much as the Fort Snelling soldiers were historically described traveling up Minnehaha Creek. The search was for the "big waters" which had been a carefully-guarded secret by the Native Americans. It was only a matter of time before settlement and commerce publicly opened the pristine waters of Lake Minnetonka.

Familiar scenes along today's Minnehaha Creek, the Chain of Lakes and Lake Minnetonka contrast the natural setting of the mid-1800's.

The video message is one of generating public care and concern for the priceless natural water resources found in the 181 square mile Minnehaha Creek watershed. A careful environmental balance must be maintained to protect this home for a wide range of waterfowl, record bass and muskie catches and recreational uses growing in variety each year.

Produced by Cascade Communications and Aurora Pictures, the message is narrated by naturalist Laurie Allmann. The video offers many suggestions on how everyone in the watershed can help protect it.

Spring 1997 look for improvements to the Depot! We will keep you informed.

<http://www.westonka.k12.mn.us>

is the internet address for the world wide web.

Would you like to learn about the history of our community? Did you ever wonder how certain places were named? Did you ever wonder what those old majestic hotels in our area used to look like? Well, all of these questions, and many more, can be answered by going to the new WESTONKA HOME PAGE on the internet. There you will find information about the Westonka Schools, Community Services programs, Cities of Mound, Minnetrista and Spring Park. There are places that you can e-mail for more information and telephone numbers that you can call to register for classes, and calendars of events happening in the Westonka Community.

Historical Photos on the Internet...

Jeanne Brustad, a computer instructor of the Grandview Middle School created the WESTONKA HOME PAGE and Jeff and Michelle Magnuson generously loaned their collection of historical photographs of the Westonka Community to be scanned for the project. About 50 photographs have been scanned. Presently about 12 of them are being used on the internet. This process took approximately 20 minutes per picture, so it was a long process.

Thank you to the Magnusons and Jeanne Brustad for showing the world a bit about Westonka.

Photos needed for society archives...

The Westonka Historical Society needs copies of old photos for its growing collection. We are looking for pictures of early business, summer homes, cottages, resorts and hotels located throughout the Westonka area. We would especially like to obtain pictures of the Baptist Assembly Grounds, the old Mound Country Club, the Seton Club, the Twin Birch Inn, church and school buildings, Woodend Farm, and the Depot at its original location. The Society will copy your photos and return your originals. We would also like to copy old advertisements and brochures related to the area. Please contact any of the Board Members.

Enclosed is your membership renewal form for 1997-please renew and help us continue documenting our Westonka History!

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Purposes and Goals of the Westonka Historical Society

1. Document, preserve, and classify early Historical Records.
2. Provide children and adults with History of the Area accessible to them.
3. Make tapes and recordings to preserve and interpret material unique to our Lake History.
4. Gather artifacts and reproductions for exhibiting the Story of the Area.
5. Involve our children with a living program of historical significance to make History "come alive" to them.