



THE MINNETONKA MILLWHEEL Fall 2019



The Minnetonka Historical Society will present another **Antiques Appraisal Event!** Tuesday October 29th at 7:00PM

Have you discovered a possible treasure in your grandmother's attic? Do you have an heirloom that you wonder about? To find out, come to the Minnetonka Historical Society Antiques Appraisal Event on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minnetonka Community Room.

A team of local experts will review your item and provide you with a verbal appraisal. Modeled after the popular "Antiques Roadshow" program, each exhibitor will be able to tell their story and the items will be projected on the big screen for all to view.

The fee is \$12.00 per item with a limit of 2 items per person. Registrations begin October 1, 2019. Exhibitors will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, and space is limited, so register early! You will receive a confirmation once your registration has been received and accepted.

The registration form is available below here.

Please contact the Minnetonka Historical Society at 952-930-3962 for more information.



Minnetonka Historical Society Antiques Appraisal Registration Form

Fee: \$12.00 per item

Limit 2 Items per person

Sorry, we cannot accept firearms, fine jewelry, and fine art. All items must be able to be brought and carried by the exhibitor, as we are unable to assist in transport. Appraisers will provide a verbal appraisal only.

Photos may be included, however, they will not be returned.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Item 1

Description (color, size, shape, history, age if known, purpose, or any other information that would help the appraiser determine a value)

Item 2

Description (color, size, shape, history, age if known, purpose, or any other information that would help the appraiser determine a value)

Send your completed registration form, pictures and payment to:

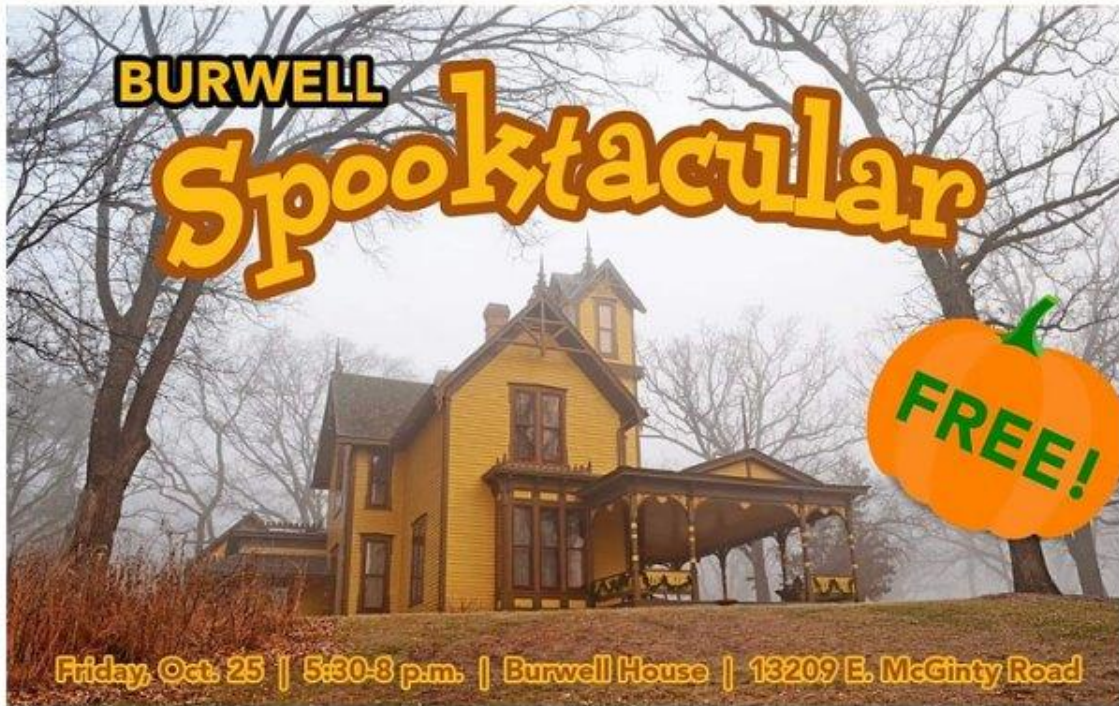
Minnetonka Historical Society Antiques Appraisal

c/o City of Minnetonka

14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka MN 55345

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During the appraisal event, each exhibitor will individually tell the story of their item. Assessments will be captured on the big screen so the audience can enjoy an up close view.



BURWELL Spooktacular

**Wear your best costume and
have a spooktacularly good
time at this FREE fall event!**

**Friday, Oct. 25
5:30-8 p.m.**

**Burwell House grounds
13209 E. McGinty Road***

*Free parking is available at St. David's Family Center (3395 Plymouth Road) and Mills Church (13215 Minnetonka Drive).

- Ages 12 and under recommended
- Spooky scavenger hunt
- Storytellers
- Pumpkin carving demonstration
- Crafts
- Burwell House tours
- Warm up by the fire.
- Create a pirate ship and race it down the creek!
- Purchase hot dogs, brats and hamburgers at the Boy Scouts Troop 346 food stand.

Becky Knickerbocker donates her Kitchen Utensil Collection to the Minnetonka Historical Society

Petey Ellis, MHS Board Member and one of our Curators for the Burwell Museum, wrote this article about Becky Knickerbocker and her recent donation of dozens of antique kitchen utensils to the Minnetonka Historical Society:

Becky Knickerbocker is a longtime resident of Minnetonka. Becky taught school at Gatewood for 35 years as a kindergarten teacher and 7 years as a preschool teacher at All Saints Church. Becky says "As a young woman I enjoyed collecting antiques. I began a quest of collecting antique cooking utensils. As my collection grew, I was challenged to discover their purpose. I wanted to display them so we put up a bright red molding around our kitchen ceiling and hung them all. Guests loved guessing their purpose and were challenged to find the 1 out of 100 that was not a utensil. I wanted to gift this fun collection but didn't know where. On a tour of the Burwell House, I found a perfect home for my treasures. The museum can display my collection so others will enjoy them too."

What a great summer we have had when we reopened the Minnetonka Historical Society Museum located on the grounds of the Burwell House. This building was once the headquarters of the Minnetonka Mills Company. Over 450 guests came to explore our Museum.

Each month we highlighted a specific history topic. For June, we displayed photos, a time line of events, and artifacts that told the story of Milling on the Minnehaha Creek. For July, we displayed photos and artifacts about berry picking and truck farming in Minnetonka. For August and September, we told the story of Victorian kitchens. We featured unique kitchen utensils made first by tinkers who came to each house selling and making clever items needed by cooks. We also talked about ways to preserve food needed throughout the year. We shook cream into butter and tasted fresh and dried blueberries. Outdoors, our guests were able to wash clothes in the Victorian way. In September we also added a vignette of the three different Burwell Schools in Minnetonka Mills centered around an original student desk and books.

The museum will be opened during the Spooktacular organized by the City of Minnetonka scheduled for October 25th. We will also have three Victorian Games. You can play Skittles, Pin the Tail on the Donkey, and a Tops Spinning with nearly authentic Victorian candy as the prize for trying. Do come and enjoy a spooky evening. We have been lucky enough to receive several gifts for our Museum. We have received, sketches, an old telephone, plates, maps, a fan collection, and more. If you need a new home for your precious small antique items or pictures, please consider our museum as a new home for your treasures.

MHS Calendar: Fall 2019

(Minnetonka Open House: cancelled
this year due to construction.)

October 25th Fri: Spooktacular! (5:30 to 8PM)
Halloween festivities at the Burwell House.

October 29th Tues: Antique Appraisal (7PM)
Your Antiques Appraised by an expert. Mtka City Hall

November 10th, 17th, 24th and Dec 1st:
Burwell House Tours:
Sundays from 1 to 4pm - Free Tours of the Burwell House decorated for the Holidays.

Minnetonka Historical Society Board

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ky Knickerbocker and her kitchen utensil collection that she donated to the Minnetonka Historical Society!



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MHS Membership

All of us in the Minnetonka Historical Society would like to invite you to become a member. With your membership, you will receive this semi-annual Historical Society Newsletter, "The Millwheel." You will be kept up to date with Society events and happenings in and around Minnetonka and have a 'voice' in preserving Minnetonka's past. We all greatly appreciate the support you have given us, so that we can continue with our vital projects and activities that preserve Minnetonka's heritage.

Yearly Membership \$10.00.

Last Name: _____ First Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

This is a new membership ____ Yes ____ No Today's Date: _____

I would like to help the Minnetonka Historical Society by: _____

