

The Radiator Brush



Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum & Historic Cottage 11 Boys' Dormitory
~ Summer 2018 Newsletter Edition ~

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – TWO UPCOMING EVENTS!

July 28 & 29 – Art on the Hills

Saturday: 9AM – 5PM

Sunday: 10AM – 4PM

This year the Orphanage Museum is joining the Owatonna Arts Center for the “Art on the Hills” art fair on the beautiful West Hills campus. Admission is free. State School-related activities will be integrated with the exquisite work of professional artisans. There will be live entertainment, food vendors, children’s activities--including a scavenger hunt with a grand prize for the winner--and historic re-enactors. The Museum will also kick off our 50/50 Raffle fundraiser by selling 50/50 raffle tickets.



September 15 – State School Museum Open House

Saturday: 1PM – 5PM

Please join us for a special gathering on Saturday, September 15, in the Owatonna Arts Center Performance Hall.

A special invite goes to all former State Schoolers and/or their families. It’s been a long time since there’s been a reunion, so we hope as many as are able can come to reminisce and share memories.



Featured Artist:

Sandy Dinse, watercolorist

Sandy’s name may be familiar to you. Her mother, Eva Carlson Jensen, wrote “No Tears Allowed,” and one of Sandy’s paintings graces the cover. Sandy was also a long-time Board Member, who still keeps up our seasonal displays.

She writes, “Growing up on a family farm in rural Steele County was a cherished time of my life. Those years, including eight years spent attending a one-room school house, provide inspiration for my paintings.”

Check out her nostalgic art pieces if you come.

But, you don’t have to be a former State Schooler to attend. If you’re interested in the history of the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children, come take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Refreshments and personalized tours of the Museum and Cottage 11 and other activities will be provided.

Our 50/50 Raffle tickets will also be on sale, and the winner’s name will be drawn at the end of the event.

2018 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Your raffle ticket is here! It's your chance to contribute to the Orphanage Museum and-- if you're lucky--share in 50% of the money raised! The more tickets sold, the larger pot to split. This year's tickets are only \$20 each.

2016 Winner: **\$1987.50**

2017 Winner: **\$1,300.00**

2018 Winner: **\$? - it could be you!**

Send a \$20 check (made out to the Orphanage Museum), your ticket, and a contact phone number in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by September 15. The drawing will be at the end of our Fall Open House on Saturday, **September 15, 2018**.

Though donations to the Museum are tax deductible, the raffle ticket purchases are not.



Here's a status report on the garden being created in memory of Maxine Ronglien.

We do have a design selected, which will convert the current garden space by Cottage 11 into a more park-like setting, with gardens and grass crossed by a pathway.

Unfortunately, the wet spring slowed progress. Infrastructure has to be built to bring irrigation to the area and curbs need to be cut to allow handicapped access. We hope to add a water feature.

When that work is done, we can start with the planting. It may not all be completed this year, but in the long run we're doing the right thing to make a very nice, maintainable garden in Maxine's memory.

Donations are still being accepted.

REUNITED IN DEATH

A September 30, 2017, article in the *Star Tribune* recounted the quest of 88-year-old Dale Mayland to reunite with his birth family, aided by the detective work of his son, Russ.

It began when twins Albert and Alberta Quernemoen were born on January 9, 1929, at Glen Lake Sanatorium in Minnetonka, where their mother was being treated for tuberculosis. The father also had TB, but was being treated at a veterans' hospital in Minneapolis. These circumstances led the babies to become wards of the state of Minnesota and placed in Owatonna.

Little Alberta had serious health problems and died when she was just two years old. She's one of the 198 children buried in the Children's Cemetery.

Albert was adopted by the Mayland family when he was four and given the name Dale Ellsworth Mayland. His State School records became sealed.

Eventually, persistence paid off and Dale and his Quernemoen family eventually did reunite in 2016.

The *Star Tribune* article was a last ditch attempt to find photos of Dale's parents, who both survived their bouts of TB. Dale Mayland passed away from cancer just one week after the article ran. The obituary said he was preceded in death by his sister Alberta.



"Orphaned" twins Albert and Alberta are featured on the cover of this 1929 Christmas Seals brochure.

DONATIONS

MEMORIALS

Yvonne Cariveau

Arlene Marie Mattes, Emelda Lauer, Marie Brown Adams

Elizabeth Schenian

Helen Bowers

Greg & Darlene Thomas

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Richard & Karen Nohel

Mildred, Joseph, and Robert Bakunas

Shirley Wilson

Gertrude Bartsch

MAXINE'S GARDEN

Harvey Ronglien

Doug & Connie Ruth

Norman & Ruth Grunklee

Legacy Trust

Rick & Jill McVenes

Paul Niedercorn

Carol Zetah

In honor of her 60th anniversary of employment at the Owatonna State School

Total \$58,089.53 in Legacy Trust.



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WORD OF DECEASED STATE SCHOOLER

Dale Ellsworth Mayland

(Albert Quernemoen)

Harriet Anderson Reineke

Did you know we keep an Obituary Book?

If you are aware of a State Schooler's passing, please let our office know so we can share the news. We also maintain an obituary book with as many people associated with the State School as we can to preserve the history. Our contact information is listed below.



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Interested in purchasing "The Children Remember" or brick on the School Plaza? How about purchasing an "apple" for the Apple Giving Tree displayed in C-11? Please fill in and mail to our address the form below. Your support is greatly appreciated! Checks should be written out to: MN State School Orphanage Museum. Donations are tax-deductible.

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Yes, I'd like to order a copy of The Children Remember documentary VHS at \$10.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping/handling.

Yes, I'd like to order a copy of The Children Remember documentary DVD at \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping/handling.

Yes, I'd like to purchase brick(s) at \$100.00 each.

Yes, I'd like to pledge an "apple." (Red (\$1,000+), Gold (\$500-\$999), Green (\$250-\$499) Silver (\$100-\$249)

Yes, I'd like to make a tax-deductible donation of _____. (Donation for C-11 Legacy Trust Non-specified)

If you wish to purchase a brick, please print clearly the words you wish to have inscribed.
