



# ORPHANAGE MUSEUM

by Anne Peterson, Museum Manager

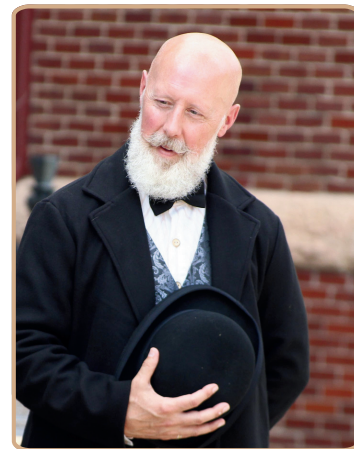
## 2025 Fall Celebration Being Held September 13

Join us on Saturday, September 13, from noon till 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the children and history of the Minnesota State Public School. This family-friendly event has activities for all ages. Plus, you'll learn what life was like at the State School. You can walk the campus and stop at Cottage 11. State School families are especially invited to attend!

Other activities include:

- Tours of Historic Areas, including Root Cellar
- Screening of 1930 Film
- State School Character Reenactors
- Genealogy Research Assistance
- Oral History Booth
- Refreshments
- Gift Shop – Books, Toys, and Memorabilia

We hope to see you on September 13!



## Red Lake Charter School Visits Museum



On May 2, a group 6th grade students from Endazhi-Nitaawiging Charter School in Red Lake made the five-hour drive to visit the Museum. Most had read Peter Razor's "While the Locust Slept." The school is an Ojibwe immersion education program that celebrates Indigenous culture. Many of the students are proficient speakers.

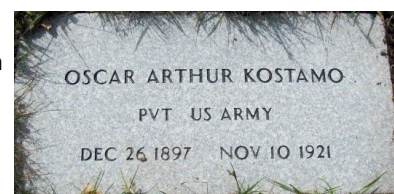
After the tour, they held a ceremony in the Children's Cemetery. Ramona Vickers, the teacher, described its meaning. "The ceremony started with the tobacco, which is held in the left hand since it is closest to your heart. It holds the prayer after it is said and, taking it, means you are a part of the ceremony. We then did a sage smudge, which is to purify our thoughts as we prepare to pray. The prayer was both spoken and a song offered to let the spirits know that we honor them and remember them. The last thing we did was to place our tobacco at the base of the tree on the east side where the sun rises and can lift the prayers to the spirits, like a new beginning. Thanks again for the very informative tour the students were still talking about it, on the last day of school. All agreed it was worth the drive."

## In Memory of C-11 Volunteers

We'd like to acknowledge the passing of two dedicated C-11 volunteers this spring, Trudy Pierce and Todd Deming.

## Oscar Arthur Kostamo

We previously told you about a veteran State Schooler whose grave was unmarked. His military marker was installed in time for this Memorial Day.



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### Orphanage Museum

Mark Livingston





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*Memorials as of June 15, 2025*

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Funds as of this printing:

**SCHS - \$1,382,563.37**

**Children Remembered - \$191,977.22**

**Service Bay Fund - \$117,210.36**

## Welcome New Members!

Erin Bates	Clark Gustafson	Virginia Ruppe
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Anita Dagle	Debbie & M. K. McGhee	Deanna Vreeman
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## Explore the Village of Yesteryear with a Guided Tour

 Tours: May 1 thru September 30 |  Daily at 1:30 PM (Tuesday-Sunday)

Step back in time and explore the Village of Yesteryear with a guided tour. From **May 1 through September 30**, knowledgeable tour guides will lead visitors through this historic village, sharing fascinating stories of the past.

**\$** Tour Admission:

- Adults: \$5
- Students (Ages 6-17): \$3
- Children Under 6: Free

Call 507-451-1420 and speak with MaryAnne to schedule your group tour. Come experience history brought to life at the Village of Yesteryear! It's a great place to bring out-of-town guests. 🏡🌟