



McFarland Historical Society

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Dear McFarland Historical Society Member,

We have some important information to share with you concerning the Larson House fundraising, our annual Memorial Day museum opening and bake sale, and the 2010 lobby theme.

Your help is still needed!

The Historical Society has raised over \$37,000 so far toward the purchase of the Larson House. We thank all of you so much for your enthusiastic and generous support.

We still have a long way to go to realize our dream of turning the Larson House into a beautiful addition to our museum. The Society is currently in the process of negotiating a loan with the support of the Village of McFarland. The amount and terms of the loan will depend on the donations received and the pledges made. To help us secure financing for a portion of the purchase price and for initial repairs, we are coming to our members again and asking you to consider a pledge over a three year period. Your donations and pledges are needed as soon as possible in order to meet a closing date within the next two and a half months.

The Larson House is structurally sound and watertight. The plan is to make initial repairs to the exterior so that the house stands as an attractive public landmark. We will phase in additional internal repairs and upgrades over a period of several years. The enclosed flier provides donation and pledge forms, as well as pictures of some of the interior features of the house.

Eat at Culvers on May 15 for the Larson House!

On Saturday, May 15, we will hold a fundraiser at Culver's restaurant. A portion of all sales that day will be donated to the Historical Society for the Larson House. Bring your whole family and enjoy good food while you are helping the Historical Society!

Visit the New Website.

The McFarland Historical Society has a new website, www.mcfarlandhistorical.org, that features the Larson House on its homepage. Be sure to check the site for information about upcoming events.

Remember the annual Memorial Day bake sale.

On May 31, we will be holding our annual bake sale and museum opening. Proceeds from the bake sale will go, in part, to the Larson House fund. We need your donation of pies, cakes, cookies and other goodies to make this event a success. Baked items may be brought to the museum Sunday, May 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. and on Memorial Day, May 31, from 8:30 – 10:00 A. M.

Support Larson House with a Carriage Tour.

Historical tours of early McFarland are now available by horse and carriage provided by Wes Licht. Families and small groups from 2 to 7 can enjoy a leisurely ride in a comfortable wagonette or surrey while learning about the homes and businesses of long ago. Schedule hours are flexible and tours can be arranged by calling Wes at 838-8178. Tour fees will be directed to the Larson House fund.

Early automobiles is the new lobby theme.

The new theme for the 2010 museum lobby is all about the “horseless carriage.” For the lobby display, we’re looking for photographs of old cars and trucks that date from the 1950’s way back to the beginning of the century. We’re also looking for stories that we can share about the early automobiles and roads in the area. Tools and other automobile mementos, including toys, are needed for our exhibit. Of special interest we’re hoping to showcase many restored early automobiles on some of our Open House Sundays throughout the summer. Please contact Wes Licht (838-8178) or one of the other board members if you have items or photographs to share.

We thank you for all that you have contributed to the museum in the past, and look forward to your continued commitment as we undertake these important and exciting projects for our community.

Sincerely,

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