Jim Ogland, a lifelong resident of the Lake Minnetonka area and a Mound graduate, will sign copies of his new book "Picturing Lake Minnetonka: A Postcard History" at the Depot at the Westonka Historical Society's meeting on Saturday, November 17 from 10:30 until noon. Local history buffs will enjoy hearing of the fascinating early days of Lake Minnetonka as he discusses the contents and creation of his very informative book.

The full-color coffee table book is a pictorial chronicle of Lake Minnetonka from the 1860's when the lake was still a fishing spot and secret hideaway, to the 1880's when glorious grand hotels dominated the lake, to the turn of the century when the Big Island Amusement Park and the Twin Cities Rapid Transit's express boats and streetcar lines marked the way to a new era.

Boating and fishing enthusiasts, especially, will appreciate details and photos of the 1979 discovery, raising, and restoration of the old steamboat Minnehaha from the bottom of the lake. Ogland, who was a central figure in the six-year restoration effort, was the restored Minnehaha's captain on its maiden voyage in May of 1996. The last chapter of the book is about raising the Minnehaha. On the 17th, Jim will focus on the Upper Lake area hotels, including the Chapman House, Bartlett Hotel, the Hotel Buena Vista, Mound City Hotel, Dewey House, Sunset View and Woolnough (currently Lakewinds Condominiums).

"At the height of the postcard craze, each hotel on Lake Minnetonka, large and small, offered views of their grand architecture, their beachfront, or their packed porches and dining rooms," he writes. Most of the vintage postcards illustrating the book are from Ogland's private collection of more than 300, which he describes as "a passion of mine." Many artifacts from his personal collection will be displayed at this gathering.

The Westonka Historical Society is happy to add this book to the others currently being sold for fund raising purposes and for furthering your knowledge of the Westonka area.
Election of Officers, November 17th

Our annual election of officers and board members will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 10:00 a.m., before the program scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

All paid members are eligible to vote in this election, and a nominating ballot is enclosed for those members to fill in and return in the self-addressed envelope which is also enclosed.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please write in your own name; or if you know of someone else who would be eligible, please list that name as well.

We need to have more members who are willing to help in many different capacities to keep our organization going strong.

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTIONS

We recently received a used slide projector from a school teacher. We are grateful to have this and expect it will be of great use to us.

Also, we were given many old Minnetonka Pilots years ago by Abe Brazman; and more recently many more of these old newspapers were given to us by Frank and Betty Weiland.

Xerox copies have been made of many of the historical items in these newspapers and have been preserved in loose-leaf binders for display at our meetings.

These and many of our other artifacts are currently being stored in members' homes for lack of a museum. In the meantime, please stop at the Gillespie Center and see our displays from time to time in our beautiful display case there.

SEPTEMBER 6TH MEETING
Gillespie Center

Our program on September 6th at the Gillespie Center on the history of Spring Park was a huge success. Over 250 people were in attendance at this program which lasted for three hours.

Many of our historical books were sold. Also people stood in line to buy Jim Oglanid's latest book and to have him autograph it.

Jerry Rockvam, Mayor of Spring Park, talked about the history of Spring Park. Jeff Magnuson told about the history of the Del Otero Hotel. Don Cox mentioned the early businesses in the area, Doug Easthouse spoke about "Skunk Hollow," and Joy Grundeen and Maryalice Redwing told us the history of Twin Birch Nursing Home.

The Lions Club sold wine and cold drinks; members also brought cookies, bars, coffee, popcorn and pretzels which added to the success! Thanks to all the volunteers.

Special thanks to the City of Spring Park for their generous donation of $1,000.

Sad News

We are so sorry to report that our Newsletter Editor, Carol Senn, just recently fell and broke her wrist!

So this means, for one thing, that she will not be able to work on our Newsletters for quite some time.

Also, Carol is planning on moving to Plymouth, so we don't know what will happen after that, if she will still be with us, or not.

So, we desperately need someone to take her place as soon as possible, if not immediately, and for some time probably.

Please, please - let us know if there is someone who can do this work. Carol has done such an excellent job for a long time now, and we certainly will miss her expertise. We also sympathize with her in what she is going through right now and hope it won't be too long before she is back to normal again.

CHANGE OUR BY LAWS?

Our Bylaws at present provide for 5 board members, besides the 4 officers.

It has been suggested that perhaps we should change this so that we can add at least 2 more board members.

It has also been suggested that officers should be elected at different times, and not all at the same time, such as some serving for one year at a time, others for a two-year period.

If this is agreeable with the members, this could be voted on at our Nov. 17th meeting.

NEW MAILING LABELS

In the future, your mailing label will show the month and year your membership will expire.

According to our Bylaws, members failing to pay their dues for 60 days after they become payable shall be dropped from the rolls.
WESTONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Current List of Paid Members

Paul & Dorothy Anderson
Les & Lavonne Adams
Deborah Ash
Gerald & Diann Babb
Cathy Bailey
Larry & Dahlia Beno
Cathy Black
Bill & Joyce Blume
Joyce Braakemeier
John Briggs & Teri Turner
Larry & Jeanne Brustad
Marilyn Byrnes
Tom Casey & Roberta Flatten
Steve & Sue Cathers
Andrea Dahl
Mary DeVinney
Bruce & Patti Dodds
Anne Dorweiler
Doug & Donna Easthouse
Paul & Jeanne Englund
Steve & Pauline Erickson
Bob Gasch
Gunner & Lilla Gidlow
Bill Gillespie
Grace Gordon
Ron & Joy Grundeen
Patricia Gutormson
Evelyn Haarstick
David & Jill Hempel
Orrin & Connie Hoefer
Orville & Marymar Iverson
Lee & Phyllis Jessen
Marj Kamman
Muriel Kolar

Gale Landberg
Kurt Leuthold
Bernie & Katie Lister
Orville Lovasen
Jeff & Michelle Magnuson
Murray Maustad
Scott & Mary McKenzie
Nory McNelis
Paul & Pat Meisel
Leo Meloche
Carol Anderson O'Connors
Rae Olson
Phyllis O'Malley
Mary Opheim
Eugene Partyka
Jerome & Grace Peleaux
Sharon Provost
Roger & Joanne Reed
Herman Renner
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Ellen Scholer
Carol Senn
Betty Shaughnessy
Jeffrey & Sandra Smith
Marge Stutsman
David Sutton
Elwood & Sally Uner
Pat Wallin
F. Todd Warner
Jeanne Watt
Frank & Betty Weiland
Tony & Diane Williams
Matthew Wood

SPRING PARK
GLORY DAYS VIDEO
A professionally edited hour-long video will be available soon for purchase. Watch the Laker for details.

WANTED
We need a "writer" or "reporter" for our Newsletter - someone with experience in writing articles or someone who just loves to write.

We have lots of interesting items that could be written up for our future Newsletters, so if you would like to volunteer for this or know someone who would be good at it, just call Sue at 472-4893.

Or come to our next meeting on Saturday, November 17th, and let us know that you are available for this job.

Annual
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
Need ideas for unique holiday gifts? How about a book or notepad from the Westonka Historical Society's collection? Choose from the following items and contribute to our fundraising efforts:

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS
Amounts vary - Tax deductible

Lotus Lily Notepads .................................. $2.25
Historical Backgrounds of Mound, Minnesota .................. $6.50
Minnetrista Memories .................................. $11.00
Salvaged Memories - The Raising the of The Minnehaha ........ $11.00
Guide & Map of Lake Minnetonka ...$7.00
Historical Tour of the Westonka Area - Year 2000 ............... $8.00
Picturing Lake Minnetonka: A Postcard History ................. $35.00

The Westonka Senior Citizens are hosting their annual Boutique at the Gillespie Center for two full weeks this year including three weekends. The event will begin with the Grand Opening on Thursday, November 29th at 5:00 p.m. and conclude Saturday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m. ■
### Westonka Historical Society Board Members

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**Newsletter:** Lavonne Adams, 952-472-1885  
**Janie Delaney** 952-473-4666  
**Video Production:** Bernie Lister

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Membership dues and special donations are tax deductible. Donations of photographs and artifacts are graciously accepted.

Contact any board member for more information.

### 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 Westonka 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.

### Books Available

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Books available at:  
- Larson Printing & Graphics, Mound  
- Mound True Value Hardware, Daghmer’s Unique Stuff, Navarre  
- Mahogany Bay  

### Westonka Historical Society Events

- **Election & Installation of Officers**  
- **Jim Ogland, Picturing Lake Minnetonka: A Postcard History**

**See Inside:**

- **Saturday, Nov. 7th**

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