



A Newsletter for Members and Friends of the Lenexa Historical Society

LHS News

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A Presidential Letter

A letter from Marc Lassalle

A word from your incoming President.....



I am honored to have been elected as President of our Lenexa Historical Society. This will be my second year serving on the Board of Directors and I take great pride in everything this organization is about.

I would first like to compliment our Past-President, Alan Uhl, for the excellent work he has done over the past years. He is truly a great man and will continue to serve on the Board as he guides me thru my transitional period.

My wife Allison and I have been residents of Lenexa for over 15 years. It was while attending a 4th of July Festival in Old Town (when they still had fireworks)-that we knew, Lenexa was the place for us. I grew up in a military family, moving every 3 or 4 years and Lenexa seem to provide the type of stable hometown environment in which I wanted to raise a family. We have two sons, Hayden (13) and Spencer (11).

I am the Membership Coordinator for The World Waterpark Association which is headquartered in Overland Park. Yes, it is as fun as it sounds! In addition to several professional organizations in which I am involved, my community involvement has included; The National Eagle Scout Association, Bonjour Elementary PTA, Charter President for the Friends Of Old Town (FOOT), Co-Chair of the "Award-winning" Lenexa 100 Marketing Committee as well as a current Precinct Committeeman.

My vision for the LHS is simple; to expand on an already great program by including additional projects that will capture the interests of a wide range of residents and to increase our organization's visibility within the community. Together, with your help we can preserve our past to educate the future and have some fun along the way.

Thank you again and I look forward to serving the LHS in 2009.

LENEXA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2009
Lenexa United Methodist Church
Schneeberger Hall
91st and Caenen Lake Road
Lenexa, KS 66215

Octave Chanute

Presented by: Bill Nicks

Everybody is Welcome!

Call for reservations: 913-498-8117

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Lenexa Historical Society *Membership Meeting*

Thursday, January 22, 2009
Lenexa United Methodist Church
Schneeberger Hall
91st and Caenen Lake Road
Lenexa, KS

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Program: 7:30 p.m.

Octave Chanute

Presented by: Bill Nicks



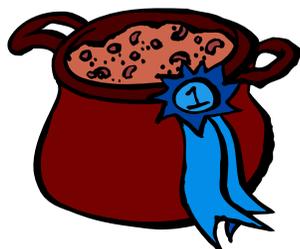
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LHS January 2009 General Meeting

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THE QUILTER TRANSPLANT

by Barbara Mitchell



In 2003 I moved to Lenexa, Kansas to live with my daughter. I have crocheted, sewn many dance costumes, quilted, and cross stitched since I was 9 years old. I learned from my Aunt Edith who was an excellent seamstress. I think I quilted my first quilt when I was 12 years old.

As an adult in KC I attended Van Brunt Presbyterian Church. I stayed in touch with many of the church members. After my kids were grown and I had more free time, I went back to the church and joined a quilting group in 1986. I started with a group of 19 ladies who met once a week. We quilted for anyone within the community (we had a waiting list) and we charged \$50 to \$75 upon completion. Time sped by and we all became older with some passing away and some that could not see or drive to get to quilting any longer. We quilted with 2-5 quilters for several years. There are two still alive and I recently went to a birthday party for one that turned 100 years old. The Church was sold and closed several years ago.

I came from a neighborhood that I had lived in for 43 years, where I knew all of my neighbors and had watched all the kids grow up, move away, and some who had been long time friends that passed away. I did not know a soul when I moved from Independence, Missouri to Lenexa, Kansas in 2003 other than my daughter and friends of my daughter and granddaughters. Once I got settled in, my daughter invited her friends and neighbors for a party one Saturday night so I did not feel so isolated.

I started back up quilting by repairing and quilting a family treasure for a friend. My friend wanted to surprise her husband with it for Christmas one year. It took me about six months to complete the quilt in between all my newly acquired duties of helping with Girl Scout ideas, cooking, mending, and ironing.

I first heard of the Legler Barn Museum after I moved to Lenexa and saw some signs around town. My daughter teases that I can get around town better and know the Lenexa street names and location of business, etc. better than her and she has been here for over ten years. Never having been one to just sit around the house, I decided to inquire about the Legler Barn Museum and thought maybe I could meet some new friends closer to my age as well as being very close to my new home. But, there aren't too many that are that close to my age. I will turn 87 this December. Over the last three years I have enjoyed getting to know many of the quilters at the Legler Barn Museum.

Finished with the last quilt I had brought over with me my daughter asked if I would help her make a memory quilt for her oldest daughter. It was a quilt made of t-shirts that her daughter had worn while growing up with sports, travels, and activities. I knew from the start that my daughter with her busy schedule and being a single mom would not have as much time to devote to the project. Well.....I was right. She finally did sit down and I tried to explain how to do the stitches. She is not one that can sit still for very long, so just sitting once for about an hour was a major accomplishment. The tiny stitches with a tiny needle she just could not master. She had to create her own way which took a lot longer. After working on the quilt for a while she said to me, "Mom for all of the wonderful hand stitching, pride and love of quilting that goes into the quilts you sure don't charge enough for the quilts you make." I had already worked on it for eight months and, after I had a bad spell with my health, I decided to ask the quilters at the Legler Barn Museum to help me complete the quilt. Thankfully, they agreed and I now have a beautiful quilt to give to my granddaughter for Christmas that will last her a lifetime.

Even though I am a transplant from the other side of the tracks, I have enjoyed meeting so many nice people in Lenexa. I have trouble remembering names, but as I am around them my memory usually comes back. I will stick with the quilting group at the Legler Barn Museum until my eyesight requires me to give up quilting and/or driving.

JANUARY 2009 - WINTER SCENES – LENEXA, KANSAS



Roundabout Monticello Road and Prairie Star Parkway



Photo Gallery

by Sandi McKim



Walking on ice



Lenexa 100 Wins National Award

by Marc Lassalle



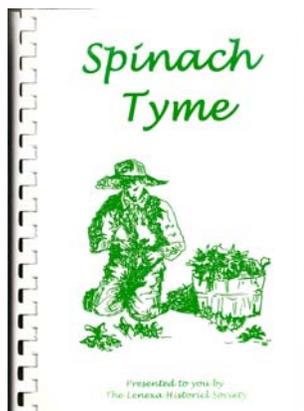
Ken Breidenback, Kendall Adkins, Marc Lassalle, Susanne Neely, Keith Winterhall, Bill Nicks, Craig Denny, Mike Boehm
(photo by Sharon Hammontree)

Lenexa's 100th birthday was the celebration of the century, and now it is also a top national award winner.

Lenexa 100 celebrated the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation on May 8, 2007. This occasion brought together volunteers from throughout the community who worked about 1-1/2 years to plan a memorable week of festivities for all members of the community.

The efforts of the Lenexa 100 committees and volunteers were recognized recently with a national Savvy Award for best special event. The award was given by 3CMA, the national association for city and county communications professionals. The award was presented to the Governing Body at the Dec. 2 council meeting.

Lenexa 100 was led by Craig Denny, chair and Bill Nicks, staff liaison. Several citizens and city staff members worked on the marketing committee, which was led by Kendall Adkins, Marc Lassalle and Pam Glenn.



New Spinach Tyme cookbooks have arrived which include 63 new award winning recipes. Available now in the Legler Barn Museum Gift Shop.

LHS 2009 Directory Updates

New Member

Glenn, Pamela A. 913-831-2055
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Bob & Marilyn Stephan
12540 W. 123rd St.
Overland Park, KS 66213-2224

Deceased

Gerry Haskin
PO Box 413
Olathe, KS 66051-0413

Volunteers

DIGITAL VIDEO EDITING

Experienced in digital video editing – transitioning raw video into smooth professional finish.

Take 1-2 minute excerpts from edited videos and place on website.

Must be available during museum hours: Tues-Fri 10 to 4
Sat & Sun 1 to 4
Hours are flexible.

Call Becky at the Legler Barn Museum: 913-492-0038
or
Email: bemmerich@ci.lenexa.ks.us

Enjoy Breakfast with LHS

Join us for FOOD and FUN conversation

Where: Hy-Vee, 87th and Pflumm
Time: 9:00 a.m.
When: second Saturday of each month

2009

Jan. 10	May 9
Feb. 14	June 13
March 14	July 11
April 11	August 8

LHS Monthly Breakfast Reminder

If you would like to receive an email reminder prior to our monthly breakfasts, contact Katie Evans at:

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913-390-5131

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the appreciation, preservation and promotion of
Lenexa's Historical heritage.*

Annual Soup Luncheon

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

at

Lenexa Community Center

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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