

# Fitchburg Historical Society



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year has arrived and as I mentioned in my previous notes to you it is an anniversary year for the Fitchburg Historical Society. Ten years ago our fledging organization took flight. Hopefully we can make this year a banner year. In looking back through the 10 years we have been in existence many events come to mind. We have had a succession of interesting programs and events. Some have been a smashing success. Others have not fared so well. We have moved from having our meetings at the town hall on Fish Hatchery Road to having our meetings at the new community center on Lacy Road. We have had picnics in the park, a tour of a restored home and even a meeting in a pioneer cemetery. We were in costume for the opening of the community center, we hosted a quilt show and who can forget the amazing success of the one room schools reunion. We have lost some faithful members through death. Somewhere along the line other members have dropped from our roster. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all make an effort to ask one former member to return to our ranks. Or encourage new people to join. The coming year of 1998 marks the sesquicentennial of the state of Wisconsin. The State Historical Society is sponsoring many events for the occasion and it would be a wonderful opportunity for the Fitchburg Historical Society to rejuvenate itself and become a vital, visible Fitchburg organization.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 2nd in the large meeting hall on the upper level of the Community Center. Our speaker for the day is to be Joan Severa. Joan is a Fitchburg resident, has been the costume curator for the State Historical Society and is the author of the book "Dressed For The Photographer". It will be an interesting program. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Bring a friend, neighbor or prospective member along to enjoy the afternoon. Annual Meeting also means an election. We have a board of directors consisting of twelve members. Four members are elected each year for a term of three years. This year one member whose term does not expire had to resign due to conflicts in his schedule. That means we will have five vacancies on the board. Please consider taking a stint as a board member. The pay is low but the satisfaction is great. Dues also are to be paid at this time. If you care to take care of this before the meeting a renewal form is attached. Our treasurer will have membership cards at the meeting.

## LOCAL HISTORY MEETING

On August 9, 1997 the Local History meeting will be held at the Community Center. The meeting is sponsored by the State Historical Society and each local society must take its turn at being host. This year is our turn. Hopefully you will answer the call and help us be good hosts for this meeting.



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