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Please join us and bring a friend, if any of the following interests you.

- Sharing stories of Shakopee's past.
- Listening to stories of Shakopee's past
- Finding the answers to the questions you have.
- Reminiscing and telling stories of your past.
- Meeting new people or making a new friend.

***The Shakopee
Heritage Society's
Fall Membership
Meeting Will be
Held Saturday October
18th at 1:00 PM
at the
Shakopee Library
Downstairs Meeting
Room***

We hope to see you there.

Editors Notes

By Don Wagner

Winner of the Derby Day's prize drawing was Steve Hentges, 13780 Old Brick Yard Road Shakopee, MN 55379. Congratulations Steve.

If you want to check on your membership status, contact Pat Ploumen at the meeting or write her at: Patricia Ploumen, 805 7th Avenue East, Shakopee, MN 55379.

The Shakopee Heritage Society's Board of directors voted to donate a \$350 fee for the Bluegrass Band "Loosely Wound" to play at the Historic Downtown kick-off for the mural painting on the bridge underpass.

The Shakopee Main Street coordinator, Laura Pecaut will be our Speaker at the membership meeting on Saturday October 18th. She will fill us in on the Shakopee Main Street project and the downtown mural now being planned.

October 16th is the date of the next board meeting and as always anyone is welcome to attend. This meeting will be held at the Shakopee Library upstairs meeting room at 6:30 pm.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the SHS and or becoming a member please ask for a brochure from a Board member to give to them.

We remind you again that you are welcome to bring a friend to our meetings and that we are anxious for any hints from our members on how to improve the newsletter or what topics our speakers might cover for you. In this particular newsletter we will use a good deal of space for the Downtown Mural Project.

The City and County are very busy working on the trail and the area around and under the bridge at the Mill pond. The Shakopee Heritage Society had pledged money to build a kiosk a few years ago already but the project has taken many turns since then and is getting closer now. Joe Collins Our president is working closely with the city on this project and will update us all on its progress.

Help spread the word! Downtown Mural Project.

In October the Main Street Shakopee Design Team will launch the Downtown Mural Project! The Design Team works to preserve local heritage and revitalize public spaces through good design. So...we are bringing Shakopee history and culture to life through public art! Learn more about the mural project and share your ideas while enjoying live music, hot cider, art displays, and kids' activities on Saturday, October 25 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Holmes Street tunnel.

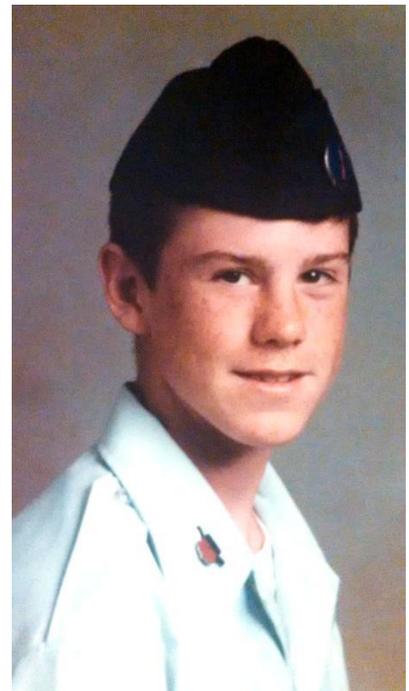
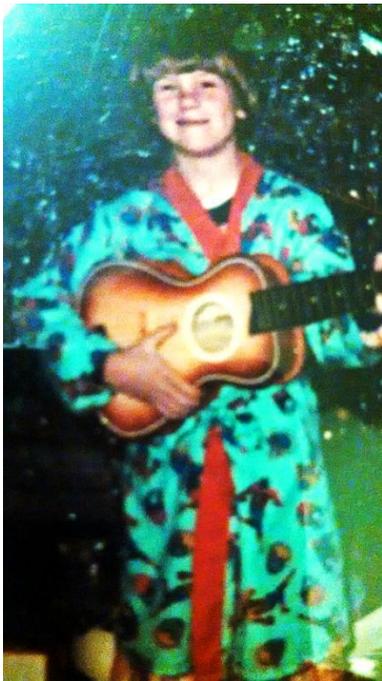
Please help us spread the word by:

Showing this to your friends and then by you and your friends attending the event. If you have questions or suggestions try contacting the Main Street Coordinator before the meeting at the address and numbers below.

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Joe and his wife Darci, more as we know them now. See the meet our members article on the bottom of page four and continued on page 5.



We get a glimpse of Joe in his earlier years. There was no mention of that guitar in our Bio of Joe, do you suppose he still plays?

If these walls
could talk ...

**Downtown Mural
LAUNCH PARTY!**

Saturday
October 25
2 - 4 PM

@ Holmes Street Tunnel
(intersection of Holmes St and 1st Ave)

2:00 Live Music by Loosely Wound
3:00 Mural Project Presentation
Art for kids, mural displays, and more!



Meet our Members, a Series of articles by Eileen Schmidt

In this October 2014 edition of our SHS Newsletter we are featuring our president, Joe Collins.

Joe is not a native of Shakopee or for that matter of Minnesota. He hails from the East coast, the state of Massachusetts from the historic town of Hingham, 15 miles south of Boston. The

town was named after a village in England's county of Norfolk where most of the first colonists came from, including President Abraham Lincoln's ancestor Samuel Lincoln.

Joe is of Swedish and Irish ancestry. His Swedish family (Svenson) came to Boston around 1885. Joe is the only child of William and Joan Collins. He was born March 18, 1973. He was named after his grandparents, Joseph and Josephine Collins. The Collins family members have worked for The Patriot Ledger Newspaper. His father, William was head pressman at the newspaper for 32 years and his mother, Joan worked for the state of Massachusetts. At the present time his aunt and uncle are employed with the newspaper.

Hingham was also the location of the Bethlehem Hingham Shipyards that were constructed for shipbuilding during WWII. His grandparent's home in Quincy MA, the home of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams also had a shipyard where many famous warships were built. The shipyard in Quincy was across the street from Joe's grandparent's home. His grandparents worked in the shipyard during WWII.

Joe grew up surfing the south shores of Mass. and Rhode Island beaches. As a child he and his family would go to their cottage near Plymouth Rock, the traditional site of the Mayflower pilgrims landing.

No wonder he became interested in things from the past, he grew up in area where most other people go to visit to learn about our country's history.

Joe attended the local grade schools and Blue Hills High School with a degree in drafting, 1991. After high school he traveled some. He then entered college in West Virginia, where he earned an Associate's degree in architectural drafting in 1993. Later he went on to attend NDSU in Fargo, ND where he earned 2 degrees, BA in Landscape Architecture and BA in Urban Design 1999. At NDSU he met his wife, Darci. Darci is from Monticello, MN. They married and moved back to the Boston area for about four years. Their first child, daughter Juniper was born there, Coral their second child, Coral Violet in Shakopee at St. Francis Hospital.

Joe is a licensed Landscape Architect in the state of MN having passed his exams in 2006.

When it came time for them to purchase a house they were looking for an older home, a "fixer upper" that had some local history associated with it, and a backyard for the kids to play in. They found a house in Shakopee on Fifth Street that matched all the things they were looking for. Since then they have been involved in renovating their home yearly. Their home was featured in the SHS House Tour in 2009. The home originally was the home of the Rein family from Shakopee. The Rein family came to tour the house during the house tour and was able to tell Joe more about the house.

Joe's interest in history and architecture led him to the SHS. He visited the SHS booth during Derby Days, the year of our Sesquicentennial. There he met Don Wagner and Jay Whiting and as we say, "the rest is history." He thoroughly enjoys being part of the SHS and is most interested in talking with people and helping them learn more about the history and the architecture of their house.

Joe has been a member of the SHS since 2005 and has held various positions with the society. His enthusiasm, knowledge and good will have been an asset to our society and we thank him for his dedication and service to the SHS.

He is past chair and is still active on the Shakopee City Planning Commission, active in MN. chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects, active in Sensible Land Use Coalition and Active in Urban Land Institute and is past adjunct instructor at ITT tech Civil Drafting, 2008-2012.

Once again, "thank you" Joe for all that you do for our society.

October of 1864 Daniel Storer's diary or journal contained the following:

October 1st to 3rd. Cold and rained a good deal. The Hon. Wm. Windom, our Senator in Congress addressed the people the 3rd. It was Market Fair Day and there were a good many people here and a good many drunk.

4th to 8th. Cool and trade dull. The price of most kinds of goods are coming down very fast.

9th. Sunday. Was very sick with diarrhea and piles.

10th to 13th. Cool but pleasant. The music society met at my house the 13th. The Grand Master, Mr. Powers of Winona, of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the state of Minnesota was here the 13th. We have to turn over the effects of the Kings Lodge over to him and over \$40 in the treasury. Got a boy by the name of Schmidt to work for me the 11th.

14th to 19th. Cold. Went to St. Paul the 18th with Mr. P. Greenleaf. Goods are somewhat lower than they were a while ago.

20th. Have been keeping store just one year today. Am now giving 3# of brown sugar for \$1. Fell from \$1.80 to \$2.30 per # and other things in proportion.

21st to 31st. Cold the most of the time and trade dull. There was a party at the American House the 22nd for the benefit of the soldier's widows and families. G. B. Gardner has got home from the south sick.

Daniel Storer came to Shakopee August 10th 1853 and earned his living primarily as a carpenter and mostly by building homes stores churches etc. He switched careers later buying and running a grocery store in Shakopee. He kept a journal almost daily starting in his home in new England at age 19 up until his death January 13th 1905 here in Shakopee.

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