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GIVE TO THE MAX DAY!

Please support the Pond Dakota Heritage Society on Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 12, 2015. We invite you to make a tax-deductible donation of any size to support our programs, lectures, events, and publications.

Donations of \$25 or more made on November 12 will be matched up to a total of \$500 by an anonymous donor, so please give generously!

Giving is easy! Just use a credit card online at <https://givemn.org/organization/Pond-Dakota-Heritage-Society>. Please note that the online site is intended for donations only, not membership renewals.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pond Dakota Heritage Society. If you have any questions, please contact ponddakota@gmail.com.



River Rendezvous

Thursday September 24, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.

One of the finest living history events in the Midwest returns to Pond Dakota Mission Park in Bloomington! 48 costumed reenactors will demonstrate 19th century life including Native American dance performances, pioneer life, early trades and crafts, plants and animals, the fur trade, wilderness skills, and fun and games through authentic hands-on experiences. Tours of the restored 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House will be given throughout the evening. Admission is \$6, children under 4 are free. For more info visit www.BloomingtonMN.gov or call Mark Morrison at 952-563-8693.

Events at Pond Dakota Mission Park

The Pond House is open year round on Sundays from 1:30 – 4 p.m. Admission to programs and tours is free for Pond Dakota Heritage Society members and youth through high school. Suggested donation of \$2 for non-member adults.

OCTOBER

Open House Sunday, October 4, 1:30-4 pm

During house tours today, hear the story of Baptist minister Rev. Palmer, who paid a visit to Gideon Pond in the fall of 1871 to announce a Baptist meeting that evening. Discover Gideon's lack of ecumenicalism!

Bow Making Sunday, October 11 Drop-In program, 2 – 4 pm

See a variety of hand-made bows and arrows, and learn about primitive bow and arrow making from Two Knaps, a 19th century bowyer portrayed by Howard Bork. Watch how sinew cordage is made, and make your own natural cordage to take home. Howard is an outdoorsman, avid bow hunter, and bow maker who has been active in archery and hunting for 60 years. House tours 1:30—4 pm.

“Stephen R. Riggs & the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux” Sunday, October 18, 2 pm

Missionary Stephen Riggs played a prominent role in the negotiation and signing of the treaties that opened the Minnesota Territory to a flood of immigrant-settlers. His life-long vocation as a Christian missionary and his work to develop a written Dakota language are still significant today. Howard J. Vogel is Professor Emeritus at Hamline University School of Law, where he teaches Restorative Justice in the Dispute Resolution Institute. House tours at 1:30 and 3:30 pm.

Open House & Agnes's Sewing Circle Sunday, October 25, 1:30-4 pm

Join Agnes Hopkins Pond (portrayed in costume by Sheila Smith) for a tour of the historic Pond House, and after your tour enjoy cookies and conversation in the parlor. If you have knitting, crocheting, darning, or other small projects, bring them along! All ages are welcome.

NOVEMBER

Beading with Carol Charging Thunder

Drop-in program, 2-4 pm. Sunday, November 1
Watch a demonstration of Native beading, then make your own bead project to take home. Lakota artist and St. Paul resident Carol Charging Thunder has been beading for over 50 years. Some of her beadwork has been exhibited at the Tweed Museum of Art in Duluth. House tours 1:30—4 pm.

Open House Sunday, November 8, 1:30-4 pm

During tours of the Pond House, hear about Chief Cloudman's hunting party in the fall of 1835, which included Samuel Pond. Samuel's account includes fascinating and hilarious stories you won't want to miss!

“Many stories still untold: A new Vision for Historic Fort Snelling” Sunday, November 15, 2 pm

Tom Pfannenstiel, current Site Manager, will present plans for a commemoration of the bicentennial of the Fort in 2020. Tom has been with the Minnesota Historical Society in various capacities since 1998. House tours at 1:30 and 3:30 pm.

Open House Sunday, November 22, 1:30-4 pm

On this date 177 years ago, Samuel Pond wedded Cordelia Eggleston at the mission house at Lake Harriet. While touring the Pond House, hear the details of this well-documented event, “the first marriage of white people in civilized form within the present limits of Minneapolis.”

Open House Sunday, November 29, 1:30-4 pm

On November 27, 1850, Gideon traveled to St. Paul to pick up the first edition of *The Dakota Friend*, the bilingual newspaper that he published for two years in English and Dakota. During tours today, see an original copy of the newspaper, find out why it was published and why it was discontinued.

DECEMBER

The Story of One Family's Experiences in the 1862 U.S. – Dakota War. Sunday, December 6, 2 pm

Dan Munson will relate the inspiring story of Johan and Catherine Kochendorfer, who moved their family to Minnesota in 1857. Letters and photos give a rich portrait of their difficult, but also heartwarming story. Dan is the author of *Malice Toward None: Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, the Homestead Act, and the Massacre*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. House tours at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Open House Sunday, December 13, 1:30-4 pm

Gideon and Sarah's third daughter, Mary Margaret Poage Pond, was born in the Pond brothers' cabin in Bloomington in 1845. See the Pond family's crib, high chair and other baby items during house tours today.

Christmas Celebration Sunday, December 20 Drop-in Program 2-4 pm

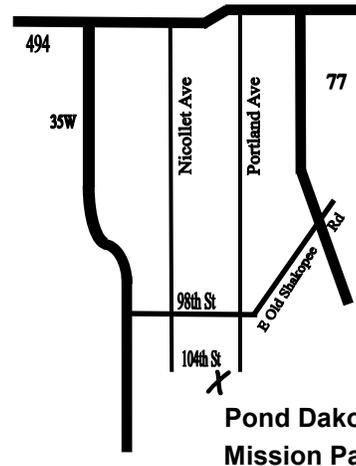
Join us as we gather 'round the pump organ to sing Christmas carols and hear Rev. Gideon Pond, portrayed by a costumed re-enactor, read excerpts from his 1862 Christmas sermon. Make a Christmas ornament to take home. Free hot cider, cocoa, tea, and Christmas treats will be served.

Open House Sunday, December 27, 1:30-4 pm

In the Dakota tradition of storytelling in winter, hear a reading in the Dakota language of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle after your tour of the historic Pond House.



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401 East 104th Street
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Interpretive signs describing the history of the Dakota in the Minnesota River Valley, and Gideon and Samuel Pond, missionaries who arrived in 1834, are located along the walking trails in the park. The 1856 Gideon and Agnes Pond House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park is open daily until 10 pm.

For more information about Pond Dakota Mission Park or private tours of the Gideon and Agnes Pond House, contact Mark Morrison, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, 952-563-8693, or mmorrison@BloomingtonMN.gov.

More about the Pond House at
www.BloomingtonMN.gov



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Pond Dakota Heritage Society

The Pond Dakota Heritage Society discovers, preserves, promotes, and shares historical knowledge about the Dakota and white settlements in Minnesota in the 1800s. PDHS sponsors programs, lectures, and events for all ages, many of which are held at the Gideon and Agnes Pond House, which is owned and operated by the City of Bloomington. Annual Membership: Individual \$20, Household \$30, Sustaining \$100-\$499, Benefactor \$500 or more. For more info, email ponddakota@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/PondDakota.

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PDHS Officers for 2015

President - Sheila Strobel Smith
Vice-President – Stephen Osman
Secretary – Rod Myers
Treasurer - Jay Ludwig
Members at Large - Larry Granger,
Vonda Kelly, Jeff Williamson,
Candy Williamson

2015 PDHS Business Meeting Announcement

The annual business meeting of the Pond Dakota Heritage Society will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the historic Gideon and Agnes Pond House. There are 2 important items on the agenda for consideration by the members as required in the Bylaws.

- Election of board members for 2016
- Review and approval the financial budget for 2016

Only members who have paid dues in 2015 are eligible to vote.

See you there!

