

☆☆☆ Alexandria Sesquicentennial Association ☆☆☆

Information ☆ Calendar/Schedule ☆ Media Contact List

(As of May 15, 2008)

For more information, contact President Jeanne Batesole at 763-3393, Vice President Julie Zuehlke at 763-7789, Treasurer Carol Juul at 762-4706 (Bremer Bank) or State Ambassador Rachel Barduson at 762-0382 (Douglas County Historical Society).

MEDIA CONTACTS for specific events are listed ON THE SCHEDULE BELOW

"ALEX-150" SESQUICENTENNIAL HEADQUARTERS:

Douglas County Historical Society - Knute Nelson House - 1219 Nokomis Ave.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HOSPITALITY CENTER:

Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce - 206 Broadway Ave.

WEB SITE location for updated information: www.paulajackson.info

ONGOING ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS

MEMORABILIA, KEEPSAKES, COLLECTIBLES, SOUVENIRS - On sale at Historical Society Headquarters

Many items with historical themes including Sesquicentennial merchandise: numbered crocks and pottery mugs, ornaments, shirts, tank tops, coins, buttons, soup mugs, coffee mugs, caps, books, etc.

Merchandise also on sale at most Sesquicentennial events in June, July and August

SPECIAL SERIES OF NUMBERED 2-GAL. CROCKS cast by Red Wing Pottery and featuring Court House Logo for the Sesquicentennial will be **available ONLY through auction** at certain events. These are noted on the schedule

BUTTON SALES

"Heritage Buttons" (Kids' Contest Winning Design) available at downtown merchants, and at Sesquicentennial events
(Media contact: Julie Zuehlke 763-7789)

BEARD CONTEST registration open until June 27

Registration and host headquarters @ [Kyle's Barbershop](#) on Broadway for the "Society of Whiskered Gentlemen"
Beards can be grown especially for the contest OR already existing.

Sesquicentennial Events & Related Activities ("Pre-Fest")

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| May 11 – 17 | "Statehood Week" commemorating Minnesota's 150 th anniversary |
| May 12 & 13 (Mon/Tues)
6:30 p.m. | Auditions for Sesquicentennial Pageant
AAAA Theatre: " <i>Good Deeds and Great People</i> " (Alexandria history theme) |
| May 13 (Tuesday) 7 p.m. | Author Annette Atkins: <i>Creating Minnesota – A History from the Inside Out</i>
Cherry Street Books, 5 th & Broadway |
| May 21 (Wednesday)
(2 p.m. & 6 p.m.) | "History Hayride" through downtown and historic neighborhoods
Tour Guide Rachel Barduson, Historical Society, 1219 Nokomis
Register @ Community Educ. 762-2149 |
| May 24 (Saturday) | Heritage Fest - part of the Chamber " Awake the Lakes Festival " (###)
(Media contact: Historical Society)
150th Anniversary Crock (Numbered) - Silent Auction Bids - one crock only
Wear-a-Button - Put your name into a free drawing for ALEX-150 prizes |
| May 27 (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m. | "Aprons & Hats" 150 years worth of "fashions" in these ladies accessories
Presented by Rachel Barduson of the Historical Society (1219 Nokomis)
Register @ Community Educ. 762-2149 |

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“ALEX-150” - - Sesquicentennial Events (“Main Festival”)

- Mon. June 2** **Medallion Hunt starts** - sponsored by Pete’s County Market
 (Media Contact: Mark Klein 762-1158 mark@petescountymarket.com)
- Sat. June 7** **GRANDE PARADE** - 2:30 p.m. - 125th Anniversary of Alexandria Fire Department
 (Media Contact: Bill Thoennes 763-6678 parkdept@rea-alp.com)
- ALEX-150 Exhibit Debut** - 1:30 p.m. AAAA Theatre
 (Media contact: Historical Society or Friends of the Library)
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- Thur. June 12** **“Old Timers Tea & Storytelling”** - 2 p.m. - Nelson Gables Governor’s Room
 (Media contact: Historical Society or Nelson Gables)
- Sat. June 14** **Flag Day Ceremony** – 1 p.m. Veterans Memorial by Runestone Community Center
 Bring old flags for disposal (State or U.S.) Sponsored by American Legion
 (Media Contact: Owen Miller 763-4845 a-o@embarqmail.com)
- June 17-19, 24-28** **“Quilters”** - Theatre L' Homme Dieu
 (Media Contact: Melissa Moore 846-3150 tlhd@rea-alp.com)
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- Thur. June 19** **"Healing Gardens Dedication"** - Knute Nelson 2 - 4 p.m., program at 2:30 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Knute Nelson – 420 – 12th Ave. – 763-6653)
- Sat. June 21** **Holmes City Sesquicentennial Day** celebration - events all day, parade at 1:30 p.m.
Alexandria’s Largest Ice Cream Social - 1 - 4 p.m. at **Pete’s County Market** (sponsor)
AAAA Theatre “Good Deeds and Great People” 7:30 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Mary Risner 762-8300 aaaa@gctel.net)
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- Sun. June 22** **Church Service at City Park** - 11 a.m. - Hosted by **First Lutheran Church**
“Grand Opening” of Bath House following service at City Park (Media contact: DiAnn Ness)
Old Time Hymn Sing & Service - 2 p.m. at Spruce Hill Church
AAAA Theatre “Good Deeds and Great People” 2 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Mary Risner 762-8300 aaaa@gctel.net)
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- Mon. June 23** **“Vintage Profiles in Hair and Fashions 1858 - 2008”** - 3:30 p.m. - Bethesda Lutheran Church
 Sponsored by Hair Profiles and Relay for Life (Media contact: Clara Olson @ Hair Profiles)
- Tue. June 24** **“Time Capsule Day” on the Court House Lawn** - sponsored by **Douglas County Historical Society**
 (Media Contact: Rachel Barduson 762-0382 bardo@rea-alp.com)
12 -noon to dusk: Food, ice cream social and live entertainment including Runestone Rockettes, Big Band concert, children’s show from Theatre L’ Homme Dieu, Sweet Adelines and more.
 ALEX-150 merchandise & button sales. BRING LAWN CHAIRS for the day & evening.
5:30 p.m. Open Centennial Time Capsule buried in 1958, bury 2008 Time Capsule
 Evening Big Band concert, special guest speakers and historical oratory.
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- Wed. June 25** **Old Time Baseball Game** - Beetles v. St. Cloud - 6:05 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Erik Maas 763-8151 beetles@alexandriabeetles.com)
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- Fri. June 27** **AAAA Theatre “Good Deeds and Great People”** 7:30 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Mary Risner 762-8300 aaaa@gctel.net)
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- Sat. June 28** **“Day in the Fort”** - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - sponsored by Runestone Museum
 (Media Contact: Barb Grover 762-3160 grover6340@charter.net)
- Beard Contest Judging and Finale** -2:30 - sponsored by **Kyle’s Barber Shop**
150th Anniversary Crock (Numbered) - Silent Auction Bids - one crock only
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- Root Beer Float Concert** at Jefferson H.S. - 6 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Deb Rydberg 763-3161 drydberg@alexandriamn.org)
 Norwegian bands - sponsored by Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
- AAAA Theatre “Good Deeds and Great People”** 7:30 p.m.
 (Media Contact: Mary Risner 762-8300 aaaa@gctel.net)
150th Anniversary Crock (Numbered) - Silent Auction Bids - one crock only
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- Sun. June 29** **Vikingland Band Festival Parade** - 1:30 p.m. - sponsored by Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
 (Media Contact: Deb Rydberg 763-3161 drydberg@alexandriamn.org)

“ALEX-150” - - Sesquicentennial Events (“through the summer”)

- Sat. July 12** **Chain of Lakes Classic Boat Show** at Arrowwood Resort - sponsored by **Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum**
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- Sat. July 26** **Street Dance at Elks Club** - 6 p.m.
- July 26-27** **Art in the Park** - City Park - sponsored by Alexandria Area Arts Association
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- Sat. Aug. 2** **Brandon Parade**
- Thur. Aug. 7** **Douglas County Historical Society Open House** - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
150th Anniversary Crock (Numbered) - Silent Auction Bids - one crock only
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- Knute Nelson Community Picnic & 60th Anniversary Celebration**
 Entertainment - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Lunch 11 - 1)
 420 - 12th Ave. E.
- Aug. 14 - 17** **Douglas County Fair**
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- Aug. 23 – Sept. 1** **State Fair** 2008 theme: “Happy Birthday Minnesota”
- Fri. Aug. 29** **Boats, Blues & BBQ** - 6 - 11 p.m. - Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum
 Live entertainment, cash bar, fundraiser
- Tue. Sept. 30** **“Old Minnesota: Song of the North”** - 7:30 p.m. - Glenwood Central Square
 Theatre presentation rescheduled from April snow date

(Commemorative 2-gal crocks – information follows)

DATES & LOCATIONS for AUCTIONS of SPECIAL SERIES OF NUMBERED Sesquicentennial 2-GAL. CROCKS

**ONLY 14 of the 25 numbered crocks are available to the public
at auction on these dates and places:**

Cast by Red Wing Pottery and featuring Court House Logo for the Sesquicentennial will be **available ONLY through auction** at the events listed below.

The original unnumbered “proof copy” of this specially-cast crock will go to the Douglas County Historical Society. Other special numbers are already designated to be purchased by the Museum, Chamber, and other organizations including the Alexandria Sesquicentennial Association.

***Proceeds from these sales will help fund ALEX-150 activities
plus benefit the community directly from the profits.***

May 24 - Heritage Fest - Sesquicentennial Booth

June 7 - Grande Parade - Sesquicentennial Booth and/or AAAA Theater Box Office

June 21 - AAAA Theatre Box Office – performance of “Good Deeds, Great People”

June 22 - AAAA Theatre Box Office – performance of “Good Deeds, Great People”

June 24 - Time Capsule Day - Sesquicentennial Booth

June 25 - Beetles Game - Sesquicentennial Booth

June 27 - AAAA Theatre Box Office – performance of “Good Deeds, Great People”

June 28 - AAAA Theatre Box Office – performance of “Good Deeds, Great People”

June 28 - “Day in the Fort”

July 12 - Boat Show - Sesquicentennial Booth

July 26-27 - Art in the Park - Sesquicentennial Booth

August 7 - Historical Society Open House

August 14-17 - County Fair - Sesquicentennial Exhibit in Heritage Building

**ONE OTHER DATE “in reserve” WILL BE ANNOUNCED
FOR THE FINAL AUCTION OF THE LAST COMMEMORATIVE CROCK**

ONGOING LOCATIONS and during scheduled events for the bidding (some sealed bids, some open-list silent auction) will be located at The AAAA Theater, Theatre L’Homme Dieu, the Runestone Museum/Chamber Office and the Historical Society.