

Coming together to preserve Pine City's history

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The newly elected seven-member board of the Pine City Area History Association. Front row from left: Wendy Johnson, Judy Scholin and Mary Babolik. Back row from left: Rob Shuey, Ed Stoffel, Jennifer Krinke and Richard Lindig. Photo by Shirley Schmidt.

A group of local citizens passionate about the Pine City area has come together to celebrate and preserve Pine City's rich history. The recently formed Pine City Area History Association plans to work closely with the Pine County Historical Society focusing specifically on the Pine City area.

On May 20, the group was formalized by the election of a seven-member board. The board will elect officers at their first meeting. A formal organization will make raising and managing funds possible. One of the first actions of the board will be to set membership dues.

"There needs to be a more organized means of preserving the area's history for future generations," Dick Lindig observed. He went on to say, "This group could start with low-budget items such as old pictures to display in public buildings."

The group has engaged in many discussions about how historical items and photographs can be preserved along with where and how they might be displayed. Following are some of the ideas the members considered.

Articles with historical significance should be processed and photographed. Image and information databases need to be developed.

Locations for displays were discussed. The work of this group can be an asset for the Askov facility. Large items should be photographed and sent to the Askov museum. Small items could be displayed locally. A mobile display could be created.

This group could be responsible for receiving and processing historical objects that are submitted by persons with Pine City roots. Local citizens could receive assistance with preserving their family history.

Anyone interested in joining the Pine City Area History Association is welcome to attend meetings that will be announced in the Pine City Pioneer Happenings column. For more information, contact Judy Scholin at (320) 629-6425.