

Our Mission

People of the present day can learn about how to direct the future of the City of St. Michael by revisiting the path taken by those who came before us. Honoring the contributions of our forefathers and mothers and preserving their artifacts can help us remember their hard work in establishing our City's strong foundation. We hope it can inspire us to persevere in the work they began.



St. Michael's first fire truck taken in late 1920s down by the old Millside bridge. Allen J. Jaeb, Oscar Dehmer, others not known.

Preserving Our History



Leon Kilian pulling, Harry Duerr with whip, Hank Westphal sitting in front of Hank Westphal's Barbershop. Late 1920s. House earlier owned by Art Kasper, later by Jim Vordenburgen.

Special points of interest:

- Mission Statement
- We need your farm photos
- Historical Society Beginnings
- "Village at Dusk" Fundraiser
- Sign up for Membership

Meetings for 2006

April 3, 2006

May 1, 2006

June 5, 2006

Aug 7, 2006

Aug 28, 2006

Sept. 25, 2006

Nov 6, 2006

Dec 4, 2006

Meetings are 7:00 at City Hall.
Anyone is welcome.

Aerial Photos Needed

We need your help. We are looking for aerial photos of the farms in St. Michael. Former farms that are now housing developments would also be welcome. If you know of any existing photos, please call St. Michael Historical Society at [763] 497-2041. We will make a copy of your originals and return them to you. Photos will be scanned at September 25th meeting at City Hall. We would also welcome family and historical photos and stories of people who have lived in this area for a long time.



Collecting,
Preserving and
Sharing the
History of the City
of St. Michael



In front of Dehmer Meats smokehouse in the 1920s. Oscar Dehmer, Art Eull, Veronica Eull [Barthel] called Froennie, Olivia Barthel, boy unknown, John Zahler.

Historical Society Beginnings

The first meeting for the St. Michael Historical Society was April 11, 2005. The Society incorporated on July 29th and received membership with the Minnesota Historical Society in August. Tax-Exempt status was granted in early 2006.

We had a booth at Heritage Day and Fall Festival September 2005. Tours of the Historic Church were shown and a video of the 1990 Centennial celebration of the City of St. Michael. A pamphlet with a brief history of St. Michael was made available. New members joined and photos were shared. The November 7th meeting included a slide presentation of St. Michael in 1900 by Bob Zahler, about 50 people attended. On December 5th Bob Zahler gave an aerial slide presentation of St. Michael in 1954 with about 35 people attending.

In August we received several photos of Home Talent Plays and Actors Play Books. We began identifying the people in the pictures and plan to make a scrapbook. Also in August we received five items of memorabilia of the St. Michael Catholic Historic Church.

On February 6th, 2006 we began collecting photos of farms in the St. Michael area and will be making a scrapbook of them. Also on February 6th Doug Ohman gave a slide presentation on Barns of Minnesota. The Society has accomplished much in this first year. St. Michael City Hall graciously provided a meeting room, mailing address, phone with voice mail and helped with the filing fees. We are grateful for their support and to the St. Michael America Legion for their donation. We also would like to thank the St. Michael Historical Church Preservation Committee and the St. Michael Lions for partnering with us at the Heritage Day & Fall Festival last September.



“Village at Dusk”

The St. Michael Historical Society has commissioned SPELTZ STUDIO OF WILDLIFE to produce an original oil painting that depicts a St. Michael Street Scene from 1910 called “Village at Dusk.” The romantic sunrise scene showcases the picturesque Downtown architectural area. This historical rendition includes the Golden Corner Hotel and Saloon est.1897; the Old Telephone Building est.1910; Zachman-Blom General Merchandise Store and Post Office est. 1878; Village Hall est.1904; H.W. Dick Implement est. 1906; St. Michael State Bank est. 1905; Church Rectory est.1881; and Historic Church of St. Michael est.1890.

Speltz Studio produces a limited edition set of lithography prints from each original painting. These prints are hand-signed and numbered for authenticity. When matted, the print size becomes a standard 16"x20". These prints can be personalized with your choice of pencil Remarque sketch. Family name or children’s names can be added. Proceeds will benefit the newly founded Historical Society to establish a museum fund for a future library and archival storage area for historical photos and data.

J.D. Speltz has produced an abundant collection of favorite landmark scenes from across the United States. The studio has been the recipient of ten state stamps and six national awards. Each original painting displays their time-consuming style and a story told dramatically in glowing colors. In every painting you will find a number of small sparrows somewhere on the canvas. These represent the less visible people who play a part in the development of the project.

The prints will retail for \$35.00 each. Mats and frames from Speltz Studio can also be purchased for a reasonable price. For more information or to order a nostalgic collector print call St. Michael Historical Society at [763]497-2041 or Lisa Marx at [763]497-3597 or Rose Ann Gindele at [763]295-2714

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We need your photos and stories

If we don't record it, some history will be lost forever.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Dues

Renewal
New Member
Individual/Family\$ 10.00
Business\$ 25.00

I have also enclosed an additional tax deductible contribution of ..
\$ _____

SMHS General
Operating Endowment
Fund tax deductible
Contribution... \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (optional) _____ - _____ - _____

Please make checks payable to:

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Contributions to the St. Michael Historical Society are tax deductible in accordance with IRS tax codes.

We welcome your comments or memorabilia.