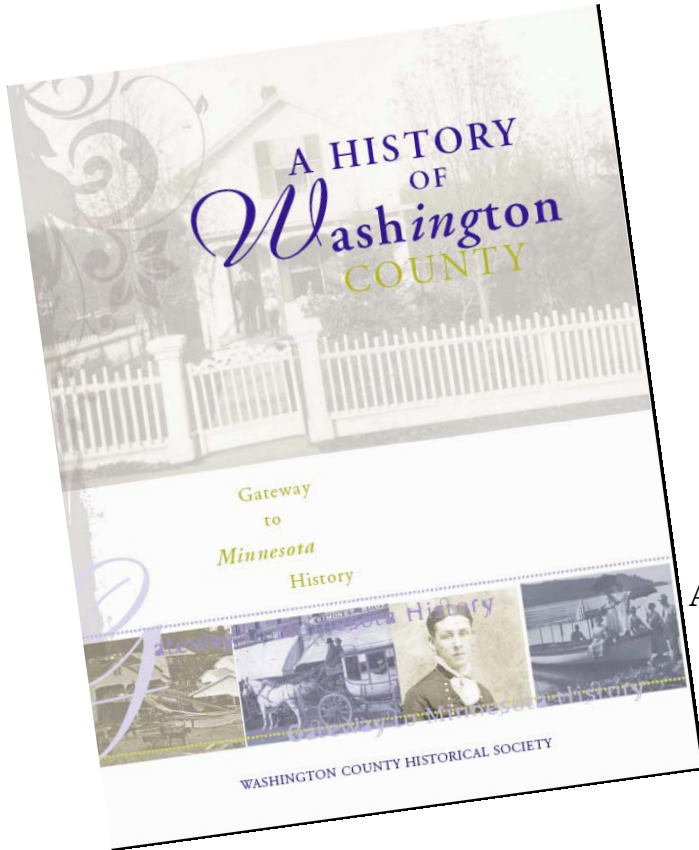


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Authors Showcase Local History at the Washington County Fair

Authors meet the public August 1 & 2

Meet the authors and learn about the soon-to-be-released, commemorative *Washington County History* written and updated by author Robert Goodman

Stillwater, Minn. – Local history will take center stage during the Washington County Fair, July 30 to August 3 in Lake Elmo, as authors share stories about the county’s colorful past and history’s lasting legacy evident still today.

The WCHS exhibit and booth in *Building C* will be open from 10 a.m. daily.

Residents will learn more about the much-awaited, soon-to-be-released *Washington County History*, authored by Robert Goodman, a Stillwater resident and WCHS board member. The new local history book, only the third comprehensive edition to be written, will be available in early August. Pre-order forms will be available for the new book at the WCHS Exhibit in Building C. Also, please visit www.wchsmn.org for the latest information on availability.

The author line-up during the opening weekend includes:

- Authors Bob and Nancy Goodman will be at the fair booth on Friday August 1 and Saturday August 2 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to answer questions about the new *Washington County History* being published in August. They also will sign copies of

their past works *Joseph R. Brown: Adventurer and Paddlewheels on the Upper Mississippi 1823-1854*.

- On Saturday, from 1- 4 p.m. author and WCHS Board member Duane Thein will be at the booth signing copies of his book, *Father Joseph Goiffon: Tale of A French Missionary*.
- Stillwater author Brent Peterson will be available Saturday, August 1 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. signing copies of his popular book, *Stillwater: The Next Generation*.

Fairgoers will be able to obtain histories on a number of communities such as Forest Lake, Oakdale, Scandia, Afton, Stillwater, and Newport; and other works on Minnesota ghost stories, Stillwater Prison history, and a whole lot more. And, a limited number of WCHS sesquicentennial mugs and medallions will be available, too.

Fairgoers can also learn more about the extensive WCHS collections on a diverse number of subjects from family genealogy, with extensive photo, yearbook, city directory, rural school, and biographical resources; to collections of textiles, logging industry information, military uniforms, various collections of birth/death/prison and jail records, as well as 3D artifacts from pioneer days, and information on early businesses that have survived in one form or another to the present.

Please visit www.wchsmn.org throughout the year for the latest exciting news about sesquicentennial activities commemorating our shared heritage.

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