

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News Release

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2009 Lumberjack Days Button Available

Stillwater, Minn. – The 2009 Lumberjack Days Button is now available!

This year's button features the traditional Lumberjack riding on a log during the spring drive to the St. Croix Boom. One unique feature of the traditional Lumberjack is that on his shirt there are the initials "R.T." for the late Robert [Bob] Thompson, who helped revive Lumberjack Days in the late 1960s.

This year also represents the seventy-fifth anniversary of the beginning of Lumberjack Days. "Tradition is what Lumberjack Days celebrates," said Brent Peterson, Executive Director of the Washington County Historical Society, "it is only fitting to have the traditional lumberjack on the button with the memory of Bob Thompson who gave Stillwater so much over the course of his life."

The button was designed by Stephen Whetstine, aka Blue Bird, who is a classically trained illustrator and designer. A full time artist and director of One Blue Bird Studio, he moved to Minnesota in 2007 and enjoys exploring and drawing inspiration from the state he now considers home. To check out his many other wonderful pieces or to contact him, please visit his website at www.onebluebird.com.

If you are planning to find the Lumberjack Day's Treasure, you will only receive the full prize money if you have a 2009 Lumberjack Days button. The first clue for the treasure hunt will be read at the kick off party at the Historic Courthouse on Wednesday July 22nd.

The buttons are available at the Stillwater City Hall, Stillwater Chamber of Commerce and the Warden's House Museum. The cost of the button is \$3 and all proceeds from the sales of the button go to the Washington County Historical Society.

For more information, please contact the Washington County Historical Society at (651) 439-5956.

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