

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News Release

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Students Selected for Washington County Historical Society Summer Internship Program

Stillwater, Minn. – The Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) has hired three college students for the Society's summer internship program.

The internship program is a mixture of training and hands-on experience. The intern will learn about the day-to-day operations of a small history museum, including exhibit display and design, collections care, and preservation of artifacts. The interns will also be able to attend board meetings, participate in fundraising activities, and assist with Society sponsored events.

All three 2010 summer interns desire careers in the field of history.

Bryan Karban attends the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities where he is majoring in History and Political Science. His interest in history extends beyond the dates and events and encompasses what history means to us contemporarily and what it meant in the past. This summer Karban will be working at the Hay Lake Museum Complex in Scandia and will be creating a display on a day in the life of a student at Hay Lake School.

Sarah Marrs attends St. Olaf College where she is majoring in American Studies and Mathematics. She has worked as intern with the Northfield Historical Society and as a Gallery Supervisor at the Science Museum of Minnesota. Marrs has been on the Dean's List and was awarded several scholarships during her academic career. This summer Marrs will be working at the Warden's House Museum in Stillwater and will be creating a Washington County coloring book intended for use by elementary school students.

Whitney Schecher just graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison with a Bachelor's Degree in History. She has worked as a volunteer for the

Wisconsin State Historical Society and hopes to pursue a career in the museum field. This summer Schecher will be working at the Warden's House Museum in Stillwater researching and creating an exhibit on fashion through the ages.

"The internships enable students to gain first-hand knowledge of the workings of an established historical society," said Kirsta Benson Sanchez, WCHS Historic Sites Supervisor. "If you are passing through Stillwater or Scandia, stop by the Warden's House Museum or Hay Lake School Museum Complex and visit with one of the new interns. They will be eager to show you around."

The internships are made possible by an annual grant donated by the DeLonais Foundation.

Washington County Historical Society collects, preserves, and disseminates the history of the county and state of Minnesota.

Founded in 1934, the Washington County Historical Society is a donor-supported, nonprofit organization with more than 700 individual, family, and business members. WCHS is supported by individual gifts, membership fees, and foundation grants. For more information, please visit www.wchsmn.org.