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Board of Directors Announce 2022-23 Slate of Officers

The Board of Directors met for their regularly scheduled meeting on the 10th of February. Following the Bylaws, Board President, LaVon Worley convened this first meeting of the new fiscal year by calling for election of officers for the new year. A poll of the current officers in addition to Worley were Mike Bloomer, Vice President; Don Weiss, Treasurer; and Paula Logan, Secretary. Worley asked for a continuation of this slate for the new year. All were willing to serve. Worley then asked for nominations for any of the positions from the remainder of the board members. There being no additional nominations, Worley called for a vote to retain the current officers for another year. All were in favor.

The Board has several major projects in the works for the coming year. In addition to completion of the Columbia Street entrance at the Heritage Museum, work is needed to be done at the Garrett-Phelps House. The front steps will require adaptation to meet safety standards. The back 2-story porch must be gutted and rebuilt. Both projects require guidance from the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Burlington.

The DMCHS Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month. They strive to provide direction to staff and volunteers in order to achieve their stated mission and purpose while providing both educational and entertaining events for the community.

“Blame Not the Bard” Returns with Tunes, Talk & Laughter

The Iowa born, Irish rooted “Blame Not the Bard” will make their 3rd appearance at the Bart Howard Lounge Friday, March 18.

For those of you who haven't had the “luck of the Irish” to see Blame Not the Bard before, they are a high-energy trio determined to get your feet moving and hands clapping. Armed with Irish song, stories, and fiddling, Blame Not the Bard will bring you an evening of down-to-earth entertainment you won't soon forget!

Since their formation in 2015, Blame Not the Bard has journeyed throughout Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and South Dakota to bring the stories of Ireland to audiences large and small. At both prior performances it was virtually impossible to find an audience member who was not tapping their toes, clapping their hands or singing along with Nikki, Andrew and Corey as they mesmerized the crowd.

Tickets to the performance are \$10 each and can be purchased in person during Heritage Museum hours, Tue-Sat 10 to 3 or with credit card by calling 319.752.7449. Tickets purchased in

advance of the March 18 date, will receive one free drink at the Miss Lilly Steamboat Bar. The door will open at 6pm and the band will play beginning at 7pm.

[The group was the on stage at the BHL just 3 short nights before COVID locked DMCHS down back on March 14, 2020].



Bird's Eye View

This year Burlington will host two cruise lines, the American Queen and Viking Steamship Companies. What a coup for our local economy and tourism!

If the weather and that nasty pandemic cooperate, thousands of visitors will enter our museums for the first time!

Our Exhibit Committee is working to freshen up a few of our existing displays and will debut a few new ones this year. Of local interest will be a feature about influential women of Burlington. It is amazing how many ladies have been

nominated for this exhibit. It will be hard to pick just 10 to get started with.

The donor wall signifying all those who made gifts to repurpose the building into a museum has been refreshed; more local families are being added to the Family Story Gallery; its going to be great!

Often members forget they receive free admission to the Heritage Museum. Please come visit us soon; check our Gift Shop and enjoy a day immersed in the history of our great community!



Robin

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Carrie

It's For Your Enjoyment!



Kaela

The Events/Programs Committee has been working to schedule a variety of both educational and entertainment events—and so far they are hitting it out of the ballpark!

Town Meetings are set for each month through October and a few more may pop up as speakers and performers are locking in dates. Dates and topics planned are as follows: March 5, Don Weiss- Wildflowers of Southeast Iowa; April 2, Lori Carnes-Raptor Resource Project; May 7, Rodney Botts– Burlington Street Cars; June 4– Burton Prugh and Alex Sekowski, Funeral Customs; July 2– Paul French, Historic Maps of Burlington; August 6– Terry Petersen and John Ramsey, Duck Decoys; September 3– Craig Smith, Crystal Lake Club; and October 8– Robin Schneiderman, Iowa GenWeb. Each program will be held in the event room on the lower level of the Heritage Museum and will begin at 1pm. For more information on any of the topics, visit our Facebook page or call the museum at 319.752.7449.

Music Bingo with Cokeena will return on April 22nd. This fun filled evening of “Bingo for your Ears” will feature three unique games of bingo for \$10 per person! There will be drink specials from 6 to 7pm when the games begin! If you haven't attended one of these unique cabaret style evenings, you are missing out on a great show—and cash prizes awarded in each game.

More performances are slated for this spring and summer in the Bart Howard Lounge, be sure to follow our calendar for details.

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March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	3 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm Mt. Rushmore dedicated 1933	4 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	5 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm Town Meeting with Don Weiss 1pm
		6 Silly Putty invented 1950	7	8 New York Stock Exchange founded 1817	9 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	10 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 Eli Whitney patents the Cotton Gin 1794	15	16 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	17 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm St. Patrick's Day	18 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm Blame Not the Bard 6-9 pm	19 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm
20 First Day of Spring	21 Alcatraz Prison Closed 1963	22	23 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	24 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm Elvis Presley joins the army 1958	25 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm Concorde Jet makes first supersonic flight 1970	26 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm
27 Fingerprints first used as evidence in murder trial 1909	28	29 Coca Cola invented 1886	30 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	31 Heritage Museum open 10-3pm	For more fun and interesting historical facts visit www.holidayinsights.com	

Out of the Attic: Central Valley Dalton

Julie



Spring is coming, and cabin fever is strong among some. For others, the urge to get out and hunt for fossils, arrowheads and spear points is getting stronger by the day. And with good reason! As the ice and snow melt, they can expose fossils and projectiles that were previously hidden to human eyes.

The object below is new to the DMCHS collection and is made of Burlington chert that has been heated in a fire, and then allowed to cool before being worked with bone, stone, and antler tools into its current shape. It has also caused a lot of confusion amongst the experts who have seen it.

There are several sub-types of the Dalton Complex Projectile Points. Not everyone agrees on which sub-types are valid, and which ones are not. Our projectile falls into the grey area in between. One expert thought that it could be an Upper Valley Dalton, or possibly a Northern Valley Dalton, while another thought that it could be a really beaten up Clovis. And, as of the date of this writing, the debate as to whether or not either the UVD or NVD sub types even exist is ongoing.

The Dalton Complex culture are thought to have been a successive culture to the Clovis, who are thought to have been among the first peoples in North America. There are a lot of similarities between Clovis and Dalton lithics (stone projectile points), which can lead to confusion, as is evidenced by our object.

The projectile was likely lashed to an atlatl dart, and was used to hunt game about 10,000 years ago +/- by the Paleo people who were among the first to inhabit Des Moines County. We know that they were hunter-gatherers, and left few traces behind for future archeologists to study. To date, there are no known Dalton or Clovis camp sites in the county.

What is even more confusing about the projectile is that we don't know who collected it, when they found it, or where. We do know that the projectile is part of a larger collection of lithics and stone/rock samples that were recently donated with no background information. We think that it was collected in Des Moines County, as other similar lithics have been found in the area.

Want to find a similar lithic of your own? The experts recommend walking freshly ploughed fields, or waterways after the spring floods recede. They also stressed that you make sure that you have permission to walk private property when artifact hunting. Also, make sure that if you are hunting public lands, that collecting is allowed.

Want to see objects from Out of the Attic, Ask an Expert, or From the Archives in person? Visit the Heritage Museum and see the rotating display!

Photo Credit: Don Weiss



Volunteers.... WE NEED YOU!

The closer it gets to spring the more excited we are about opening the Garrett-Phelps House and Crapo Park Log Cabin for the season. Perhaps you would be willing to serve as a docent at one of the museums from 1 to 4pm on Sundays from May through October? If you haven't participated before, it is a great chance to shine a light on two of Burlington's finest treasures. Training (and cheat sheets) is provided. It's a nice way to spend an afternoon talking to friends and making some new ones as well. For information, contact lindah@dmchs.org or call Linda at the museum 319.752.7449.



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“Downtown Freddie” Brown



Linda

One doesn't have to go very far to see Des Moines County can bring out the best in its people. While not born in Burlington, Fred Brown had a major impact in the world of basketball.

Anyone around Des Moines County and in particular at a Southeastern Community College (formerly known as Burlington Junior College) basketball game in the late 1960's has heard the name "Downtown Freddie Brown". He was given the nickname "Downtown Freddie" Brown due to his outside shooting skills. This nickname followed him his entire career.

Brown graduated in 1967 from Lincoln High School in downtown Milwaukee. In high school, he led his team to two state titles and he made all-state many times as well. He lettered in football and baseball as well as basketball and he captained his 1967 basketball team.

He then attended junior college in Burlington, Iowa from 1967-1969 before moving up to the University of Iowa. While at the University of Iowa, he averaged 27.6 points per game his senior year. Upon graduation in 1971, he was immediately selected by the Kentucky Colonels in the American Basketball Association draft. However, it was the Seattle SuperSonics who picked him up in the 1971 NBA draft at 6th pick overall. This is where he stayed until his retirement in 1984.

Playing behind Lenny Wilkens and Dick Snyder caused him to start off with a slow rookie season. Wilkens was traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1972 and Brown saw more playing time and his average points per game went up to 13.5-16.5.

In 1974 Snyder was traded to the Cavs There Brown's scoring increased to 21 points per game. During this 1974-75 season he also finished fifth in the league in steals per game. His All Star season of 1975-76 saw him finish fifth in the NBA in scoring average and free throw percentage.

Continuing as a starter for the 1976-77 season and the beginning of the 1977-1978 season, he was then benched. When Lenny Wilkens took over as coach,

he brought in two newer players and brought Brown whom he dubbed "Instant Offence" off the bench.

The team made the NBA finals that season and the next. They won the NBA Championship in 1978-79 with Brown as captain of the team. It should be noted that Brown led the NBA in three point shooting percentage in 1979-80, which was the first season the three-point line was adopted by the league.

Brown's basketball career ended when he retired in 1984. He was the Sonics all-time leader in games played (963), points scored (14,018), field goals (6,006) and free throws (1,896). He still holds the record for the team's points in a regular season game with 58. He shares this honor with Russell Westbrook. He also holds record points in a playoff game with 45. He shares this honor with Ray Allen. Lastly, he has a team record steals in a game with 10. He shares this with Gus Williams.

On November 6, 1986 Brown's #32 SuperSonic jersey was retired in honor of his career with the Sonics.

Freddie Brown still resides in Seattle.



Enjoy V.I.P. Status in the Bart Howard Lounge

From “Very Important Person” to “Variety of Interesting Perks”, our VIP Booth offers a special array of treats for an intimate evening with friends or a way to show appreciation to members of your staff.

DMCHS Entertainment Coordinator, Carrie Bloomer, brought to life the nuance of the black leather banquette, our nightclub décor and the nostalgia of cabaret into one package. The booth can accommodate up to 8 people with a fine selection of charcuterie treats and beverages from the Miss Lilly Steamboat Bar.

Some packages offer a personal waiter while others provide advertising opportunities for the host business or group. Whether it’s a game night with all the excitement or a evening of soulful tunes and smooth jazz, your group is sure to enjoy the special treatment.



For more information about these VIP packages, contact kaelar@dmchs.org or carrieb@dmchs.org and get your VIP night booked soon!

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Museum Hours

Heritage Museum: Hours Wednesday thru Saturday 10 am to 3 pm.

Garrett-Phelps House & Crapo Park Log Cabin: Closed until spring.

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