



# Dodge County Historical Society

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## Remembering May Museum With Legacy Gifts, Memorials

“The Dodge County Historical Society/May Museum is the primary institution with responsibility to collect, preserve, research, and interpret objects, artifacts, documents, published materials, and sites relating to Dodge County, Nebraska’s heritage and its cultural environment.”

The above sentence is the mission statement for the Dodge County Historical Society/May Museum. Monetary contributions obviously help achieve the mission. This includes naming the Museum in end-of-life plans.

Lori Dahl, 1st vice president for the Dodge County Historical Society (DCHS), recently shared how DCHS members can designate the Museum as a recipient of a legacy gift. When donors make planned gifts, they ensure their own legacy by supporting the future causes they care about.

Representing the DCHS, Lori participated in sessions as part of a Nonprofit Leadership Program that was sponsored by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. At the April meeting, Lori participated in a role-playing exercise on “legacy gift asks.”

A legacy gift is a donation individuals make through their will or other formal estate planning designation. Lori said one purpose of the role-playing exercise was to help participants sharpen skills in preparation for legacy ask appointments.

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## Calendar of Events

Mon., June 10, July 8, Aug. 12

ENGs meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., July 12 & Sat., July 13

John C. Fremont Days

Museum open 1-4 p.m.

Reduced Museum admission

\$4 for adults

\$1 for students

Thurs., July 25, noon

Annual meeting

Dodge County Historical Society

Sun., Sept. 15, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Music at the Museum

May Museum Grounds

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## Consider Legacy Gift, Memorial Donations

Lori said DCHS members can reach out to her if they would be receptive to having a legacy gift ask visit to consider including the Museum in their end-of-life plans.

Remembering others with memorial giving is another way to support the Museum. Donations will be applied toward special Museum projects that previously included new stained glass panels for the front door and spindles for the roofline balustrade.

Whether as a memorial donation or a legacy gift, Lori encourages DCHS members to consider naming the May Museum as a recipient. "If you are interested in the past, you are interested in the past being part of the future," she said.

## Memorials & Gifts

In Memory of Marianne Simmons

Martha Wikert

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## ENGs Newsletter Goes Online Only

Dodge County Historical Society members will notice that only the May Museum newsletter is included in the current mailing.

The rising cost of printing and mailing *Roots and Leaves* has resulted in a difficult decision regarding the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society (ENGs) quarterly newsletter.



**Renee Bunck welcomes visitors to the Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society library. She is available to help with research on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-4 p.m.**

Renee Bunck, editor for *Roots and Leaves*, said dues from new memberships and renewals "would not have been enough to make it through the year."

The newsletter, however, will still be produced and posted online for downloading or printing. Issues can be accessed on May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15 and Feb. 15. Links are: Facebook by searching The Louis E. May Museum, [www.usgennet.org/usa/ne/county/dodge](http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ne/county/dodge), and [MayMuseum.com](http://MayMuseum.com). No back issues will be available online.

As a reminder, the ENGs library is located in the basement of the May Museum. Everyone is welcome to do research and take advantage of the library materials.

Obituary files, family histories, cemetery records, microfilm and microfiche, atlas and map collections, newsletters from various genealogy groups, and general references for genealogists can all be accessed at the ENGs library.