

# Happy Holidays

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

More good news! We have received a Small Business Administration disaster loan for \$1600 that will allow us to replace the museum carpet that was damaged in the earthquake. It will also allow for the repair of at least one of the display cases and perhaps the repair of the cottage floor. The loan is repayable at the rate of \$40.00 per month.

Further good news concerns the generosity of some club members who purchased Life Memberships and sent in checks to help defray miscellaneous expenses. For the first time this year we're on an even keel. Thanks to all who helped in this way and also to those who supported our Pioneer Day event.

Board members and docents are busy making all-natural holiday decorations so that at open house on Sunday, December 5th, the cottage and museum will reflect the pioneer era of the late 1800's. Join us for tours, punch and cookies between 1 and 4 p.m.

I wish all of you the blessings of the season and a healthy New Year for 1995.

Sheila

### COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 7** Holiday Fete. Meet at 6:30 pm at the Museum and carpool to the concert at Pierce.
- Dec. 12** Holiday Festival at Mason Park 10 am to 4 pm.
- Jan. 1, 1995 Open House** 1-4 pm.  
Team #4: Virginia Watson, Zena Thorpe, Paula Delzer and Evelyn Kanouse.
- Jan. 3** Board meeting at 7 pm in the Museum.
- Jan. 17** **Program Meeting.** Zena and John Thorpe will show slides of the D-Day Tapestry that is being shown in Portsmouth, England, headquarters for the whole D-Day operation.



Candy and Dean Craig, who take such good care of our roses, are back from their summer retreat. Every summer they leave just after our spring festival and don't return until October. We really miss them during that time! However, they do come back and are working with the roses again. Dean has to be careful about what he does at The Acre because he is allergic to something there and gets a rash. Candy prunes and fertilizes as well as advises us about the roses.

The Craig's travel to Beulah, Colorado, because that is where Candy's family is from. Her great grandfather is written up in the Beulah History Book and while they are in Colorado they get pointers from the Beulah Historical Society.

Candy and Dean worked at acquiring the china that is on display in the museum. Stop by and read the cards that tell about it. Candy wrote up a little article and it is printed here.

**MINNIE PALMER'S BEST CHINA**  
**BY**  
**CANDY CRAIG**

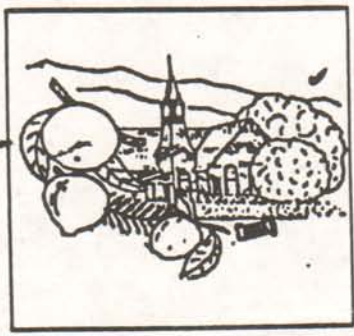
Although we are fortunate to have preserved the cottage and photograph memorabilia from the Hill-Palmer family, we have very few items that individually belonged to them.

Edith Palmer, Minnie's daughter, owns a beautiful set of Japanese china that once belonged to her mother. Minnie's best china was hand-painted with a large floral decoration and was gold trimmed.

Recently we were given some forty pieces of Noritake "Azalea" patterned china. It is much like Minnie's best and of the same approximate age. From 1916 until the 1930's the Larkin Soap Company gave away, as premiums, these pieces of porcelain dinnerware to club members and their home agents.

The Azalea pattern is handpainted with pink Azaleas and trimmed in gold. It is on display in the museum now but will be on display in the dining room of the house next year.

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