Mission Statement
Milaca Area Historical Society

The Milaca Area Historical Society carries out the mission stated in its by-laws by:

- **Collecting, caring for and organizing objects and sharing information and documents related to the history of the area.** Our focus is primarily the cities of Milaca, Foreston, Pease and Bock, and the surrounding townships of Milaca, Milo, Bogus Brook, Borgholm, Page, and Hayland. We also collect artifacts and documents related to Mille Lacs County, and where appropriate to better understand local history, materials related to Minnesota and U.S. history.

- **Presenting exhibits in the Milaca Museum.** Current displays explore area schools, local people who have served in the military, the railroad, early Milaca businesses, and surrounding towns, and settlements in the area, as well as permanent displays about logging, and the museum building.

- **Making resources available through our Research Room** and access, on request, to our collection of photographs and artifacts. Our collection of local historical records and documents includes records on microfilm (local newspapers, city and township records, census, and naturalization); family histories; school memorabilia; cemetery records (which are in the process of being updated); obituaries, birth and marriage notices, and more.

- **Working with local schools and organizations** to provide tours of our facility and of points of historic interest in Milaca. We have also cooperated with Milaca’s Healthy Communities effort by providing historical information for the kiosks in front of the Museum and in Trimble Park.

- **Working with the City of Milaca to maintain and preserve the historically important structure that houses the Milaca Museum.** This building is a 1936 Works Progress Administration fieldstone city hall added to a 1907 powerhouse/fire hall. Inside are Federal Arts Project murals depicting the logging and lumber mills of Milaca’s earliest years. The building, which is owned by the City of Milaca, is on the National Register of Historic Places.