



Eva Goodale holds old photographs which were part of a display booth set up by the Albemarle Historical Society at the Maple Syrup Festival.

Memories Make History

Memories Make History was the theme of the Purple Valley Maple Syrup Festival held last Saturday. And the members of the Albemarle Historical Society are working hard at keeping those memories alive, and to document them for future generations of "Albemarlans" — to coin a word!

The Historical Society is working on an Albemarle History Book that is slated to come off the press late next year.

Some Society members manned a display booth at the Festival showing a collection of old and anonymous photographs and postcards of local pioneers, in hopes that some may be able to be identified. They were also selling \$5 memberships towards the publishing of the book, which could be deducted from the purchase price when it comes out.

For the other displays, fun, and activities at the Festival, memories were actually in the making, with enthusiastic crowds — mainly families — enjoying pancake eating, pancake flipping, clog dancing, square dancing, pony rides, arts and crafts, a Turkey Shoot, log sawing and nail driving contests, maple syrup-making demonstrations, and

more.

"I think there may be a record crowd this year," said Audrey Hepburn, one of the Festival organizers. The committee also tries to keep the event fresh and interesting.

"We try to add new things each year. This year we have a knitting contest. And we decided to have an Easter Bunny hopping around for the kids." A person-sized bunny that is, in full furry costume, dispensing chocolate eggs from her basket.

Another new wrinkle was the inspired idea of having a Festival Queen Contest open only to those over 65.

Contestants simply put their name into a hat, telling something of interest about themselves. Later, three names were drawn: And the winner was! Eva Nickel. Runners up were Renee Romph and Alberta Haley.

Other awards presented were: Oldest Visitor - Renee Romph (It's not clear how this was judged as she wouldn't give her age!); Youngest Visitor - Catlin Keeshig - age 4 months; Visitor from farthest away - Pascale Virat from Switzerland; Largest Family - Johannah Sessford family - 7 members altogether, including 5 children.

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