

## Grateful for Giving Tuesday

Museum board members rolled out the red carpet for guests on Giving Tuesday, December 2. Board members Marcia Ashley, Amy Huston, Dona Mitchell and Kendra Koehler were on hand to greet visitors, serve up food and refreshments, and sell items in the gift shop as well as accept donations. We appreciate everyone who stopped by and toured the library and archive area. Several visitors took time to decoupage a wine label on a coaster to take home.

## Resale Renovation Starts Dec. 8

Volunteers and LEIHS board members tackled three days of packing and moving furniture and displays at the Heritage Resale Shop.

Museum Manager Kendra Koehler said the extreme cold and icy conditions hindered shoppers, but volunteers got a lot done clearing and arranging the resale shop for the upcoming renovation.

"We're in good shape," Kendra said Friday, "and I'm confident we'll button this up today."

Kendra credited John Mitchell, was the driving force behind getting the work done. John provided multiple heaters to try and warm up the space. John, board member and wife Dona, Diane Nemec, Dave Schaeffer, and Jenny Fuchs moved displays and bookcases that need painted, inside the museum.

June Stoiber, who presented the idea and the ability, to do the Resale Shop improvements, suggested a navy and cream color scheme for the renovation. Volunteers will take pieces home during the winter to paint. The museum will provide the paint. Diane Nemec, Kendra said, showed up to shop The Big Sale and ended up working 3 hours Thursday.

On Friday Barry Koehler, Mike Burns, Brian Thwaite and Vern Schroeder arrived to start the final push.

Kendra hoped Friday she'd be able to "button up" the moving project.

But Saturday, there was still more to do and President Dustin Heineman, board member Betsy McCann, Ted McCann, and Mike Burns were among the volunteers to finish up so work can begin on time on Monday, December 8. The contractor requested a 6-foot wide perimeter from the wall for workers and that's made things easier according to Kendra.

Through the work week Kendra continued to welcome islanders still bringing in donations. Kendra also credited sisters Linda Parker and Jeanette Luecke, long-time volunteers, and Jeanette's daughters Annette and Suzette, with doing a lot of the initial work sorting, bagging, and transporting unsellable items to Goodwill. The upcoming renovation includes a new, easy to clean floor, foam insulation and drywall, a drop ceiling, a new double entrance door that will replace the garage door, and an HVAC system for heating and cooling.



Chris Joyce displays her fabulous decoupage E&K Winery wine label coaster she made at the Museum's Giving Tuesday event. Thank you everyone who stopped by and those who made sure our guests had a great time.



Mikayla and Lance Saunders and their family stopped by the museum for Giving Tuesday. Lance, well known for his cooking, also hosted a benefit for Jamaica the following day.



An enormous effort by a great team of volunteers who worked four days to finally clear and move displays and boxed inventory in freezing weather. Look for updates this winter.



## December Photo Gallery



LEIHS Board members Amy Huston, Kendra Koehler, Marcia Ashley and Dona Mitchell spearheaded the Giving Tuesday event at the museum. They provided food and wine for guests.



Guests at Giving Tuesday enjoyed homemade lasagna, crostini apps, snacks, brownies and refreshments.



Judy Berry and Diane Nemec toured the Archive Library. Archivist Amy Huston has completely organized the Archive Library and the Archive where donated artifacts are processed and entered into the Archive database.



Jenny Fuchs, John Mitchell and Diane Nemec shrugged off the cold to help pack and move inventory in the resale shop on Wednesday Dec. 3. Diane stopped by the Resale Shop for the BIG SALE and ended up volunteering 3 hours.



Barry Koehler and Mike Burns were among the volunteers who worked Friday to pack and move inventory.



Chip and DeeDee Duggan, owners of Islands Transportation, loaned the Museum an enclosed trailer to use for the winter to store boxed inventory. The trailer was delivered Saturday Morning.



"Tetris" Ted McCann and wife Betsy gave a master class on using every inch when loading a trailer.



Ted McCann, Dustin Heineman and Mike Burns loaded up glass display cases in the "Tetris Trailer."



Tarps were placed over items left inside the Resale Shop and placed 6 plus feet away from the walls per the contractor's request,