Museum Celebrates New Veterinary History Book

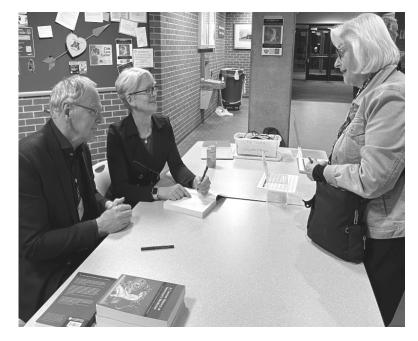
Professor Susan D. Jones of the University of Minnesota and her Dutch colleague, Professor Peter Koolmees of the University of Utrecht, completed a book titled A Concise History of Veterinary Medicine, published by Cambridge University Press in August.

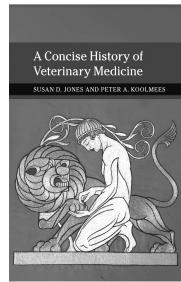
The museum hosted a public launch celebration for the book on October 21 at the College of Veterinary Medicine, co-hosted by

Alpha Psi fraternity. Fifty-two people attended, including many students.

Success of the event will likely lead to future events introducing students to the history and the ethical foundations of our profession.

Dr. Susan Jones holds a D.V.M. and a Ph.D. in history, and has a dual appointment in the History of Science and Technology program and the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior. She is officed on the St. Paul campus. She is a wonderfully engaging speaker with whom the museum hopes to plan future events.





Above: Professors Jones and Koolmees speak with Dr. Anna Davies during their book signing at the College of Veterinary Medicine on October 21.

Left: Cover design for the Concise History.

ALSO CELEBRATED at the book launch party was the dedication of a collection of historic veterinary books donated by Dr. Lanny Kraus, in memory of Dr. Patrick Manning, a 1965 graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Some Veterinary Museum Accomplishments

Since our last newsletter, the museum staff and volunteers have:

Attended the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums conference in Alexandria. Information acquired at the conference helped us to choose a new collection cataloging software program called Collective Access. The move to the new software will allow the veterinary museum's collection to be viewed on a single website along with other Minnesota museums, making it easy for people to locate examples of historic items at numerous museums with a single search.

Hired a veterinary student to scan

The museum has enjoyed free space and other services provided by the College of Veterinary Medicine since 1985

We are grateful to the college for providing space since that time.

The college is now asking us to make a critical choice: become a center incorporated within the college, or remain a separate non-profit, with decreased support from the college.

- pictures for the Sorensen book on the history of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Placed a version of Sorensen's book on our website as a way of gathering input for improvement.
- Awarded a stipend to a veterinary student to write a paper on Dr. Ben Pomeroy. The project will be used to improve the interpretation of the Pomeroy Gallery in the Pomeroy Center.
- Completed oral interviews with Drs. Bob Hardy, Dick Olson, Larry Anderson, Mike McMenomy, and Ralph Farnsworth. Thanks to our interviewers Drs. Ben Porter, Julie Larson, and Teresa Hershey.
- Acquired publications and other material from the College of Veterinary Medicine's Advancement Office. This material, donated in the spring, included pristine copies of the wide variety of items issued by this office, including clinic brochures, magazines, and video tapes. It's a wonderful snapshot of the publicity for the college, covering several years.
- Acquired the school notes of veterinarian Gerald Drehmel, class of 1955.

We also welcome volunteers interested in interviewing. See our website for the many interviews completed to date.

FUNDING THE MUSEUM

We need your support to operate the museum; this is a critical time.

We are an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) organization
eligible to receive tax-deductible
contributions.

Please direct your gift to:

Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum (MVHM) 1365 Gortner Ave. St. Paul, Mn. 55108

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Recognition for gifts of \$1,000 or more will be posted on wall plaques displayed in the Pomeroy Center and on our website.

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Mari Kuennen joined our staff in April as curator. A student at



Our New Curator

the University of St. Thomas, she is pursuing a Master of Arts in Art History and a Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies.

She received her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota in May, 2020.

Her recent experience includes work as an intern in collections at the Minnesota Historical Society, an animal technician at the

Animal Humane Society, and a historic site interpreter at Eidem Farm in Brooklyn Park. Mari has been instrumental in moving the museum forward this year.

Paul Maravelas retired from the museum in January.

We are working to expand our Board of Directors with people interested in our museum.

Please contact one of our officers if you're interested in serving