

Katy Camp

Held at the Heritage Hall Museum & Archives Complex
880 Cedar Street, Freeman, South Dakota

July 30, 31, August 1

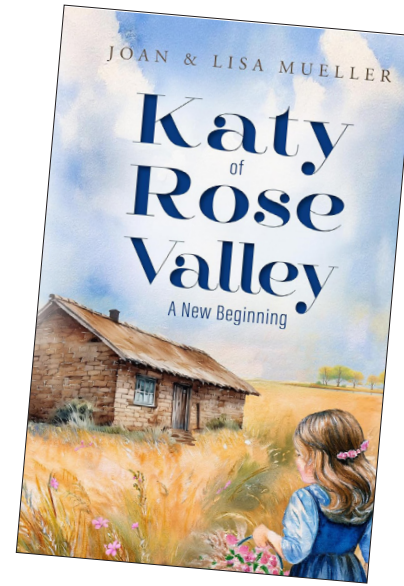
Thursday-Friday, July 30-31
1 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, August 1
8 a.m. to Noon

Step back into the summer of **1874** and discover the untamed spirit of Dakota Territory! Inspired by the heartwarming novel *Katy of Rose Valley: A New Beginning*, our **immersive three-day Katy Camp** offers young pioneers a rare chance to trade modern gadgets for the grit and glory of frontier life.

Camp attendees will experience the daily life of these pioneer children firsthand, from their **homelife chores** to the unique structure of **19th-century school life**. Of course, it's not all work – campers will also explore the creative **games and fun** that children participated in during the **1870s and 1880s**, using imagination and simple materials to bring the prairie to life.

By walking in Katy's footsteps, they will learn exactly what it took to build a home and a future on the vast open plains. It's more than a history lesson – it's an **unforgettable adventure** where the past comes vibrantly to life.



Camp Activities Include:

- **Pioneer Games & Foods**
- **One-Room School House Experience**
- **Make Your Own Pioneer Crafts & Toys**
- **Scavenger Hunts**
- **Old Time Fishing**
- **And More!**

Cost: \$25 per camper

Camp limited to 20 campers

Registration Deadline July 17



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INTEREST FORM

Tear off and leave with museum staff
or mail to HHM&A, Box 693, Freeman, SD 57029.

Complete this form by July 1. Camp directors will reach out with a registration form and confirm your participation in our camp. Feel free to email any questions you may have to lisa@heritagehallmuseum.com.

Registration forms will also be available at HHM&A

Space is limited so first-come, first served.

Registration Deadline July 17

Camper Name _____

Age _____ School grade for Fall 2026: _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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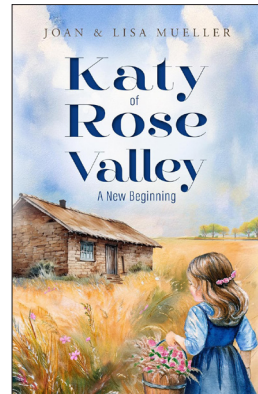
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Katy Camp is a being presented by Heritage Hall Museum & Archives and sisters Joan Mueller Peters and Lisa Mueller Howard. Joan and Lisa are the authors of the “Katy” book series, a historical-fiction about young girl who arrived in Dakota Territory in 1874.

Katy Camp, a three-half-day immersive adventure will enable youth to experience first-hand what young Katy did on the prairie of Turner County 150 years ago. It will be held on the museum complex and the adjacent Freeman Prairie Arboretum.

Joan and Lisa are the great-great-granddaughters of Christian Mueller and grew up on the farm Christian and his family homesteaded, Rose Valley Farm, in Turner County of South Dakota. In their youth, they played and explored the woods around Turkey Ridge Creek and the gulches mentioned in their book.



They grew up hearing stories of their ancestors from their father, Bruce, which prompted them to dig deeper into their history. They began imagining what it would have been like living through the challenges and adversities their family members experienced.

That led to their book series that follows the true immigration story of their great-great-aunt, Katharina (Katy) Mueller, a five-year-old Mennonite girl.

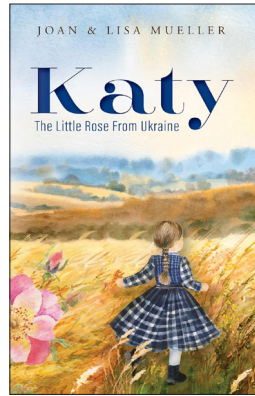
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The first book, “Katy: The Little Rose From Ukraine,” shares her trip from Russia to the Dakota Territory in 1874 and settling in Dakota Territory.

“Katy of Rose Valley: A New Beginning” follows her as she starts a new life on the wide open spaces of Turner County.

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Both books are available in the HHM&A Mercantile.



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Week of July 26-August 1

Regular Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

(Tentative Schedule)

Thursday-Saturday - July 30-August 1

• Katy Camp for youth ages 6-12; Thursday & Friday 1-5 and Saturday 8 to noon. Registration required

Friday-Saturday - July 31-August 1

• Extended museum hours (10 to 7)
• Special demonstrations and short programs at HHM&A

Saturday - July 31

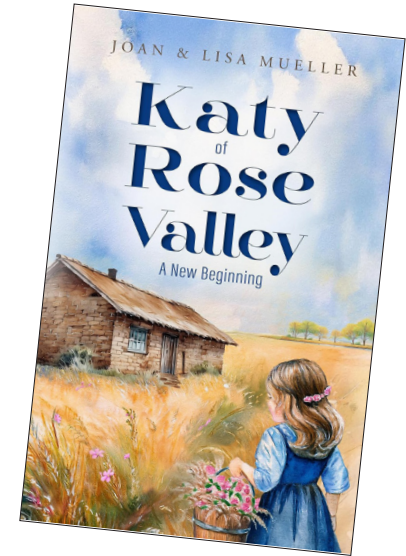
• Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show
• Extended hours (10 to 7) and special programming
In addition, special programs are being planned that week at the historical Bethel Church; dates and times to be confirmed. Watch for updates online, in HHM&A newsletters and in the Freeman Courier. That includes:

- **The Top Ten Stories in Freeman’s History** by Jeremy Waltner
- **Rich (and Tasty) Traditions of the Freeman Community** by Marnette D. Hofer and Tim L. Waltner.

We’ve invited the community to participate with their own “Heritage Days” activities that week. Thus far that includes: Freeman Prairie Arboretum, our neighbor to the south, is planning special events that week as part of Heritage Days.

Monday, July 27: Freeman Senior Citizen Center is planning short program on history of the center at 2 and again at 6:30-7, with bingo and light refreshments 2-7.

Friday, July 31: Freeman Lions Club is serving supper at the Freeman Sr. Citizens Center from 4 to 7.



Coming To Heritage Hall
Museum & Archives This Summer

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A Pioneer Experience

July 30, 31 & August 1

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