

## Membership Application

I would like to become a member of the  
**Friends of the Florence Town Hall**

at the level of:

**Individual Yearly\***           \$ 5.00

**Individual LIFETIME**       \$ 50.00

**Family LIFETIME**           \$100.00

Meet monthly 2nd Tuesday,

7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Annual Meeting in October

\*Renewals due in October

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

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P.O. Box 96  
Frontenac, MN 55026

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### MEMBERSHIP



**FLORENCE  
TOWN HALL**

**ERECTED 1875**

**33923 HIGHWAY 61  
FRONTENAC, MN  
55026**

## Mission Statement

**Friends of the Florence Town Hall** .... is an organization dedicated to the preservation and continued use of the Florence Town Hall, as a township government center, as it has represented self-government, local government and continuity of government in Florence Township since 1875.

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### History of Friends

Chartered in 1994, the organization's mission continues to be its focus. Friends of Florence Town Hall grew out of discussions by a group of local residents who were concerned about the possibility of the historic town hall being torn down.

### Member Volunteer Opportunities

Board of Directors and/or Officer

History Center

Gardening

Programming



**The Florence Town Hall had as been in continuous use as the Florence Township Government Center since its construction in 1875. The oldest continuously used Town Hall in the State of Minnesota, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000.**

“The Town Hall occupies Lot 8 of Block 10, which was given to Florence Township in 1875 by Israel Garrard. In 1920 the Town purchased Lot 9 ... a portion of it is currently occupied (on lease) by a ... postal facility.

...Noteworthy features of the hall interior include maple flooring, three-inch-deep head moldings framing the door and windows, beadboard wainscot, and .... Chairs, benches, and tables said to be original furnishings in addition to ... voting booths of uncertain vintage.

...An elevated stage is located at the north end of the hall. ... A large oil-on-canvas painting ... is mounted on the back wall of the stage....Large issues, including road and bridge expenditures and establishing the tax rates to pay for them were/are decided by township residents at an Annual Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in March. Officials are elected at that time.

... Despite the presence of other institutions in Frontenac and Frontenac Station which traditionally serve the social needs of small towns in rural areas, the Florence Town Hall became a community center and plays an important part in sustaining community identity.”

Note: The above excerpts from the Nomination Document submitted to the US Dept. of the Interior National Park Service in 2000.