

September 2015 Events, Classes and Exhibits

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

History On-A-Schtick! at the Fair

Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul, MN
651-288-4400

Experience a lighthearted, vaudevillian romp through Minnesota's past at the Minnesota State Fair's Schilling Amphitheater in the West End Market. This new daily show is 23 minutes of wacky fun, with sing-alongs, trivia, prizes and astonishing historical tidbits. Brought to you by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society. This event is made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008.

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Free with State Fair admission

Also September 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Tour for People with Memory Loss

James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Avenue, St. Paul
651-297-2555

hillhouse@mnhs.org

Take a sensory-based tour designed for people with memory loss and their caregivers. Each themed tour highlights three rooms in the James J. Hill House and is followed by an optional social time with pastries and coffee. Tours are offered the first Tuesday of every month. Tours are made possible through funding by the Bader Foundation.

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Free. Reservations required, [get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Friday, September 4, 2015

Farm Fresh Fridays

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia
320-532-3632

millelacs@mnhs.org

During select Fridays this summer, meet with local farmers and growers and shop for fresh fruits, vegetables, honey and other regionally grown food products.

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Free, does not include museum admission

Saturday, September 5, 2015

Living History: Meet the Lindberghs

Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, 1620 Lindbergh Drive S., Little Falls
320-616-5421

lindbergh@mnhs.org

Learn what life was like for Charles Lindbergh growing up on a farm during the First World War. Costumed interpreters portraying Lindbergh family members and neighbors will provide insights into young Charles' interests in aviation, technology and nature. Hear inside stories about the Lindbergh family and have the chance to try some of the chores Charles did around the farm. Experience the life of this ordinary boy who grew up to do extraordinary things.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$8 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Threshing Weekend

Oliver Kelley Farm, 15788 Kelley Farm Rd., Elk River

763-441-6896

kelley.farm@mnhs.org

Celebrate Labor Day Weekend at the Kelley Farm. Threshing the grain harvest was the culmination of an entire growing season's toil. Join the Kelley farmhands as they bring grain bundles in from the fields, thresh the grain in an 1856 horse-powered Cox and Roberts threshing machine, help bag up the grain and rake away the straw.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$9 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Also September 6 and 7

World War I Weekend

Historic Fort Snelling, 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul

612-726-1171

ftsnelling@mnhs.org

Commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I at Historic Fort Snelling over Labor Day weekend. The "Great War" raged for three years before the U.S. entered the conflict in 1917. America's participation tipped the balance in favor of the Allied powers, and helped bring the war to an end on Nov. 11, 1918. The war shaped the course of world history, and as a result of its participation, the U.S. emerged as a world power. Explore the ways this conflict shaped the world we know today and learn about Minnesota's role in the war. Visit with costumed staff and reenactors, watch military demonstrations, stand in a recreated WWI-style trench and experience what life was like for Minnesotans during this crucial era.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$11 adults, \$9 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Also September 6 and 7

Kids Crafts

Shoulder Bag Activity

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia

320-532-3632

millelacs@mnhs.org

Learn how to decorate an Ojibwe-style shoulder bag to take home. This activity provides a hands-on introduction to the arts and culture of the Ojibwe, a woodland people of the Great Lakes region. Allow an hour to make the craft. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$7 per kit, does not include museum admission

Summit Avenue Walking Tour

James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

651-297-2555

hillhouse@mnhs.org

Take a tour of the Summit Avenue neighborhood, named one of America's "Great Streets" in 2008. The walking tours highlight the Gilded-Age mansions that line the elite avenue and the people who owned them and built them. Guides will talk about the architecture, social history and current preservation issues of the historic neighborhood. Tours begin at 11 am and 2 pm and run 90 minutes.

11:00 am - 3:30 pm

\$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students, \$8 ages 6-17, \$2 discount MNHS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Also September 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27

Time Capsule for Families

The President's Visit, 1878

Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St., St. Paul

651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

In September 1878, Alexander and Anna Ramsey entertained a very special guest: the president of the United States. Learn why President Rutherford B. Hayes visited the Ramsey family in St. Paul and discover more about what made 1878 so special. Use a timeline map to explore the Ramsey House and collect "time capsule tokens" along the way. Taste one of President Hayes' favorite foods and learn about fashion of the era.

Children can create their own time capsule to take home. This program is offered at noon, 12:30 and 1 pm.

Noon - 2:00 pm

\$10 adults, \$9 seniors and college students, \$7 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Wild Rice Processing

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia

320-532-3632

millelacs@mnhs.org

Head to the lakeshore to watch museum staff process wild rice, including how to dry, parch, thresh and winnow the rice. See the entire process from raw to finished product during 20-minute demonstrations offered on the hour. Demonstrations may be cancelled due to weather. The program begins at noon, 1, 2 and 3 pm.

Noon - 4:00 pm

Free, does not include museum admission

Also September 12, 19 and 26

Women's Work Tour with History Player Eva Valesh

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis, MN 55407

612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Join a costumed actor portraying labor writer Eva Valesh for a walking tour that highlights working conditions along the Minneapolis riverfront in the late 1880s. The guide will discuss jobs that were available to women in the late 19th and early 20th century, key events in women's labor history in Minneapolis, and the factories that Valesh exposed, including the North Star Woolen Mill, which still stands two blocks from Mill City Museum. Valesh served as labor editor for the *Saint Paul Globe* and the *Minneapolis Tribune* before going on to national acclaim working for Samuel Gompers as assistant editor of the *American Federationist*.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

\$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 ages 6-17 and MNHS members, includes museum admission.

[Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

By the Light of the Lantern

Historic Forestville, 21899 County Road 118, Preston
507-765-2785

forestville@mnhs.org

Experience Historic Forestville at dusk when the residents are going about their evening business and repose. Visitors can explore the site as farm laborers interact and unwind in the barn, ladies of the house discuss such important topics as voting rights, medicines are compounded in the general store, and Thomas Meighen finishes points of business in his office at the end of the day. Live music will be played throughout the evening.

Sat., Sep 5, 2015, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

\$7 adults, \$6 seniors and college students, \$5 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members. State Park vehicle permit required

Sunday, September 6, 2015

Washburn A Mill Tour

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis

612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Take an in-depth look at the historic Washburn A Mill complex and the award-winning Mill City Museum building. A guide will take visitors into the building's many nooks and crannies, highlighting the lives of the men and women who worked there, how the building functioned during its peak flour milling years and the many changes to the building over time. This is the only opportunity for a guided tour through the entire museum building and the only chance to see some of its non-public spaces.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

\$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 ages 6-17 and MNHS members, includes museum admission.

[Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

The West Arrives at West Newton

Harkin Store, 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm

507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

The "west" arrives to the town of West Newton as musician Lonesome Ron, the King of the Valley Yodelers, shares cowboy ballads, yodels and stories told through song.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Seniors in Mind

Minnesota's Deadliest Tornadoes with Mary Lahammer

Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul

651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Minnesota's Deadliest Tornadoes is a short documentary about tornadoes in Rochester, St. Cloud and Appleton. Weather gurus Paul Douglas and Mark Seeley joined Mary Lahammer to tell the human impact of these severe storms in this Twin Cities Public Television production. Watch a screening and join a discussion with Lahammer as she shares personal reflections about the storms.

10:30 am - 11:30 am

\$2, does not include \$9 senior admission to the History Center. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

History Film Series

Minnesota's Worst Weather

Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, 1620 Lindbergh Drive S., Little Falls

320-616-5421

lindbergh@mnhs.org

Minnesotans are known for always talking about the weather. Who can blame us with the diverse weather our state experiences? This month's film night features four short films showing Minnesota weather at its worst. Screenings include *Minnesota's Fiercest Floods*, *Minnesota's Fiercest Fires*, *Minnesota's Deadliest Blizzards* and *Minnesota's Deadliest Tornadoes*. Film starts at 7 pm. The museum and gift shop will be open for a short time before and after the film screening.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Free

Friday, September 11, 2015

Mendota After Hours

Current State of Jazz in Minnesota

Sibley Historic Site, 1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights

651-452-1596

sibleyhouse@mnhs.org

Have a drink with your friends at the Sibley House while learning about Mendota's long history with music and jazz. Join Minnesota's own jazz great, Butch Thompson, as he discusses the current state of jazz music in Minnesota from the 1990s to the present. Cash bar provided by Lucky's 13 Pub in Mendota. Ages 21 and up only.

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

\$15/\$12 MNHS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Ramsey After Dark

Crime and Justice

Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St., St. Paul

651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

In 1859, newspapers throughout Minnesota were covering the murder trial of Ann Bilansky, a St. Paul woman accused of poisoning her husband. Although Bilansky was convicted and later executed in 1860, doubts remained about whether she was truly guilty. This tour focuses on those involved with the case, from Bilansky and her lawyers to politicians and newspaper reporters. Hear excerpts from records detailing court testimony, see newspaper articles chronicling the timeline of events, and discover the role forensic evidence played in gaining a conviction. This program is offered at 7 and 8:30 pm.

7:00 pm - 9:45 pm

\$10 adults, \$9 seniors and college students, \$2 discount MNHS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Writing Your Family Legacy Conference

Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Learn how to research, write and preserve your family legacy in this one-day conference. Share the expertise of nationally renowned authors, genealogists and editors including Will Weaver, Peg Meier, Annette Atkins, Kathryn Kysar and Joel Turnipseed. This conference is being offered in partnership with The Loft Literary Center. Download the full [conference program](#).

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$150/\$125 Loft and MNHS members

Prairie Photography: A Natural View

Jeffers Petroglyphs, 27160 County Road 2, Comfrey
507-628-5591

jefferspetroglyphs@mnhs.org

Learn the art of photographing prairie plants with local photographer Shelley Olson. Explore landscape, close-up lighting techniques and learn about camera equipment. Visitors are encouraged to bring a camera and enjoy the beauty of one of Minnesota's most unique prairies. The event will be held rain or shine.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$7 adults, \$6 seniors and college students, \$5 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Earthworks with Historian Al Koenig

Fort Ridgely, 72404 County Road 30, Fairfax
507-508-2848

ft Ridgely@mnhs.org

Historian Al Koenig will talk about a series of earthwork forts that were erected and used from northern Iowa and central Minnesota. Koenig is retired from the U.S. military and has taught at the University of Nebraska.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members. State Park vehicle permit required

Historic Main Street Tour

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis
612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Stroll through Minneapolis' oldest neighborhood on a guided tour and learn about the rich past and exciting future of historic Main Street. Hear about life in the village of St. Anthony and changes along Main Street over the years. View landmarks including the 1855 Upton Block, 1858 Martin and Morrison Building, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Pillsbury A Mill and the Chalybeate Mineral Springs. This tour begins and ends at 125 Main Street SE (the green awning between Pracna on Main and the Aster Cafe).

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

\$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 ages 6-17 and MNHS members, includes museum admission.

[Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Snakes of the Minnesota River

Harkin Store, 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm
507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

Snake expert Tom Jessen will bring a variety of the fascinating reptiles for visitors to see and learn about.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Railroad History Tour

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis

612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Beginning with the arrival of Minnesota's first rail line in 1862, Minneapolis boomed in population and flour milling, lumber production and warehousing took off. Take a guided tour of railroad landmarks, including the Stone Arch Bridge, Milwaukee Road Depot and the Minneapolis Eastern Railway engine house and trestle. Along the way, find clues to the vanishing railroad landscape and learn about the future of Twin Cities rail.

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

\$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 ages 6-17 and MNHS members, includes museum admission.

[Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

History on the Go! Bus Tour

Historic Fort Snelling, 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, 612-726-1171

ftsnelling@mnhs.org

Groups are invited to bring their buses to Historic Fort Snelling for hour-long tours that explore the restored 19th century stone fort as well as the Upper Post, where soldiers were stationed during the 20th century. A costumed guide will spend an hour with the group discussing the history of the fort and sharing stories of the people who lived there. After the tour, guests can go inside the Visitor Center to view exhibits, shop in the gift store and watch the 20-minute film *Where the Waters Meet: Stories of Fort Snelling*.

The fort's gate opening accommodates buses up to 13 ft. wide. The group minimum is eight people. The last tour starts at 3 pm.

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

\$9/MNHS members free. Reservations required, call 612-970-2844

Also September 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Constitution Day Reception

Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. St. Paul

651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Celebrate the 226th birthday of the U.S. Constitution and the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, which inspired the Constitution, at this free public reception. Explore a special temporary exhibit on the history of Magna Carta and hear remarks from Governor Mark Dayton and MN Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea. Light appetizers and cash bar.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Free, reservations required

**World War II Roundtable
Blitzkrieg in the Pacific**

Historic Fort Snelling, 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul
612-726-1171

ftsnelling@mnhs.org

The Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Roundtable brings together authors, historians and WWII veterans to discuss the history of the conflict and to share the stories of those who lived through it. More information to come.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

\$5/students free

The Rule of Law, the Constitution and Magna Carta

Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Discover the surprising relevance of the charter that established the rule of law in England and inspired the U.S. Constitution in this lively discussion of Magna Carta and its impact on American life, 800 years after its creation in 1215. This talk is presented by the [CAUX Roundtable](#), in partnership with the Minnesota Judicial Branch and the Minnesota Historical Society.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Free

Saturday, September 19, 2015

The Mighty Ox Team Driving Workshop

Oliver Kelley Farm, 15788 Kelley Farm Rd., Elk River, MN 55330
763-441-6896

kelley.farm@mnhs.org

Oxen have provided farm power for thousands of years. In this workshop, learn the basics of ox driving and care by working with Toby and Colter, the farm's experienced team of shorthorns. Learn how to yoke, properly command and drive the team. Use various pieces of equipment including a harrow, plow and wagon, and then feed a generous ration of hay to the team at the end of the day. Participants must be 16 years or older. Wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers and bring a bag lunch.

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$50/\$45 MNHS members. Reservations required, call 763-441-6896

**Topics on Family History
Records for Research**

Gale Family Library

Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3300

[Contact](#)

Vital records are original civil records that can reveal details of a person's birth, marriage, divorce or death. They are often the most important group of records for a genealogist. Learn how to find, evaluate and use vital records. The class is taught by Shirleen Hoffman, a professional genealogist focusing on Minnesota and Wisconsin research. She has been a genealogy researcher for more than 40 years and has studied at several major genealogical institutes.

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

\$32/\$28 MNHS and MGS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Critter Day

Forest History Center, 2609 County Road 76, Grand Rapids
218-327-4482

foresthstory@mnhs.org

Chickens, goats, sheep, alpacas, horses, lizards, spiders and snakes! When was the last time you saw so many critters together? See animals of all kinds and visit special guests from Lake Superior Zoo, Headwaters Science Center, Cairparavel Alpaca Farm and others.

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$9 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Fall Gathering: Festival of the Voyageur

North West Company Fur Post, 12551 Voyageur Lane, Pine City
320-629-6356

nwcfurpost@mnhs.org

Rendezvous! Two hundred years ago, fur traders celebrated the success of the trading season with a giant party. Amidst the crisp air and bright fall colors, immerse yourself in the sights and sounds created by 250 reenactors come to camp on the Snake River. Witness feats of strength and skill as contestants vie for the title of the best all-around voyageur. Shop for historic crafts and join children's activities. On Saturday evening, learn the steps of a lively country dance as live fiddle music plays.

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

\$9 adults, \$7 senior and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, \$2 MNHS member discount. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Also September 20

Engineering the Falls Tour with History Player William de la Barre

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis
612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Take a walking tour of St. Anthony Falls led by costumed History Player William de la Barre, the Austrian engineer who spent half a century developing Minneapolis flour milling and waterpower. Visit the Minneapolis Riverfront, the west-side milling district and the Stone Arch Bridge, and hear about the many ways the falls has changed over the years.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

\$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 ages 6-17 and MNHS members, includes museum admission.

[Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Birch Coulee with Historian John Labatte

Fort Ridgely, 72404 County Road 30, Fairfax
507-508-2848

fridgely@mnhs.org

Independent historian John Labatte will discuss the Battle of Birch Coulee and the details of the day.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members. State Park vehicle permit required

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Afternoon of Leisure

Harkin Store, 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm
507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

German immigrants to the Minnesota River Valley contributed a new cultural concept on the frontier: taking Sunday afternoon for quieter work and socializing. Women would come together to knit, tat, crochet and do other handiwork. Take a break, bring a picnic and enjoy a relaxing afternoon as you learn about these frontier hobbies. Refreshments will be served.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Minneapolis Riverfront Tour

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis
612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Take a guided walking tour of the Minneapolis riverfront and learn about its dramatic past and bright future. Visit the historic district at St. Anthony Falls, once the milling center of the world and now a growing cultural, recreational and residential neighborhood. Stop along the Stone Arch Bridge for spectacular views of the falls, view historic buildings surrounding the riverfront and downtown Minneapolis, and hear stories of the people who have worked and lived in the area and how it has changed over the years.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

\$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 ages 6-17 and MNHS members, includes museum admission.

[Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Thursday, September 24, 2015

History Happy Hour

The Victorian Cinema

Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St., St. Paul
651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

Have a drink with friends at the Ramsey House and enjoy a special night of historic movies. Join cinema expert and Ramsey House staff member Alex Weston for a screening and discussion of rare and astonishing films produced between 1891 and 1903. Learn about the evolution of motion pictures, from parlor novelty to the most popular mass entertainment of the 20th century. For ages 21 and older. This program is offered at 5:30 and 8:30 pm. Admission includes two drinks, snacks (including popcorn), presentation and time to mingle in the mansion.

5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

\$25/\$20 MNHS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

The Bohemian Flats in Recent Fiction Author Event

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis
612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Meet three authors of recent fiction who have found inspiration from the historic Bohemian Flats, the area on low land next to the Mississippi River below the Washington Avenue Bridge that provided a home for Minnesota's newest immigrants from the 1870s until 1931. This hidden history has been revealed in recent books in three different genres: *The Bohemian Flats*, a novel by Mary Relindes Ellis; *A Tradition of Deceit*, a

historical mystery in the Chloe Ellefson Mystery series by Kathleen Ernst; and *Keystones of the Stone Arch Bridge*, a book for new readers by Carolyn Ruff. Each author will read from their book and discuss how the story of Bohemian Flats informed their work. The authors will be available to sign copies of the books, which will be available for sale in the museum store. Attendees can also view the exhibit "Remembering the Bohemian Flats: One Place, Many Voices," on view in the museum's Mill Commons.

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Free

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Mill City Oktoberfest

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis

612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Celebrate Minnesota brewing past and present as Mill City Museum and the Mill City Farmers Market team up for their eighth annual Mill City Oktoberfest. Enjoy the tastes, smells, sights and sounds of Germany with activities inside the museum, outside in the Ruin Courtyard, the Farmers Market area and Chicago Mall next to the Guthrie Theater. Activities include cooking and baking demonstrations, music, dancing, beer samples, brewing history and food and beverage sales.

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Free. Baking Lab demonstration requires museum admission of \$11 adults, \$9 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Fall Phenology

Forest History Center, 2609 County Road 76, Grand Rapids

218-327-4482

foresthstory@mnhs.org

Learn from local naturalists and phenologists, who study rhythmic biological events as they relate to climate, at the Forest History Center. Observe the many happenings with plants, animals, birds and the fall climate.

Learn what to look for and how to record your findings.

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$9 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Prairie Sugar Weekend

Oliver Kelley Farm, 15788 Kelley Farm Rd., Elk River

763-441-6896

kelley.farm@mnhs.org

Join the Kelley farmhands as they make prairie sugar, also known as sorghum molasses. Help strip the leaves off the sorghum canes, press the canes through a horse-powered press to extract the juice and stir the juice as it boils down to make a sweet, syrupy molasses. Then, enjoy a sweet treat of molasses confections such as gingerbread and molasses candy.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$9 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Also September 27

Museum Day Live! Free Admission

Various MNHS sites

In conjunction with the Smithsonian's Museum Day Live!, MNHS sites are offering two free admission passes on Saturday, Sept. 26 to visitors who register online via [Museum Day Live!](#). Museum Day Live! is an annual

event in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket for free. The ticket provides admission for two people.

Tickets will be available for download on August 1, 2015. To receive your free Museum Day Live! ticket, please register for an account starting on August 1, 2015. Once registered, you can request a ticket to one participating venue. The ticket will be available to download immediately up to the date of the event. You must print your ticket and present it to receive free admission or have it accessible on your mobile device.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Free with Museum Day Live! ticket printout or on mobile device

Participating sites: Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, Forest History Center, Jeffers Petroglyphs, North West Company Fur Post, James J. Hill House, Historic Fort Snelling, Historic Forestville, Minnesota History Center, Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, Split Rock Lighthouse

Ojibwe Moccasin Workshop

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia

320-532-3632

millelacs@mnhs.org

Learn techniques of working with leather at this two-day workshop. Participants will make a pair of Ojibwe-style moccasins to take home. Registration is required three days prior to workshop. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided both days. A minimum of five participants required to host workshop. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Discounted hotel rooms are available for workshop participants on Saturday night at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Workshop is noon to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday.

\$60/\$55 MNHS members, plus \$25 supply fee. Reservations required, call 320-532-3632

Also September 27

Children's Games and Craft Day

Fort Ridgely, 72404 County Road 30, Fairfax

507-508-2848

ftridgely@mnhs.org

Families can play games on the parade grounds including field ball, stilts and graces. Inside the commissary building make a hanky doll or a catapult to take home.

Noon - 4:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members. State Park vehicle permit required

American Indian Family Day

Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul

651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Enjoy free admission during this special day featuring speakers and artists from American Indian communities, who will share traditions of their vibrant history. Visitors can enjoy music, dancing, demonstrations, museum collections, language exchange, games, storytelling and art activities. You can join artists Pat and Gage Kruse, members of the Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe, to help make a birch bark mural that will be donated to a local hospital and then make your own birch bark butterfly to keep or share.

If you can, bring a nonperishable food item to donate to Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf, which serves the urban American Indian population in the west metro. This program is offered in conjunction with Smithsonian Museum Day Live!, an annual free admission event.

Noon - 4:00 pm

Free. This program is offered in conjunction with Smithsonian Museum Day Live!, an annual free admission event.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Walking Tour

James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Avenue, St. Paul
651-297-2555

hillhouse@mnhs.org

Celebrate F. Scott Fitzgerald's birthday, with a guided walking tour of the St. Paul neighborhood where he spent much of his youth. The tour begins at the Commodore Hotel at 79 Western Ave., and includes stops at 599 Summit Ave., where Fitzgerald wrote his first novel *This Side of Paradise*, and his birthplace at 481 Laurel Ave. Tour stops do not include interiors. Participants will hear about Fitzgerald's early years, his relationship with his wife, Zelda, the impact of St. Paul on his stories and novels, and his connections to the Hill family and other prominent neighbors. Guides will also discuss the importance of the neighborhood to other writers, from Sinclair Lewis to Garrison Keillor, Patricia Hampl and August Wilson. Tours begin at 1 pm and 3 pm.

1:00 pm - 4:15 pm

\$12 adults, \$10 seniors and college students, \$8 ages 6-17, \$2 discount MNHS members. [Get tickets online](#) or call 651-259-3015

Also September 27

St. Paul Brewing History Bus Tour

Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle, St Paul

Seek out a new go-to brew and learn about St. Paul's hoppy past. New breweries springing up around St. Paul are a powerful testament to today's fascination with the sudsy stuff, but St. Paul's first brewery dates back to 1849. Today, remnants of St. Paul's historic brewing past include the imposing Hamm's and Schmidt breweries. This meandering three-hour bus tour features samples, conversation and hidden gems along the way. The tour starts and ends at Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle, St. Paul. Ages 21 and up only.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$35/\$30 for MNHS members. [Reservations required.](#)

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Sheep, Wool and Quilts

Harkin Store, 66250 County Road 21, New Ulm
507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

Alexander Harkin came to West Newton to raise sheep and produce wool, a key material in blanket-making. Visitors will see displays of blankets and quilts, a spinning wheel, carders, wool items and quilts, both old and new.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$6 adults, \$5 seniors and college students, \$4 ages 6-17, free ages 5 and under and MNHS members

Ramen Attack

Mill City Museum, 704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis
612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Mill City Museum is pleased to partner with Zen Box Izakaya to celebrate the restaurant's fourth year anniversary and benefit the Children's Cancer Research Fund. The event includes ramen tasting featuring Zen Box Chef John Ng and world-renowned ramen chefs, beer, cooking demos by local chefs, music and Japanese

cultural performances. Net proceeds from food and beverage sales will benefit the Children's Cancer Research Fund. Cash-only for food and beverage sales.

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The event is free, but museum admission is not included and is required for cooking demos in the Baking Lab.

Ongoing Exhibits

James J. Hill House

240 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Through Nov. 29, 2015	<p>Paj Ntaub: Hmong Textiles from the Permanent Collection View 60 highly colorful and intensely intricate pieces of Hmong textile art created by Hmong women who settled in St. Paul. The exhibit showcases appliqué, reverse appliqué, embroidery and cross stitch in traditional art forms, called Paj Ntaub or flower cloth, as well as commercial tourism items including pillowcases, tablecloths, coin purses and clothing. The exhibit draws on the collection of Corrine Pearson who operated the Hmong Handwork consignment store in St. Paul from 1981 to 1999. Labels will be in both Hmong and English.</p> <p>www.mnhs.org/hillhouse.</p>
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Historic Fort Snelling

200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul

Through Oct. 31, 2015	<p>Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service during WWII</p> <p>This unique photo exhibit shares the stories of Japanese Americans who became "secret weapons" for the U.S. military during WWII by training to be intelligence workers at Fort Snelling. View a set of 30 photographs on display at the Historic Fort Snelling visitor center. A new set of 30 photographs will go on display when the exhibit returns in August.</p> <p>Kept secret to most Americans until the 1970s, nearly 6000 Japanese American soldiers received intensive training in the Japanese language at the clandestine Military Intelligence Language School (MISLS) in Savage and at Fort Snelling. These MISLS graduates served in every major campaign in the Pacific while their families were confined in one of 10 American concentration camps.</p> <p>http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/events-programs/japanese-americans-military-intelligence-service-during-wwii</p>
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Mill City Museum
704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis

Through Nov. 1, 2015	<p>Remembering the Bohemian Flats: One Place, Many Voices</p> <p>The exhibit explores the many perspectives on the people and the conditions of this early immigrant neighborhood adjacent to the Mississippi River. Through photographs, newspaper clippings, maps and surveys, visitors can "journey" down the 79 steps from the bluffs to the flats, and see how a community in the middle of the city could simultaneously be at the margins of the river, of society and of historical memory.</p> <p>http://www.millicitymuseum.org/bohemian-flats-exhibit</p>
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Minnesota History Center
345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul

Through Nov. 29, 2015	<p>We Are Hmong Minnesota</p> <p>November 2015 marks the 40th anniversary of the Hmong migration to Minnesota following the war in Southeast Asia. Today, the Twin Cities metro area is home to 66,000 Hmong, the largest urban Hmong population in the United States. Developed in partnership with the Hmong community, the new exhibit "We Are Hmong Minnesota," will commemorate the anniversary and celebrate the significant political, social and economic contributions the Hmong have made to Minnesota and the nation. For more information visit www.minnesotahistorycenter.org/exhibits/we-are-hmongminnesota.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Then Now Wow</p> <p>Designed primarily for children, visitors of all ages will enjoy exploring Minnesota's distinctive places from the prairies and forests to the cities. Along the way they'll meet the people who have made their homes here. Step inside a prairie sod house; board a Twin Cities streetcar; don a headlamp to venture underground in an Iron Range mine; hitch a ride on a boxcar; sit in a modern tipi; and encounter artifacts and images unique to Minnesota's diverse people and historic events. "Then Now Wow" is made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008. For more information visit www.minnesotahistorycenter.org/thennowwow.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War, The Boom</p> <p>Explore interactive displays and innovative</p>

	<p>multimedia experiences that reveal the lives and stories of the men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II and went on to create the postwar “boom.” The exhibition relies substantially on first-person narratives drawn from oral history interviews, published memoirs, reminiscences and letters. For more information visit www.mnngreatestgeneration.org.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Open House: If These Walls Could Talk This interactive exhibit uses a single, existing house in the Railroad Island neighborhood on St. Paul’s East Side as a window into the daily lives of people of the past. Stories of families, from the German immigrants who built the home through the Italians, African Americans and Hmong who succeeded them, are told through rooms representing different eras of the house. For more information visit www.minnesotahistorycenter.org/openhouse.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Weather Permitting Minnesotans learn to cope with extreme temperatures, watch for signs of storms and generally enjoy the outdoors, whether boating on a summer’s day, skiing down a hill or snowmobiling across snowdrifts. Visit the multimedia tornado exhibit, “Get to the Basement,” named the best museum exhibit in the Twin Cities by City Pages. For more information visit www.mnhs.org/weather.</p>