

October 2015 Events, Classes and Exhibits

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Fun Fall Trail Run

Fort Ridgely
72404 County Road 30
Fairfax, MN 55332
507-508-2848

fridgely@mnhs.org

Fort Ridgely historic site, Fort Ridgely State Park and Nicollet County Historical Society partner to host the first Fun Fall Trail Run, a beautiful 5K walk/run through the woods and prairie at Fort Ridgely. Proceeds will go to support the historic site, state park and collections at NCHS.

Sat., Oct 3, 2015, 10:00 am – Noon

\$25 per person. Registration required. Please register on race day, or call 507-508-2848 or click "get tickets" to register with our Google Form.

[Get Tickets Online](#)

History Forum: The Louisiana Purchase

Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the U.S and set in motion visions of Manifest Destiny. Presenter John Kukla will speak on how the Louisiana Purchase dramatically reshaped European influence in North America and helped preserve a tentative Union while establishing it as a territorially rich land. He will also discuss how the purchase was brought about by men—Thomas Jefferson, Charles Talleyrand, James Monroe and Napoleon Bonaparte—who had never seen the Mississippi Valley, who would strive to overcome the controversy that surrounded America's aspirations to empire. Lectures occur at 10 am and 2 pm. Jon Kukla is a recognized authority on 17th- and 18th-century American history and the author of *A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America*.

Sat., Oct 3, 2015, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Individual lectures: \$15/\$11 MNHS members. Series tickets: \$82/\$60 MNHS members

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Kids Crafts: Bead a Ring

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post
43411 Oodena Dr.
Onamia, MN 56359
320-532-3632

millelacs@mnhs.org

Learn a basic stringing technique while beading a ring to take home. Allow an hour to make the craft.

Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Sat., Oct 3, 2015, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$3 per kit, does not include museum admission

Science of Fire and Ice

Forest History Center
2609 County Road 76
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-4482

foresthistor@mnhs.org

Headwaters Science Center presents on the extreme heat of combustion and the extreme cold of cryogenics and their effects on all kinds of things. See demonstrations like a banana frozen with liquid nitrogen that's able to hammer a nail, or harmless but loud gas explosions.

Sat., Oct 3, 2015, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

Time Capsule for Families: European Vacation, 1868

Alexander Ramsey House
265 S. Exchange St.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

1868 was an exciting year for the Ramsey family. Construction started on their new home, and they were planning a trip to Europe. Discover what other events happened in 1868. Use a timeline map to explore the Ramsey House and collect "time capsule tokens" along the way. Learn why the family's new house would be so special and taste a popular food of the time period. Children can make their own time capsule. This program is offered at noon, 12:30 and 1 pm.

Sat., Oct 3, 2015, 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.

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Bars, Bootleggers and Booze Bus Tour

Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Cocktail rooms and high-end mixology are trends matched only by a current thirst for microbrews. Booze and hooch have a rich history in the Twin Cities, including legacy brands like Phillips, founded in 1912, and Minnesota 13, a high-quality distilled spirit beloved throughout the Midwest during Prohibition. Today microdistilleries are growing quickly with local upstarts 11Wells and Du Nord opening cocktail rooms this year. Hop on the bus and bring your ID for a tour of the Twin Cities' boozy past and future, samples included!

Sat., Oct 3, 2015, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$35/\$30 MNHS members

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Preparing for Winter

Harkin Store
66250 County Road 21
New Ulm, MN 56073
507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

Pioneers spent many months preparing for winter, including putting up their gardens, cutting enough firewood and getting the stocks ready for the animals. Learn more about the domestic side of preparing for winter with displays of candlemaking, canning and sauerkraut making. View historic equipment and pictures of farm life.

Sun., Oct 4, 2015, 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, October 6, 2015

Tour for People with Memory Loss

James J. Hill House
240 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102
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.

Tue., Oct 6, 2015, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Free. Reservations required, get tickets online or call 651-259-3015

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Educator Preview: Suburbia

Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Educators take a step back in time as you tour the History Center's new "Suburbia" exhibit. Experience the joys, conveniences, constraints and complications of suburban living in Minnesota in 1950s and 1960s. Get hints on enhancing your students' field trip experience and ideas to take back to the classroom. Participants will receive a gift bag, prize giveaways and a 10 percent discount in the museum stores.

Tue., Oct 6, 2015, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free, reservations required. Get tickets online or call 651-259-3015.

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Thursday, October 8, 2015

MNHS Annual Meeting and Suburbia Member Preview

Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

The annual business meeting will occur from 6:30 pm to 7 pm, followed by a presentation by University of Minnesota professor Holley Wlodarczyk in conjunction with our newest "Suburbia" exhibit. She will contrast the realities of suburbs today, such as conservation and transportation, and the original intent when suburbs were first created. An exhibit preview and reception with cash bar, appetizers and desserts to follow.

Thu., Oct 8, 2015, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Free MNHS members-only event, reservations required

[Get Tickets Online](#) –Tickets will be available starting Aug. 21

World War II Roundtable: Leaders of the Victory – The Giants of the Winning Strategy

Historic Fort Snelling

200 Tower Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55111

612-726-1171

ftsnelling@mnhs.org

Join Jonathan Jordan, author of *American Warlords*, for a discussion of the U.S. leaders during World War II. Members of the Greatest Generation will also reflect on their memories of decisions that affected their lives. 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. Find [more information online](#).

Thu., Oct 8, 2015, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

\$5/students free

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mendota After Hours: October

Sibley Historic Site

1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy

Mendota Heights, MN 55120

651-452-1596

sibleyhouse@mnhs.org

Have a drink with your friends at the Sibley House while learning about Minnesota's past. This new series offers fascinating stories of historic people, places, and events in a unique setting. Guest speakers will present different historical topics each month. Cash bar provided. Ages 21 and up only. Specific programming details TBD.

Fri., Oct 9, 2015, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

\$15/\$12 MNHS members. Get tickets online or call 651-259-3015

[Get Tickets Online](#)

CSI: Fort Snelling

Historic Fort Snelling

200 Tower Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55111

612-726-1171

ftsnelling@mnhs.org

It's murder most foul at Historic Fort Snelling! A soldier has been mysteriously killed on the post, and your help is needed. Can you crack the case and solve the mystery? Guests will work together to interview witnesses and suspects, examine medical evidence and determine "whodunit." The fort's Sutler Store will be transformed into a historic tavern with hot cider and snacks. Beer and wine will be available for ages 21 and up. Price of admission includes two drink tickets. This program takes place outdoors (rain or shine). It is appropriate for ages 14 and up.

Fri., Oct 9, 2015, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

\$22/\$2 MNHS member discount. \$9/MNHS members free. Get tickets online or call 651-259-3015

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Also Oct. 10, 16, 17, 23, 24

Ramsey After Dark: Victorian Gothic Novels

Alexander Ramsey House

265 S. Exchange St.

Saint Paul, MN 55102

651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

The gothic novel captivated Victorian readers. Combining elements of horror and romance, gothic authors' short stories, "penny dreadfuls" and novels still influence modern-day writers. This tour explores the origins of the gothic novel, from the motivations behind the stories to why authors chose to use certain language.

Discover how the genre became popular and why it captured the Victorian imagination. This program is offered at 7 and 8:30 pm.

Fri., Oct 9, 2015, 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

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Topics on Family History: Records for Research: Land Records

Gale Family Library

Minnesota History Center

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102

651-259-3300

[Contact](#)

Discover where your family lived, who owned the property and what the terms S 1/2, NE 1/4, S 5, R 6, T 83 mean. Learn how to research land records including how to read property descriptions and find the property on a plat map. The class is taught by Cathi Weber, owner of NorthStar Genealogy, president of the Anoka County Genealogical Society, chair of the Minnesota Genealogical Society education committee and a board member of MGS.

Sat., Oct 10, 2015, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

\$32/\$28 MNHS and MGS members

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Suburbia Exhibit Opening

Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

From the rapid growth of the 1950s to today, the suburbs are a complex and diverse part of the American cultural landscape. More than half of all Americans live in suburbs. And while residents are creating walkable neighborhoods, addressing urban sprawl and supporting environmental stewardship, the area is still largely segregated, aging and not connected to the greater metropolis. *Suburbia* explores Twin Cities suburbs through themes, including conformity and exclusion, consumerism and the evolution of gender roles and domestic arrangements. This exhibit is developed by the Minnesota Historical Society. On view Oct 10, 2015 - March 20, 2016.

Sat., Oct 10, 2015, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$12 adults, \$10 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 5-17, free ages 4 and under and MNHS members

Apple Cider Pressing Day

Historic Forestville
21899 County Road 118
Preston, MN 55965
507-765-2785

forestville@mnhs.org

Minnesota is known for fruit crops, and farmers often had orchards, especially apple trees. Windfalls and culls were used to make cider, "the farmer's champagne." Assist the Meighens and their hired hands as the fruit of Johnny Applesseed fills the hopper of a small hand-operated cider press. Samples of cider and fresh baked apple pies complete the experience.

Sat., Oct 10, 2015, 11:00 am - 4:00 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

Cooking with Apples and Honey Author Event

Mill City Museum
704 South 2nd St.
Minneapolis, MN 55407
612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Join us for a series of Baking Lab cooking demonstrations at 12:30 pm and 2 pm using apples and honey with MNHS Press authors Joan Donatelle and Sue Doeden. In [Astonishing Apples](#), Joan Donatelle is your guide to apple abundance, bringing a fondness for the fruit that goes beyond the standard slices-and-brie or apple crisp. In [Homemade with Honey](#), Sue Doeden applies this ambrosial ingredient to a wide variety of dishes.

The books are the latest publications in the Northern Plate series from the Minnesota Historical Society Press, celebrating the bounty of the Upper Midwest by focusing on a single ingredient and exploring its historical uses as well as culinary applications across a range of dishes. After each demonstration, books will be available for purchase, and the authors will be available to sign copies of the book.

Sat., Oct 10, 2015, 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Regular site admission: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 5-17, free for ages 4 and under and MNHS members.

Washburn A Mill Tour

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

Sat., Oct 10, 2015, 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

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Also Oct. 24

Secrets of St. Paul's Green Line

Rondo Community Library Multiuse Room
461 Dale St. North St. Paul, MN 55104

Jump on the Green Line, grab your bike or break out your walking shoes and challenge yourself to discover St. Paul's secrets. From the new best stop for spring rolls to public art and shop windows stuffed with curious knickknacks, this scavenger hunt-style tour makes you a tourist in your own backyard! Register to receive a tour map and button for access to activities, food samples and more. All tour participants will meet in the multiuse room of the Rondo Community Library, and there will a choice of check-in times of 1 pm, 1:30 pm or 2 pm.

Sat., Oct 10, 2015, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

\$5/\$1 MNHS member discount

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Horses, Horseshoes, Leather and Transportation

Harkin Store
66250 County Road 21
New Ulm, MN 56073
507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

In the 1870s, people would get to the Harkin Store by foot, horse, riverboat and train. Discover the different types of transportation used through a display of photos and information. Also meet leather worker, Dan Cochran, who will display his wares and talk about his work.

Sun., Oct 11, 2015, 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

Tales of the Falls, a Storytelling Tour

Mill City Museum
704 South 2nd St.
Minneapolis, MN 55407
612-341-7582
mcm@mnhs.org

The story of the Minneapolis riverfront will come alive in this unique program led by master storyteller Richard Rousseau. Mr. Rousseau will spin three tales that weave the history of Saint Anthony Falls with the expectations of the present in three different historic spaces within Mill City Museum. Between stories, participants will walk to the next location while learning about the Washburn A Mill, the home of Mill City Museum.

Richard Rousseau has worked as an actor, director, playwright and storyteller for the last 45 years. He has extensive experience utilizing his storytelling techniques as a reenactor for the Minnesota Historical Society, and he is a member of the Science Live Acting Company at the Science Museum of Minnesota. He is nationally recognized for his educational scripts performed by museums across the country, and he is one of the founders of Northstar Storytelling League.

Sun., Oct 11, 2015, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
\$10-14/\$4 MNHS member discount

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

History Film Series: *Minnesota: a History of the Land*, "Second Nature"

Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site
1620 Lindbergh Drive S.
Little Falls, MN 56345
320-616-5421

lindbergh@mnhs.org

In the episode "Second Nature" from TPT's *Minnesota: a History of the Land*, watch as World War II brings momentous changes to Minnesota. A vivid recreation brings to life the revolutionary work of a University of Minnesota graduate student. Simple inventions like nylon nets and the introduction of an exotic species bring the fishery of Lake Superior to the brink of collapse. Through rarely seen footage, experience the extensive pollution of Lake Superior caused by the disposal of over 60,000 tons of waste a day. Then, hear firsthand how a group of citizens plays a central role in stopping this pollution. Discover the ways in which our own homes and businesses result in changes in the land as far away as the rain forests of South America. Consider how the stories of Minnesota's past can inform our choices for the future.

Film starts at 7 pm. The museum and gift shop will be open for a short time before and after the film screening.

Tue., Oct 13, 2015, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Free

Bringing History to the Stage: The Making of Glensheen

Alexander Ramsey House
265 S. Exchange St.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

Discover how the History Theatre brings history to the stage in this intimate program in the Ramsey House parlor. Join artistic director Ron Peluso and members of the History Theatre's newest production, "Glensheen,"

for a behind-the-scenes look at the making of this musical thriller, based on one of Minnesota's most intriguing murder mysteries. Hear cast members sing original songs by local composer Chan Poling and learn from the musical's creative team about the complexities of bringing real stories to life.

Tue., Oct 13, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

\$20 adults/\$17 for MNHS members. Reservations required.

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Thursday, October 15, 2015

MEA History Break

North West Company Fur Post

12551 Voyageur Lane

Pine City, MN 55063

320-629-6356

nwcfurpost@mnhs.org

The fur post will be open during MEA break! Tours run every half hour through 3 pm. Explore the reconstructed fur post, meet a French voyageur, a British fur trade clerk and visit an Ojibwe encampment. Explore the visitor center exhibit and head outdoors to hike along the Snake River heritage trails.

Thu., Oct 15, 2015, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$9 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 6-17, \$2 discount for MNHS members

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Also Oct. 16

Harvest Days

Oliver Kelley Farm, Elk River

15788 Kelley Farm Rd.

Elk River, MN 55330

763-441-6896

kelly.farm@mnhs.org

The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are dropping and the last of the garden produce and farm crops need to be harvested, processed and stored for winter use. Join the Kelley farmhands as they prepare for winter. Help finish up the field work, put food away in the root cellar, make corn husk dolls or join in a quilting bee and play 19th century games.

Thu., Oct 15, 2015, 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 Oct. 16, 17, 18

Friday, October 16, 2015

Springfield: Land of Lincoln Getaway

Springfield, Illinois

Join a three-day getaway to the Land of Lincoln: Springfield, Illinois. Step back in time as we enter the home of Abraham Lincoln, view the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, as well as his eternal resting place (and that of Mary Todd and three of their sons) in his beloved Springfield. Then further explore his legacy at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

In all, the trip actually features homes of three U.S. presidents and another designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. You'll also explore the impressive Dana-Thomas House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1902, a 35-room home that houses one of the largest site-specific collections of Wright art glass and furniture. We

also won't miss the chance take a short detour down the famed Route 66. En route to Springfield, we will stop in historic Galena, Illinois, home to Ulysses Grant and, his wife Julia, and our return trip will take us through West Branch, Iowa to visit the home of Herbert Hoover and his presidential library.

Fri., Oct 16, 2015, 7:00 am - Sun., Oct 18, 2015, 8:00 pm

\$690/\$650 MNHS members (single supplement add \$150)

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Mystery at the Fur Post

North West Company Fur Post, Pine City

12551 Voyageur Lane

Pine City, MN 55063

320-629-6356

nwcfurpost@mnhs.org

Do you have what it takes to solve the mystery at the Fur Post? This interactive drama takes place after dark, and armed with a candle lantern and a list of suspects, you'll have about two hours to investigate the scene, collect clues, conduct interviews and crack the case. This program is designed to be family-friendly.

Fri., Oct 16, 2015, 7:00 pm - 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

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Also Oct. 17

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Apple Butter Day

Historic Forestville, Preston

21899 County Road 118

Preston, MN 55965

507-765-2785

forestville@mnhs.org

Experience the fall activity of making apple butter the old-fashioned way. This day-long event begins with boiling cider and apples in a 20 gallon copper pot and ends with sweet tasty homemade apple butter. Guests can assist the staff in stirring the butter until it turns golden and adheres to the plate, marking the moment when it is ready for sampling.

Sat., Oct 17, 2015, 11:00 am - 4:00 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

Stories from a Hmong Secret Warrior

Minnesota History Center

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102

651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

Join a unique afternoon of conversation and storytelling with Lieutenant Nhia-Long Vu, a Hmong veteran of the Secret War in Laos. Like most Hmong men of his generation, Lieutenant Vu, a former French army officer, was recruited by the C.I.A. to fight in the United States' clandestine war against the spread of communism in

Southeast Asia in the 1960s and 1970s. He gathered intelligence for the U.S. and rescued a downed American fighter in the mountains of Laos. Following the U.S. withdrawal from Laos, Vu shepherded his family to safety, first in a refugee camp in Thailand, then to a new life in France and finally, to Minnesota where he reunited his far-flung family. The talk will be moderated and hosted by Lee Pao Xiong, founding director of the Center for Hmong Studies and professor of American government/political science and Hmong studies at Concordia University-St. Paul.

Sat., Oct 17, 2015, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Free

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Lonesome Ron's Round-up

Harkin Store, New Ulm

66250 County Road 21

New Ulm, MN 56073

507-354-8666 or 507-934-2160

harkinstore@mnhs.org

The Harkin Store and Lonesome Ron bid farewell and "happy trails" to the season with folk, country and bluegrass music. Area musicians are invited to join in the fun for a music jam. If the weather is just right, the river valley will be alit with fall colors. Stop in the gift store for the end of season sale.

Sun., Oct 18, 2015, 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, October 20, 2015

Book Launch for *Think South* at Talk of the Stacks

Minneapolis Central Library

300 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis, MN 55401

What does it take to move 40 dogs, three sleds, twenty tons of food and gear, and six men from all over the world across nearly four thousand of the coldest miles on earth? Cathy de Moll, author of [*Think South: How We Got Six Men and Forty Dogs Across Antarctica*](#), and the executive director of the 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition, introduces the wild cast of characters who made it happen, on the ice and off.

She will be joined on stage by Will Steger, a Minnesota native who was one of the expedition's leaders. He is now a prominent spokesperson for the understanding and preservation of the Arctic. Steger and de Moll will recall stories of near misses and magical coincidences which are as suspenseful and compelling as the expedition's headlines. Many of these stories have never been told.

[Talk of the Stacks](#) is a free reading series exploring contemporary literature and culture, held at the Minneapolis Central Library, and hosted by the Friends of the Hennepin County Library. The series is unified by its commitment to connecting our leading authors with a community of readers at the Library. Programs are free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Programs begin at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Books are available for sale and signing. Signing follows lecture.

Tue., Oct 20, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Free

History Lounge: Warrior Nation

Minnesota History Center

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

The Red Lake Nation of Ojibwe is a nation of warriors who hold their land in common, maintain their system of hereditary chiefs and retain their cultural identity and traditional ways of life, despite centuries of disputes over their land and sovereignty. The people of Red Lake also developed the first modern indigenous democratic governance system in the United States, and the reservation is home to the highest number of Ojibwe-speaking people in the state. Discover the nation's unique history with Anton Treuer, Ojibwe linguist, historian and the author of [Warrior Nation: A History of the Red Lake Ojibwe](#).

Tue., Oct 20, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Free

Thursday, October 22, 2015

***Roadtrip with a Raindrop: 90 Days Along the Mississippi River* Author Event**

Mill City Museum, Minneapolis

704 South 2nd St.

Minneapolis, MN 55407

612-341-7582

mcm@mnhs.org

Join author and travel photographer Gayle Harper for an armchair journey down the Mississippi River. When Harper learned that a raindrop falling into the headwaters of the Mississippi will travel for 90 days to reach the Gulf of Mexico, she embarked on a 90-day road trip along the nearly 2,400-mile course of the river. The book is a celebration of America and of the simple moments that make life an adventure. Ms. Harper will share how the book came about with a multimedia presentation and sign copies.

Thu., Oct 22, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Free

World War II Roundtable: OSS Maritime Units – The Beginning of the SEALs

Historic Fort Snelling, St. Paul

200 Tower Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55111

612-726-1171

ftsnelling@mnhs.org

Join author Pat O'Donnell, author of *First SEALs*, for a discussion of the origins of the combat unit that eventually evolved into the fighting concept that took down Osama Bin Laden in 2011. 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. [Find more information online](#).

Thu., Oct 22, 2015, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

\$5/students free

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Friday, October 23, 2015

Victorian Ghost Stories

James J. Hill House

240 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102
651-297-2555

hillhouse@mnhs.org

Hear dramatic readings of 19th-century ghost stories in the dimly light parlor of the James J. Hill House. Two weekends of suspense are available with different readings each weekend. The one-hour program includes works by Edgar Allan Poe, Oscar Wilde and Bram Stoker as well as lesser-known authors of the period, plus some "true" ghost stories. Program begins at 7 pm and 8:30 pm. This program is not recommended for children under age 8. The presentation will be followed by a tour of the Hill House (included in admission) and hot cider will be served.

Fri., Oct 23, 2015, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

\$12/\$10 MNHS members. Get tickets online or call 651-259-3015

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Also Oct. 24, 25, 30, 31

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Sweetgrass Basket Workshop

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post

43411 Oodena Dr.

Onamia, MN 56359

320-532-3632

millelacs@mnhs.org

Learn the art of making a coil sweetgrass basket in this two-day workshop. Sweetgrass is a fragrant sacred herb used in ceremonies and artwork by the Ojibwe. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided on both days.

The workshop is noon to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday.

A minimum of five participants is required. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required three days prior to workshop. Discount hotel rooms are available at Grand Casino

Mille Lacs on Saturday night for all workshop participants.

Sat., Oct 24, 2015, Noon - Sun., Oct 25, 2015, 2:00 pm

\$60/\$55 MNHS members, plus \$15 supply fee. Reservations required, call 320-532-3632.

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Day of the Dead Family Day Celebration

Minnesota History Center

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102

651-259-3000

[Contact](#)

For Mexican-Americans, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a powerful way to honor ancestors and heritage. Learn about the holiday and join the History Center's annual celebration that features, music, folk dancing, traditional Mexican games, a skull-making workshop, art activities, samples of traditional bread and hot chocolate, and beautiful ofrendas (altars), tributes to those who have departed, created by local students and professional artists.

Sun., Oct 25, 2015, Noon - 4:00 pm

\$12 adults, \$10 seniors and college students, \$6 ages 5-17, free ages 4 and under and MNHS members

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Spooky Side of Suburbia Happy Hour

Minnesota History Center

345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55102

651-259-3000

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What really happens behind those picket fences? At this celebration of all things bizarre in the 'burbs, you'll watch spine-chilling clips from your favorite suburban scary movie, surprise your friends with horror makeup and sample food at a supernaturally scrumptious pop-up food court. You can learn more about Minnesota's burbs at the Minnesota History Center's new Suburbia exhibit, and enjoy a musical atmosphere of vintage vinyl by DJ Jameson. Take it all home (if you dare) with a frightening photo souvenir.

Tue., Oct 27, 2015, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Free

Book Talk and Signing for *Stolen from the Garden*

Magers & Quinn

3038 Hennepin Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

MNHS Press author William Swanson shares his newest book, [Stolen from the Garden: The Kidnapping of Virginia Piper](#).

“The kidnapping of Virginia Piper, a crime that combined incredibly brilliant planning with unaccountably foolish mistakes, remains among the most complex and baffling cases in Minnesota’s history. In *Stolen from the Garden*, Bill Swanson tells the story of the crime with his usual sleek expertise while presenting many inside details never before made public. It would be hard to find a better crime thriller than this real-life tale of a case that even after forty years has not lost its power to astonish.” -Larry Millett, author of *Strange Days*, *Dangerous Nights* and *Murder Has a Public Face*

Tue., Oct 27, 2015, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Free

Thursday, October 29, 2015

History Happy Hour: The Spiritualist Movement

Alexander Ramsey House

265 S. Exchange St.

Saint Paul, MN 55102

651-296-8760

ramseyhouse@mnhs.org

Have a drink with friends at the Ramsey House and learn about the impact the Spiritualist movement had on Minnesota from the 1850s through the 1920s. Join educator and artist Lacey Prpic Hedtke as she explores the Victorian fascination with spirit communication, séances and spiritual healing. Learn about the clairvoyants, mediums and healers who called Minnesota home, and discover which cities had thriving spiritualist communities, churches and campgrounds. For ages 21 and older. This program is offered at 5:30 and 8:30 pm. Admission includes two drinks, snacks, presentation, and time to mingle in the mansion.

Thu., Oct 29, 2015, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

\$25/\$20 MNHS members. Get tickets online or call 651-259-3015

[Get Tickets Online](#)

Saturday, October 31, 2015

“On Home Ground” Art Show Closing

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post

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"On Home Ground" is an art show by Mille Lacs Band member Steve Premo, an internationally renowned artist. The show features about 30 pieces by Premo made up of paintings, photos and material patterns. Premo is a graduate of the American Indian Institute of Arts and currently works doing graphic design for the Mille Lacs Band. The show will be on display Aug. 1, 2015 through Oct. 31, 2015.

Sat., Oct 31, 2015, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Free

Ongoing Exhibits

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

<p>Opens Oct. 10, 2015</p>	<p>Suburbia From the rapid growth of the 1950s to today, the suburbs are a complex and diverse part of the American cultural landscape. More than half of all Americans live in suburbs. And while residents are creating walkable neighborhoods, addressing urban sprawl and supporting environmental stewardship, the area is still largely segregated, aging and not connected to the greater metropolis. Suburbia explores Twin Cities suburbs through themes, including conformity and exclusion, consumerism and the evolution of gender roles and domestic arrangements. This exhibit is developed by the Minnesota Historical Society.</p>
<p>Through Jan. 3, 2016</p>	<p>We Are Hmong Minnesota 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>
<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Then Now Wow 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>
<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War, The Boom Explore interactive displays and innovative 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</p>

	oral history interviews, published memoirs, reminiscences and letters. For more information visit www.mngreatestgeneration.org .
Ongoing	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 .
Ongoing	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 .

Historic Fort Snelling
200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul

Closes Oct. 31, 2015	Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During WWII 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. http://www.historicfortsnelling.org/events-programs/japanese-americans-military-intelligence-service-during-wwii
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James J. Hill House
240 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Jan. 3, 2016	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.
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www.mnhs.org/hillhouse.

Mill City Museum

704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis

Close Nov. 1, 2015

**Remembering the Bohemian Flats: One Place,
Many Voices**

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. <http://www.millcitymuseum.org/bohemian-flats-exhibit>