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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

- *Contemplating Commemorations & Anniversaries at the Andrew Volstead House • 1 p.m.*
- *Informal Evening Mixer at Shay's Restaurant • 7 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

- *Conference Sessions • 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.*
- *Vendor Hall • 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
- *Annual Meeting • Noon*
- *Wednesday Evening Mixer • 7 p.m.*
Lyon County Historical Society, 301 W. Lyon St.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

- *Conference Sessions • 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.*
- *Vendor Hall • 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
- *Keynote Speaker Dr. Joseph Amato & Minnesota History Awards • Noon*

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2019



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Peers Helping Peers: More than a Motto

Local history organizations formed "The Alliance" in 1991 to work together to raise the level of professionalism in the field and advocate for local history issues. Twenty-seven years later, we remain true to that mission.

The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums holds workshops and an annual training conference, develops and shares resources for the entire community, assists colleagues in finding solutions, and recognizes outstanding work with its annual Minnesota History Awards. MALHM helps build the capacity of the more than 500 small and medium-sized local history organizations throughout Minnesota.

Our conference is one example of the growth of our organization. From a one-day workshop, the conference expanded to two days with two tracks to this year's three-tracks over two days, plus a pre-conference event. The conference would not have been possible without the donated time of our speakers, who share their knowledge with their peers. Thank you!



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Pre-Conference Events



Visit the Andrew J. Volstead House in Granite Falls!

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Tour the Volstead House to learn more about the family and Andrew's connections to Prohibition and the Cooperative Movement.

After the tour, join the team from Museology at the Granite Falls Chamber office for a brainstorming session on how local history organizations can incorporate upcoming anniversary events into programming and exhibits.

Vendor Hall

Meet with industry vendors who can help you with products or services!

The Vendor Hall, located just outside the ballroom, will be open both days from 10:30 am to 3 pm.

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Upcoming Event



Save Your Stones Tombstone Preservation Workshop

Friday, May 18, 2018
9 am to 3 pm
White Bear Lake

\$40 for members
\$50 for non-members

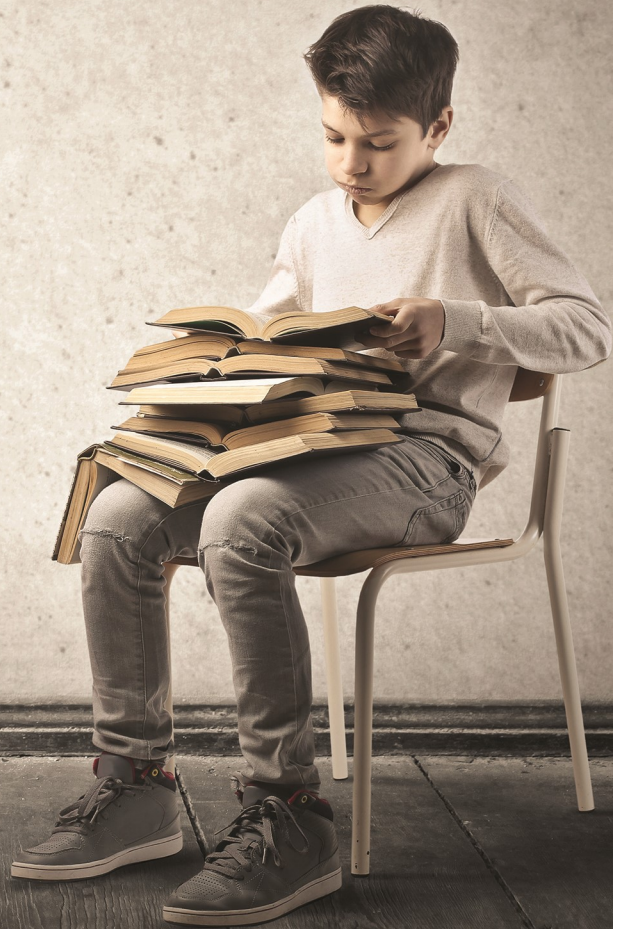
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Day One: Morning Sessions

Check-in and Continental Breakfast: 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Introductory Remarks: 9 to 9:15 a.m.

Sessions 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Executive Director

Bigger Than a Breadbox: Historic Preservation Principles for Successful Historic Site Stewardship

Barbara A.M. Howard, Director of Heritage Preservation, Stonebridge Learning LLC

Although historic preservation has a long tradition within the museum field, caring for a historic property is still a much different animal than caring for collections. Large-scale maintenance needs, new surprises with every construction project, and other property ownership challenges can overwhelm the most seasoned professionals, boards, and volunteers. But there's no need to play twenty questions every time your historic site needs care and feeding. Learn three general historic preservation principles that can help form a strong foundation for successful historic site stewardship, position your organization for seeking financial incentives for historic preservation, and provide you with new approaches for preserving, showcasing, and celebrating your site's history.

Education/Outreach

How to Partner with Nontraditional Communities

Mai Vang, Hmong Museum & Minnesota Museum of American Art

Fatuma Mohamed, University of Minnesota graduate

Iyekiyapiwin Darlene St. Clair, Associate Professor, St. Cloud State University

Nxtiam Siab Lee, Metropolitan State University social work student

The Unfamiliar Stories team through the LSA, connected with the Hmong and Somali communities to learn about how they share, collect and preserve their history. We bring results from our relationship building, some unexpected factors, and finally focus groups. Attendees will gain practical skills about how to reach out to diverse communities for their own programs. They will also learn about the results of our study and be able to use that knowledge for future interactions with individuals in the Hmong and Somali communities.

Collections

Collective Access Update & Demonstration

Ann Grandy, Collections Manager Pope County Historical Society

Hannah King, Curator Stevens County Historical Society

Joe Hoover, Digital Technology Outreach Specialist, Minnesota Historical Society

MALHM is customizing a web-based Collection Management System for statewide use called Collective Access. There are currently 5 sites conducting a pilot program to develop and test the software. This session will update the museum community of the progress of the project and present a demonstration of the current version of Collective Access.

Break: 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Sessions: 10:45 to Noon

Effective Fundraising: Everyone Plays Their Part

Jerritt Johnston, Owner True North Consultants

We all know fundraising is an essential, but sometimes unpopular, part of being involved with non-profits. To be successful in today's fundraising environment, non-profits need everyone, from a one-time volunteer to the board chair, to understand the importance of fundraising and how to support the organization's efforts to raise money. This highly interactive session will provide you with tools to engage people at all levels of your organization in your fundraising efforts.



"Waking the Dead": Bringing History to Life Through Media Storytelling

Daniel Bergin Sr., History Producer Twin Cities Public Television

Ken Burns describes history media as 'waking the dead.' This session will provide an overview of some of the basic concepts, content, and approaches for compelling history media for online, galleries, web and social media.



What You Don't Know Could Hurt You: Why You Should Consider a Fine Art Policy

Eric Fischer, Senior Vice President, Willis Fine Art, Willis Towers Watson

Eric Fischer, a Specialty Fine Arts Broker at Willis Towers Watson, will discuss how a Fine Art Insurance Policy differs from a Basic Property Policy and how those differences could affect your institution should you need to file a claim. He will shed light on some of the legalese used to define coverage so you can make more-informed decisions about the policy you need, or the policy you hope anyone has who is borrowing your collections. At the end of the session, you should be able to review a policy or certificate of insurance with more confidence, have a better understanding of valuations and how to determine the level of coverage your institution needs, and know what to do in the event you do need to file a claim.

Day One: Afternoon Sessions

Break: Noon to 12:10 p.m.

Lunch begins serving at 12:10 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Learn about MALHM activities from the past year with updates from the Board Chair, Alliance Coordinator, and LSA Coordinator. More information on page 14.

Sessions resume 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.



Executive Director

Partnership Projects at Work: The Metro Area Collaborative's Archaeological Alpha Sites Project

*Kathleen Klehr, Executive Director
Scott County Historical Society*

*Rebecca Ebnet-Mavencamp, Executive
Director, Anoka County Historical Society*

*Matt Carter, Executive Director
Dakota County Historical Society*

*Steven J. Blondo, MA, Archaeologist & Owner,
Blondo Consulting LLC*

Three county historical societies (Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey, and Scott) came together in 2015 to form the Metro Area Collaborative with a mission to better understand archaeology in each respective county. The partnership secured Legacy Grant funding to complete a study of recorded archaeological resources and assess materials within their collections. In 2017, the Collaborative (now consisting of Anoka, Dakota, and Scott County Historical Societies) again received Legacy Grant funding for additional archaeological studies. The 2017 Alpha Sites Project aims to supplement and confirm reported archaeological sites within the counties and document and record sites for the Office of the State Archaeologist. Alpha Sites consist of site leads such as ghost towns or artifact collections, whose exact location is suspected or unknown and have not been confirmed by a professional archaeologist. Public involvement is another important aspect of the project. This involvement has been in the form of presentations during Archaeology Week in September 2017, a planned field trip to the Minnesota Historical Society, research nights, assistance with inventory, and archaeological survey and excavation. We'll discuss what it takes to put together a partnership to pursue grant funding to complete a project.

Education/Outreach

What Can You Do with Reality?: Recent VR/AR Projects & Possibilities

*Molly Huber, Outreach Coordinator
Minnesota Digital Library*

Dan Hartman, Director, Glensheen

*Scottie Gardonio, Creative Manager
Glensheen*

Join Dan Hartman and Scottie Gardonio of Glensheen and Molly Huber from the Minnesota Digital Library as they talk about new projects in virtual and augmented reality. Glensheen is in the process of creating VR videos of its hard-to-access spaces to aid people with access concerns and provide an enriched online experience. In addition, the Glensheen team is working on a plan to use AR to enhance the self-guided summer classic tour. With the AR option, visitors can see the present and the past concurrently. For example, visitors who walked down to the boathouse and pier could look at the present-day pier with their phone and see the original full-length pier, which washed away 50 years ago.

The Minnesota Digital Library and its premier project, Minnesota Reflections, contain many digitized resources that can be used to create augmented reality projects, such as images and maps. We have also recently added geolocation information to all of the materials in Reflections, placing them in geographic context. Molly Huber will talk about the various types of materials available in Reflections and how they might be used in VR and AR projects.

Collections

Close Looking - How to Read Photographs & Images

Larry Hutchings, Museology

Photo archives are often a tremendously under-utilized resource for history museums. It is easy to skim through looking only for recognizable faces or events. This session will hone your eye for detail, and teach you how to uncover a story behind any photograph in your collection. You'll learn how to extrapolate missing historical information--particularly from voices that have been erased from historical narratives--and you'll learn the five questions you can ask to get any photo to talk to you!



MALHM Mingle: Community Commemorations Thursday, June 21 6 to 8 pm

Otter Tail County Historical Society
1110 Lincoln Avenue West
Fergus Falls, MN

Enjoy drinks and appetizers with
colleagues while exploring exhibits.
Watch the MALHM website and
Facebook page for more event details
& registration.

**\$10 for members
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MALHM Annual Meeting

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Agenda

1. Call to Order – President Sara Hanson
2. Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes – Secretary Janet Timmerman
3. Approval of 2017 Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Jill Wohnoutka
4. Alliance Coordinator's Report – Dustin Heckman
5. LSA Coordinator's Report – Pat Koppa & Mike Brubaker
6. Approval of By-Law Revisions – Vice President Tamara Edevold
7. Election of Board Members – President Sara Hanson
 - Sara Hanson (White Bear Lake Area) – 3rd term
 - Milissa Brooks-Ojibway (Glensheen) – 2nd term
 - Tamara Edevold (Clearwater County) – 2nd term
 - Nicole Elzenga (Renville County) – 1st term
 - Holly Johnson (Hormel Historic Home) – 1st term
8. Adjournment

Treasurer's Report: Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017

Starting Balance

January 1, 2017 **\$37,062.24**

Income

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| Donations | \$0 |
| Membership Dues | \$990.00 |
| MNHS/MALHM Partnership Grant | \$51,000.00 |
| MNHS/MALHM LSA Partnership | \$0 |
| Heritage Partnership Grant—CA | \$49,804.00 |
| Workshops | \$760.00 |
| Annual Meeting | \$10,395.00 |
| Misc. Income | \$150.14 |
| Total: | \$113,099.14 |

Expenses

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Office Supplies | \$200.30 |
| Annual Meeting | \$10,677.41 |
| Coordinator Expenses | \$2,954.13 |
| Website | \$348.00 |
| LSA Grant | \$28,746.00 |
| Heritage Partnership Grant—CA | \$25,663.75 |
| Coordinator Payroll | \$33,248.87 |
| Workshops | \$481.55 |
| Fees | \$176.78 |
| Misc. Expense | \$74.47 |
| Total: | \$102,571.26 |

Ending Balance

December 31, 2017 **\$50,295.59**

MALHM Annual Meeting

MALHM 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2017 – Chase on the Lake, Walker, MN

Meeting called to order at 12 PM by MALHM President Dustin Heckman of the Goodhue County Historical Society.

The 2016 Annual Meeting minutes were presented with no additions or corrections. Brent Peterson of the Washington County Historical Society moved to accept, second by Nicole Elzenga of the Renville County Historical Society. Minutes were approved with unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report was presented with no additions or corrections. Chris Schuelke of the Otter Tail County Historical Society motioned for approval with a second from Tamara Edevold of the Clearwater County Historical Society. Report approved with unanimous vote.

President Heckman introduce the board members: Vice Chair Sara Markoe-Hanson of the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society, Treasurer Jill Wohnoutka of the Kandiyohi County Historical Society, Secretary Janet Timmerman of the Murray County Historical Society, Mike Brubaker of the Sherburne History Center, Edevold of the Clearwater County Historical Society, Ann Grandy of the Pope County Historical Society, and Milissa Brooks-Ojibway of Glensheen.

Four members are up for re-election, and all have agreed to serve another term. They were Brubaker, Grandy, Timmerman, and Wohnoutka. President Heckman called for nominations three times from the floor. Peterson of the Washington County Historical Society called for a close to nominations, motion seconded by Edevold of the Clearwater County Historical Society. Linda Fransen of Cottonwood County Historical Society moved for approval of the slate of candidates, Kate Sauer of Stevens County Historical Society seconded the motion. Slate of candidates approved by unanimous vote.

Legacy Strategic Agenda Update: The LSA is a collaborative project between MALHM and MNHS. Heckman has been chair of the LSA for 2.5 years. Schuelke is now the new chair and Ben Leonard serves as vice chair. Leonard updated membership on current state of LSA. The LSA Collaborative has representatives from libraries, museums, and academic organizations. There are four action teams now working to provide actionable products for duplication and case studies useful throughout the state.

Teams:

- History Education team working on best practices for integration into classrooms.
- Legacy Grants- Working toward improvement of Granting process.
- Unfamiliar Stories: Working to identify stories not in the mainstream and accessing them to share with the wider community.
- Partnerships: All three teams are integrating partnership strategies.

Leonard announced he is at the end of his tenure with LSA due to a reassignment with in MNHS. Schuelke assured the membership of a continued effort and that voices will be heard through the collaboration with MALHM and MNHS. Other members include David Grabitske of MNHS, Sue Garwood of the Rice County Historical Society, Mary Warner of the Morrison County Historical Society, and Steve Penick of the Stearns History Museum.

Marci Matson reported on her second year as coordinator. In her tenure the attendance at the MALHM conference has increased from 94 in 2016 to 124 in 2017. She hopes for 150 in 2018. Sponsorships helps to sustain and expand the conference offerings. This year there are three tracks and a pre-conference event at the Itasca State Park with their interpretive staff. A host committee is being coordinated for the 2018 conference already. Host sites have been selected for the next three years. 2018-Marshall, 2019-Red Wing, 2020-Austin. Marci is preparing an Annual Conference Manual to include Policies and Procedures for the production of a successful conference event.

In 2016, MALHM has sponsored a Historic House Museum Workshop at the Ramsey House and a MALHM Mingle at Nicollet County Historical Museum and an upcoming Save Your Stones Workshop on May 19th at Red Wing. MALHM is also sponsoring a Collections Management Strategy Pilot Project. A group of willing organizations are helping to choose and develop a Web based, open sourced collection management software. Pope, Isanti, Morrison, MDL, and Murray County Historical Society. There are new benefits for becoming a MALHM member. Gaylord Company offers a 15% discount to members and free shipping over orders of \$50.00.

There is a new Scholarship of \$250.00 offered to members wishing to attend a major conference. MALHM also offers legislative advocacy through legislative monitoring, Minnesota History Coalition, and History Day at the Capitol. MALHM offers MN History Awards and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Dustin Heckman reported on new legislative action. Thanked the following groups for their contributions to the door prizes: Renville County Historical Society, Lyon County Historical Society, Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau, Clearwater County Historical Society, and Red Wing Visitors & Convention Bureau.

No other business being brought forward. Motion made to end 2017 annual meeting made by Edevold of the Clearwater County Historical Society and second by Grandy of the Pope County Historical Society. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Timmerman, Secretary

2017 in Review

ALLIANCE COORDINATOR

The past year was the culmination of two years worth of work and patience. Our conference achieved record growth with 132 attendees over two days in Walker, Linden Hills in Little Falls hosted our second house museum workshop with 30 attendees, and we began working with Collective Access to develop an alternative to Past Perfect. And let's not forget the continued progress of the Legacy Strategic Agenda partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society.

The Alliance has always been an ambitious organization but we didn't always have the capacity to take on large projects. We are growing our capacity and staying true to our vision of peers helping peers. However, we have so much more that we can do.

2017 is a year for us to build on. The board has set a course for continued growth and service to the local history community in Minnesota. We cannot wait to take our members along for this journey. Thank you for your support and for all that you do to preserve our state's history.



LEGACY STRATEGIC AGENDA COORDINATOR

How can you build relationships with nontraditional communities so people are comfortable sharing and preserving their stories? How can Legacy grants be refined for continued transparency, operational excellence and enduring value? How can local historical societies partner with schools to meet critical history needs?

Supported by the Legacy Strategic Agenda (LSA) Collaborative, three priority action teams are beginning to answer these questions. Across four project phases, each team will create products and/or best practices in the areas of education, grants and unfamiliar stories.

Phase One (Assess). Reach out and listen to voices of the community and history stakeholders through surveys and focus groups. Teams will create priority recommendations for change.

Phase Two (Implement). Improve policy and processes, design new programs/toolkits, and enhance community relationships related to grants, education and unfamiliar stories.

Phase Three (Evaluate). Achieve measures of success and add results to the final report. Some teams may package materials for distribution.

Phase Four (Package/Replicate). Publish results and reach out to local history organizations and others with training on best practices.

The LSA teams look forward to having conversations with you about what they've learned. Please join a conference session!



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Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center

Co chair: Jaimie Timm
Mower County Historical Society

Legacy Strategic Agenda Collaborative

Pat Koppa – LSA Coordinator
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Mai Vang
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Michael Lansing
Mike Brubaker
Sheila Brommel
Sherry Stirling
Steve Penick
Sue Garwood
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MALHM Annual Meeting

Proposed By-Law Revisions

Amend Article III, Section 5: Meetings

~~Twenty~~ **TEN** percent of the membership of this corporation shall constitute a quorum for doing business at any annual, regular, or special meeting.

Amend Article VII: Depository and Finance

The funds of the corporation shall be deposited in such bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota as the Board members shall designate and shall be withdrawn ~~only upon the check or order of two~~ **BY THE CHECK OR ORDER OF ONE OF THE** authorized officers of the corporation. No expenditures of over \$500.00 will be made without the approval of the Board of Directors

Amend Article VIII: Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws shall be approved by a ~~two-thirds~~ **SIMPLE** majority vote of members in attendance at a regular or special meeting provided the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing to the membership at least ten days prior to the date of the vote on the proposed amendment

Delete Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

~~Section 1. The parliamentary authority of this corporation shall be the latest edition of Robert's Rule of Order.~~

Renumber Article X and Article XI to be Article IX and Article X

As proposed these amendments need a two-thirds majority vote to pass.



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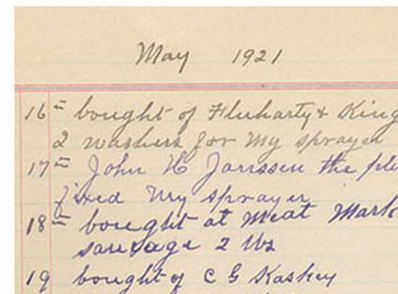


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free with the expedition to Utah, in order to suppress rebellion in Kansas;—I repeat if these statements be a fair and impartial representation of the character, feelings, purposes of the people of Kansas, does it not, as a logical and natural consequence of these premises that, "the speedy admission of Kansas into the Union," with a Constitution which they are unanimously opposed, and they have repudiated by an overwhelming vote of their sense at a free election held in

tween this and the Tulepeka movement, President denounces as a "revolutionary movement," organized in defiance of the laws of the United States, which it was his duty to suppress with the Federal troops. He says: "This Tulepeka Government, adhered to by reasonable patriotism, is a Government in violation of the existing Government's laws. Might not the President have said, with fairness and justice, that this Leocompton



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Day One: Afternoon Sessions

Break: 2:45 to 3 p.m.

Sessions: 3 to 4:15 p.m.

Executive Director

Your Most Valuable Partnership: Engaging Your Board to Ensure Success & Sustainability

*Chad Roberts, President
Ramsey County Historical Society*

*Cedar Phillips, Executive Director
Hennepin History Museum*

Boards are a fact of life at museums – ensuring that they add value is a critical part of the CEO's role and doing so involves a myriad of challenges. Two museum CEO's will share how they ensure that their boards are partners for success and how they address the many challenges that get in the way of that goal. By the end of your session, attendees will be able to: Identify strategies to build a quality board, Improve their relationship with their board and address common challenges like fundraising, budgeting/finance oversight, participation, over-stepping, and recruitment.



Education/Outreach

Walking Tours 101: Making History Educational & Healthy

*Dustin Heckman, Alliance Coordinator
Minnesota Alliance of Local History
Museums*

*Chris Schuelke, Executive Director
Otter Tail County Historical Society*

Walking tours are great programs that serve many purposes: allowing people to experience history in the places they live and work, raise revenue for your organization, and getting people active! It is a great way for local history organizations to get outside of their buildings and into communities they serve. If you've wanted to learn how to create a walking tour from the ground up, this is your session! Learn the basics of how to identify potential areas that would work for walking tours, research the history of those areas (especially those with sensitive history), and lead a tour that draws large crowds and gets people asking "when are you going to offer that again?"

Collections

Long Pencil - White Paper: Publishing Good Local History

*Dr. Joseph Amato, Professor Emeritus
Southwest Minnesota State University*

*Dr. Anita Gaul, Adjunct Professor
Southwest Minnesota State University*

*Jan Louwagie, Director
Southwest Regional History Center*

*Janet Timmerman, Coordinator
Murray County Museums*

Producing good, well-sourced local history takes time, talent and often a team approach. Join this panel of writers and editors to hear about how the Society for the Study of Local & Regional History has produced and disseminated well-written local history for over 20 years. They will discuss ways local historical societies can produce their own stories for publication effectively while maintaining the integrity of the story being told.

Stay connected on Facebook!

Follow "MALHM Curators" and "MALHM House Museums" on Facebook to get info on future training sessions and meetings and to consult with your peers



Sessions end at 4:15 p.m.

Explore Marshall

**Dinner on your own
or join a dinner group and
keep the conversation going!**

**Don't miss
Free Evening Mixer**

**7 to 9 p.m.
Lyon County Historical Society**

LOCAL AREA MUSEUMS



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Renville County Historical Society

Preserving Renville County History Since 1940



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- Main Museum: Exhibit Area and Research Library
- Schoolhouse Dist. 36: Country School
- Schoolhouse Dist. 28: Exhibit Area
- Heritage Building: Lerud Log Cabin and Exhibits
- Machine Shed: Exhibit Area
- St. John's Church

Call to make an appointment outside
the posted hours. Admission charged.

SPECIAL EVENTS—4th of July Celebration in Morton, Patriotic Pancake Breakfast (2nd Saturday in September), come visit our building #4 at the Renville County Fair in August.



June - August

Monday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September - May

Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Central Minnesota Historical Association

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Bi-Annual Meetings Held at Member Locations!

The mission of the West Central Minnesota Historical Association is to connect the cultural and historic societies to advocate west central Minnesota's history.



Day Two: Morning Sessions

Check-in and Continental Breakfast: 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Introductory Remarks: 9 to 9:15 a.m.

Sessions 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Executive Director

In Critical Condition: Managing Your Organization Through Loss

Rebecca Ebnet-Mavencamp, Executive Director, Anoka County Historical Society

*Chad Roberts, President
Ramsey County Historical Society*

What other businesses deal with death and illnesses of colleagues as much as local history groups? Not only do we lose people with whom we're emotionally connected, but we also have to think about finding their replacements while dealing with loss. After attending this session, participants will feel more in control of their institutions concerning the little-discussed issue of death and long-term illness. Hear ideas that worked at ACHS and RCHS, including hosting memorial services, placing plaques, planting gardens, using memorial gift funds, and conducting oral histories with family members. As a group, we will discuss the staff time and resource commitment of attending funerals, sending flowers, conducting home visits, or adapting the work and work structure for our volunteers.

Education/Outreach

Museum Accessibility for People with Disabilities: ADA Title II & III Responsibility

*Margot Imdieke Cross, Accessibility Specialist
Minnesota Council on Disability*

*David Fenley, ADA Director
Minnesota Council on Disability*

The Minnesota Council on Disability (MCD) has dedicated staff and resources to aid business owners in their efforts to meet ADA obligations. Part of this involves meeting with local businesses to raise awareness about what must be done to avoid lawsuits. By attending this presentation, you will gain the tools and knowledge you need to meet all of your obligations under the ADA and building code. MCD will present the ADA basics, the most common fixes and technical guidelines, and all the resources you will need to avoid lawsuits.

Collections

Making Do With What You've Got: Ideas for Improving your Collections Storage Now

*Adam Smith, Archives Technician
Minnesota State University, Mankato*

*Heather Hoagland, Collections Manager
Hennepin History Museum*

Don't wait until that inventory grant money comes through, get started improving your collection storage today using things you have right now or can get without breaking the bank or begging the board! Come ready to share your ideas as well as learn from your presenters and colleagues in this informal discussion-style session. Attendees will leave the session with easily implemented and inexpensive ideas for storing, displaying, and rehousing objects of all shapes, sizes and materials.

Break: 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Sessions: 10:45 to Noon

Effective Hiring Practices

*Todd Mahon, Local History Services
Minnesota Historical Society*

*Chad Roberts, President
Ramsey County Historical Society*

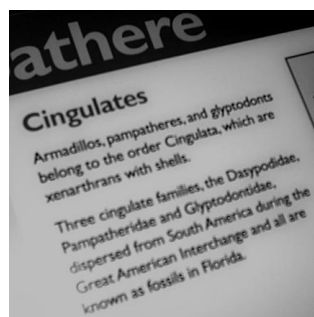
We've all been hired, and many of us have needed to hire, but how many of us have given deliberate thought to the hiring process? This session will give the audience effective tools and planning methods for hiring at a history organization. In addition to hiring, discussion will also be given to volunteers versus paid staff, performance reviews, and separation from an organization (firing!).

We will present standard methods for hiring personnel at small and mid-sized organizations with an emphasis on thinking deliberately on which methods work best for individual organizations. The session will feature prepared remarks and presentation, breakout session in which participants will be given example human resources issues and will report to the group how they would address them, and time for questions.

Label Writing: Using Plain Language, Writing Levels, Lengths, and Hierarchy

Larry Hutchings, Museology

You know your visitors don't read every label. Some might not read any! How do you write for an audience that doesn't want to read? This session will explore the best practices for drafting interpretive text. You'll learn how to draft headlines that attract attention and communicate key ideas, how to use plain language to engage visitors, and how to create hierarchies of content that help visitors determine for themselves just how much they want to read. We'll apply principles of poetry--brevity, soul, wit--to help you draft the kinds of labels your visitors will remember.



Archival Inventory Projects as a Step in Building Your Future

*Steve Penick, Head Archivist
Stearns History Museum*

*Jessie Storlien, Archivist
Stearns History Museum*

Spreadsheets can be used for just about anything from inventorying a photographic collection to building a library catalog. Steve Penick and Jessie Storlien from the Stearns History Museum in St. Cloud would like to share their archival inventory experiences as a way to improve record keeping and developing useful metadata for your organization. The project, funded through a Minnesota Historical Society's Historical and Cultural Heritage grant, will provide a case study in building spreadsheets, improving access to your collection, and even organizing your own inventory. The presenters will discuss SHM's project and then develop a conversation about using our inventory data for a future library catalog.

Day Two: Afternoon Sessions



Break: Noon to 12:10 p.m.

Lunch begins serving at 12:10 p.m.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Joseph Amato & Minnesota History Awards

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Sessions resume: 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Executive Director

Critical Aspects of Cultural Property Protection - Is Your Organization Protected?

Peter J. Mroczkiewicz, Senior Cultural Property Consultant, PM Security Consulting

Cultural Property Security encompasses more than safeguarding collections. It involves protecting facilities, equipment, visitors, employees, volunteers, and much more. This session is designed to help stakeholders at large and small cultural properties consider what is important when assessing security needs. Attendees will learn the basic steps in conducting a threat assessment and risk analysis. They will also be exposed to the importance of developing a security plan and a security management program. There will be dynamic discussions on how much security technology can replace security staffing along with thoughts on the difference between security and law enforcement, the pros and cons of proprietary vs. contract security, and the risks involved in armed security. A common theme running throughout the presentation will be the unique requirements a cultural property faces when balancing the need for security with customer service. If done correctly security can enhance the visitor's experience and not detract from it.

Education/Outreach

Ask, Don't Assume: Developing Education Partnerships with Your Local Schools

Susan Garwood, Executive Director Rice County Historical Society

Dustin Heckman, Alliance Coordinator Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums

Lindsey Rindo, Education & Outreach Coordinator, Goodhue County Historical Society

Local history organizations are constantly looking for ways to attract local schools to their site for a visit or to utilize their resources. The mantra "if we build it, they will come" has led to frustrated staff members and volunteers who cannot figure out why students are not coming for field trips anymore, taking advantage of your speaker bureau list, or utilizing any of your educational resources. How about a different approach? What if we asked the schools what they wanted from us, rather than assume we know what they need? Through the Legacy Strategic Agenda, two county historical societies worked together to do just that! Coming from different points in the process, staff from the Goodhue County and Rice County Historical Societies will discuss the process of relationship building undertaken by both organizations to become partners in education.

Collections

Illegitimate Collections: Claiming Title with the Minnesota Museum Property Act

Official session of the Curators Affinity Group

Nicole Delfino Jansen, Central Registrar Minnesota Historical Society

During the 2003–04 legislative session, Nicole Delfino Jansen joined forces with a group of museum professionals from several Minnesota museums and historical organizations to create and shepherd through the legislature a bill governing the disposition of unclaimed museum loans and presumed gifts. After over a decade, museums are still hesitant to pursue claiming title to property in their collection for which they have no clear written transfer of title, and yet they continue to store and care for these items. In this session, we will talk about the law, when it can be applied, and how you can move forward with claiming abandoned property for your collection, or gain the authority to dispose of it.



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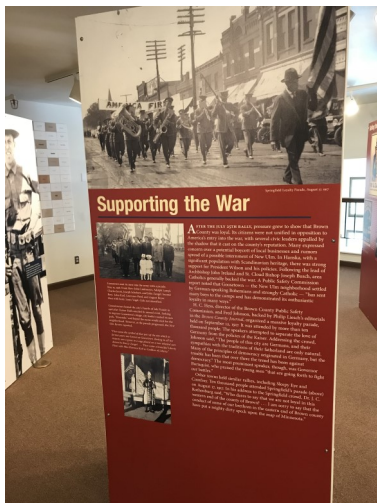
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Minnesota Discovery Center (Chisholm) *Blue-Collar Battleground: The Iron Range Labor Story*



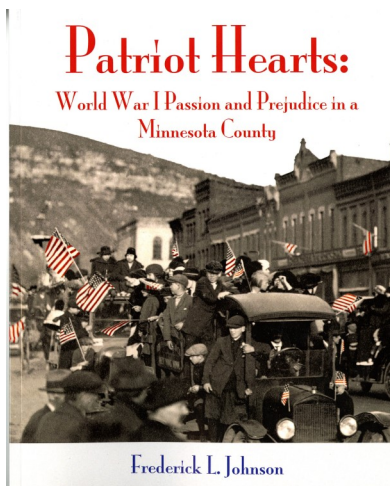
This exhibit covers over 100 years of labor history with a focus on several battlegrounds where workers have had to and continue to fight for economic justice.

Brown County Historical Society (New Ulm) *Loyalty and Dissent: Brown County and World War I*



This exhibit tells a local story and the national implications of dissent. The primary goal was to look at the war's effect on First Amendment rights.

Goodhue County Historical Society (Red Wing) *Patriot Hearts: World War I Pride & Prejudice in a Minnesota County by Frederick L. Johnson*



This book retells a largely forgotten 1917-1918 Minnesota story in microcosm, using Goodhue County as an example of serious cases of civil rights suppression that occurred in one of the state's most ethnically and politically polarized counties.

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2018 Lifetime Achievement Awards

Tamara Edevold (Bagley)



Tamara Edevold has been the director of the Clearwater County Historical Society since 1990. She has been involved with the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums (MALHM) since its inception in 1991. She has been heavily involved with all aspects of the Minnesota Historic

Northwest. Tamara has grown the membership of Clearwater County Historical Society from 18 members in 1990 to almost 800 in 2017. She served on the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

Mark Edevold (Bagley)



Mark Edevold began his career in the local history field serving on the board of the Clearwater County Historical Society from 1988-1990. He has been a volunteer at the Clearwater County Historical Society since 1988 where he has undertaken construction projects, foundation

work and grant writing. He served as Executive Director of the Beltrami County Historical Society from 1990-1993. Served on the MALHM board and served as a member of the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

Gail Kvernmo (Hendricks)



Gail Kvernmo has been a volunteer at the Lincoln County Pioneer Museum for the last 50 years. She has served as a volunteer and also on the board of directors. During her time, she led the depot renovation and museum project in 1967 which assisted in the creation of the

Lincoln County Historical Society in 1969. Gail was involved with the museum expansion of 3 historic and 2 exhibit buildings.

Jan Louwagie (Marshall)



Jan Louwagie has been the backbone of the Southwest Regional Resource Center at Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) for over 40 years. She has supported researchers, continuously collected archival materials, and carefully helped document and tell the history of the region. She has been involved with the Society for the Study of Local and Regional History (SSLRH) since 1990. She assisted the Prairie Genealogical Society, the SSLRH, the Center for Rural and Regional Studies, and the Lyon County Historical Society.

June Lynne (Montevideo, deceased)



June Lynne became Executive Director of the Chippewa County Historical Society in 1993. Before this she was very active in the Montevideo area's tourism. She was a member of the Western Minnesota Prairies Waters since its inception in the early 1980s. She was a member of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She served on the board of the Minnesota River Scenic Byway. She was the leader in creating the West Central Minnesota Historical Association in 2015. While serving as Chippewa County's director, she managed the Historic Chippewa Village, the Swensson Farm and the Lac Qui Parle mission.



Thank you, MALHM and all of your members who contributed so generously and thoughtfully to the MHW.

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Break: 2:45 to 3 p.m.

Sessions: 3 to 4:15 p.m.

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Refining Legacy Grant-Making: Surveying Minnesota's History and Heritage Professionals

*Carolyn Veaser-Egbide, Grants Manager
Minnesota Historical Society*

*Melinda Hutchinson, Grants Specialist
Minnesota Historical Society*

*Michael Lansing, Associate Professor
Augsburg University*

*Sherry Stirling, Retired-former Executive
Director, Chisago County Historical Society*

*Daardi Sizemore, University Archivist
Minnesota State University, Mankato*

In August 2017, the Legacy Strategic Agenda (LSA) Collaborative Priority Action Team (PAT) for Grants conducted a survey of Minnesota cultural heritage organizations about the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage (Legacy) grant program managed by the Minnesota Historical Society. The presenters will provide a background about the survey and share the results and recommendations that came out of the survey. By the end of the session, attendees will be able to: 1) Understand the survey development, results and recommendations made by the Grants PAT, and 2) Have a conversation about how local history can benefit from the Grants PAT recommendations and how you could support their implementation.

Outreach/Education

Senior Takeover: Programming Partnership with the Senior Center

*Annie Schilling, Program Director
Edina Historical Society*

After thirty-one successful years of programming for children, the Edina Historical Society reached way outside of the box to find a vibrant community in its senior population. In partnering with the Edina Senior Center, the Edina Historical Society has opened many new and exciting programming doors.

By the end of the presentation, the attendees will be able to identify previously untapped community groups for their organizational programming outreach. Attendees will also be able to understand the marketing, programming and education benefits of partnering with outside community groups.

Collections

Who You Gonna Call?: Creating a Call List for Your Facility Disaster Plan

*Nicole Elzenga, Executive Director
Renville County Historical Society*

*Adam Smith, Archives Technician
Minnesota State University, Mankato*

Preservation can involve responding to active and pressing matters. But not all buildings are lost to the bulldozer. Many are lost to natural and human disasters like storms and water. A Disaster Plan is a common document used by museums and history organizations. Learn how to develop a contact list for a Disaster Response Plan so you know whom to call when disaster strikes!



2017 Minnesota History Award winners: (front row) Kathleen Bergan (Iron Range Historical Society), Chris Schuelke (Otter Tail County), Vickie Wendel (Anoka County), Mark Peihl (Clay County), **(back row)** Brent Peterson (Washington County), Allyse Freeman (Minnesota Discovery Center), Mike Worchester and Dave Johnson (Cokato), Ann Grandy (Pope County).



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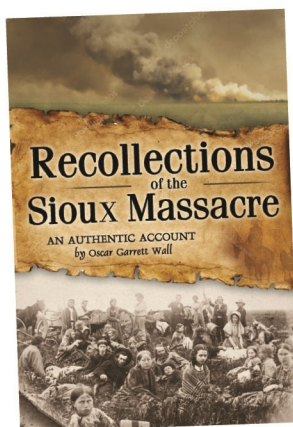
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