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December 2009

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Exhibit Reception, 'Inventive Women: Portraits of Scientists and Engineers from the University of Minnesota'

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

Meet Nancy G. Johnson, photographer for the exhibit "Inventive Women: Portraits of Scientists and Engineers from the University of Minnesota" and learn about the women scientists featured. Johnson will respond to audience questions. This exhibit is offered in conjunction with "Ben Franklin: In Search of a Better World" on view concurrently through July 4, 2010, at the Minnesota History Center.

Phone: 651-259-3000

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Fee: Free

Wednesday, Dec. 2

The Homecoming: A Victorian Christmas at the Ramsey House

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

Tour one of the nation's premier Victorian-era mansions decorated for the holidays. A guide will lead visitors through the parlor, where a 12-foot Christmas tree will be trimmed with blown glass ornaments. View original Ramsey family heirlooms including the dining room table set for 1875 Christmas dinner with Mrs. Ramsey's Havilland china and hear stories about the Ramsey's from family letters and diaries. Music will be playing on the 1875 Steinway piano. Meet Annie, the Ramseys' longtime cook and sample cookies fresh from the wood-burning stove. Visit the Carriage House for hot cider and shop for unique Victorian gifts. Tours are offered Wednesdays through Sundays, except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day. Tours start every 30 minutes.

Phone: 651-296-8760

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays; noon to 3 p.m. Sundays

Fee: \$9 adults; \$7 seniors and college students; \$6 children age 4-17; \$2 discount for MHS members.

Reservations: recommended; call 651-296-8760

Also December 3-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23, 26-27, 30-31, and January 2-3

Thursday, Dec. 3

A Little Steinway Music

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

Enjoy an original musical comedy produced by Walking Boxes theatre group and performed in the Ramseys' elegant parlor decorated for the holidays. A first floor tour of the house is included. Not recommended for children under 6.

Phone: 651-296-8760

Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$17; \$2 discount for MHS members

Reservations: required; call 651-296-8760

Also December 4

Film Screening: 'Betty Mystique'

Mill City Museum 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis

Join author and filmmaker Susan Marks for a screening of her short film "The Betty Mystique." Marks will answer questions following the screening and sign copies of her books, including "Finding Betty Crocker: The Secret Life of America's First Lady of Food" and "Historic Photos of Minnesota." Marks' books will be available for purchase in the museum store.

Phone: 612-341-7555

Time: 7 p.m.

Fee: Free

Friday, Dec. 4

Christmas at the Folsom House

Folsom House Historic Site 272 W. Government St., Taylors Falls

Make your way through the historic Folsom House during a special holiday "open house." Located in the New England-style, Angel Hill district, the home of lumber baron W.H.C. Folsom features beautiful St. Croix River views.

Phone: 651-465-3125

Time: 1 to 5 p.m.

Fee: \$3; \$1 for children ages 6 to 12.

Also December 5 and 6

Saturday, Dec. 5

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

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

Take a trip back to the 1870s to celebrate the holidays with a horse-drawn carriage ride around scenic Historic Irvine Park. Bring a camera, volunteers will be available to take your photo.

Rides last 15 minutes.

Phone: 651-296-8760

Time: 1 to 5 p.m.; rides leave every 15 minutes

Fee: \$12, \$10 for MHS members

Reservations: recommended; call 651-296-8760

Also December 19

Saturday, Dec. 5

A 1918 Christmas with the Lindberghs

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

Join living history characters as they portray Lindbergh family members and hired workers readying the house for Christmas in 1918. Learn about the political and social landscape of Minnesota at the time, why Lindbergh Sr. left politics, and discover how the Lindberghs viewed the war in Europe and their hopes for the new year of 1919. The program includes a 45-minute tour of the home and admission to the Visitor Center exhibits. Visitors receive a 10-percent discount on gift shop purchases. Hot apple cider and cookies will be available.

Phone: 320-616-5421

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6-17; free for children age 5 and under and MHS members.

Holiday Treats and Tours

Comstock House 506 Eighth St. S., Moorhead

Enjoy holiday tours, treats, stories, music, games and activities at the historic Comstock House. The Victorian-era house will be decorated for the holidays.

Phone: 218-291-4211

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$4 for adults, \$2 for MHS members. Free for children ages 5 and under.

Reservations: recommended; call 218-291-4211

Also December 6

A Logging Camp Christmas

Forest History Center 2609 County Road 76, Grand Rapids

Walk to the logging camp to experience a 1900 winter; see draft horses pulling sleighs, lumberjacks sawing wood and visit the cook shack where Christmas preparations are underway. Visit with Santa Claus, listen to music and storytelling and enjoy hot apple cider and cookies. Visit the museum gift shop for holiday shopping. Warm clothes and winter boots are advised.

Phone: 218-327-4482

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fee: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6 to 17; free for children age 5 and under and MHS members.

Hill House Holidays

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

The bustle and excitement of a Gilded Age Christmas is brought to life as costumed actors portray servants of the James J. Hill House preparing for the holidays. The one-hour program moves through the elegant first floor spaces and then to the basement servant work areas. The script is based on letters and oral histories of people who worked for the Hill family during the first decade of the twentieth century.

Phone: 651-297-2555

Time: 1 to 3:30, groups begin every 30 minutes

Fee: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students, \$6 children ages 6-17; \$2 discount for MHS members.

Reservations: recommended; call 651-297-2555

Also December 6, 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27

Saturday, Dec. 5

Washburn A Mill Tour

Mill City Museum 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis

Get an in-depth look at the historic Washburn A Mill complex and the award-winning Mill City Museum building. A museum interpreter 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. Also covered will be the challenges of preserving the 120-year-old, fire-damaged building; its art, architecture and interior design; and the St. Anthony Falls Historic District.

Phone: 612-341-7555

Time: 1 p.m.

Fee: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and college students, \$8 children ages 6-17 and MHS members. Tour includes museum admission.

Reservations: required; call 612-341-7555

Also December 19

Star Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest Winners

Mill City Museum 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis

Get inspired for holiday baking when the finalists in the Star Tribune's annual Taste Holiday Cookie Contest bake their winning recipes in the Mill City Museum Baking Lab. Visitors can meet the finalists, learn about the history of the recipes and why they are so good, get baking tips for the holiday season and sample the winning cookies. The Star Tribune's Taste section sponsors the annual Holiday Cookie Contest in which readers submit their favorite holiday cookie recipes. The winner and 5 runners-up will be announced in the December 3 Taste section.

Phone: 612-341-7555

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Fee: Programs included with museum admission of \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6-17; free for MHS members.

Birch Bark Ornament Workshop

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

Create ornaments from natural materials including birch bark during a two-day workshop. This workshop is led by Mille Lacs Band Member Joyce Shingobe. Registration is required. Discount hotel rooms are available on Saturday night for workshop participants at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. A minimum of five participants required. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Pastries and refreshments provided along with a light lunch.

Phone: 320-532-3632

Time: Saturday noon to 4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fee: \$50, \$45 MHS members; Additional supply fee of \$10.

Reservations: required; call 320-532-3632

Also December 6

Saturday, Dec. 5

Intermediate Genealogy

Minnesota Historical Society Library 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul

Genealogy and family history researchers can take a 2-part class offered by the Minnesota Genealogical Society. At 10 a.m. participants in the class "Military Records: What Did Great Grandfather Do in the War?" will learn how to use military sources including service, pension and land warrant records, among others. The second class begins at 11:30 a.m. with "Finding Published Genealogical Materials." Participants will learn how to find books, articles and manuscripts online. For materials only found in libraries and archives, students will be introduced to online tools such as Google Books, WorldCat, NUCMC and MNLink, the Interlibrary loan tool for Minnesota. Plus, there will be a demonstration of Zotero, a powerful Firefox extension used to capture citations and web pages. This class is taught by Tom Rice, a professional genealogy researcher, lecturer, teacher and writer.

Phone: 651-259-3300

Time: 10 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fee: \$32, \$28 for MHS and MGS members

Reservations: required; call 651-259-3300

I'm New Here: Introducing the Library

Minnesota Historical Society Library 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul

The library contains an array of sources for finding family history; researching a term paper; looking into the history of a house, business, organization or neighborhood; or just finding out more about Minnesota's rich past and many cultures. Get introduced to these resources and pick up tips on how to use catalogs, request materials and purchase photocopies.

Phone: 651-259-3300

Time: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Fee: Free

Reservations: recommended; call 651-259-3300

Also Saturdays year round.

A Radio Holiday: Songs, Stories, Singalong with Prudence Johnson and Dan Chouinard

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

Enjoy a concert of classic holiday standards with local tunesmiths, Prudence Johnson and Dan Chouinard. In support of the History Center's new exhibit, [Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War & The Boom](#), Johnson and Chouinard share holiday interpretations of timeless standards of the 30s and 40s in voice and piano. Join in the fun and sing along.

Phone: 651-259-3000

Time: 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15, \$10 MHS members

Saturday, Dec. 5

State Capitol Art Treasures Hunt

Minnesota State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul

Go on a self-guided scavenger hunt to discover 12 beautiful and important decorations in the State Capitol building. Each self-guided booklet includes a set of 12 gold stars that are placed next to the corresponding photographs when the item is discovered. At the end of the hunt, visitors are awarded a gold state seal, get Capitol architect Cass Gilbert's signature and become Junior Art Historians. The booklet is available at the Capitol's Information Desk.

Phone: 651-296-2881

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday

Fee: \$2 per booklet.

Also December 6, 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Recreating an Early Twin Cities Christmas

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

Historian James Neagbour presents his popular illustrated talk on the history of [Christmas celebrations](#) in the Twin Cities from 1850 to 1940. The one hour talk will include comparisons, some surprising, to traditions, decorations, gifts and the preparation of Christmas dinner today. Light refreshments (coffee, cider, Christmas cookies—including Mrs. Hill's own shortbread recipe) and tours of the Hill House will follow. The 12' balsam Christmas tree will be decorated with ornaments from the early 1900s, recreated by Neagbour and others.

Phone: 651-297-2555

Time: 7 p.m.

Fee: Tours: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6-17; free for children age 5 and under and MHS members.

Reservations: recommended; call 651-297-2555

History Lounge: The Inventive Mr. Jones

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

Explore the complex life and mind of Minnesota inventor Frederick McKinley Jones, a self-taught engineer who made innovations in communications, medical imaging and mobile refrigeration, among other areas. Join Society historian and educator Dwight Scott as he discusses how Jones faced racial prejudice and his own demons to become one of the most accomplished inventors of the 20th century. This program is held in conjunction with the History Center exhibit "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World."

Phone: 651-259-3000

Time: 7 p.m.

Fee: Free

Saturday, Dec. 12

Victorian Santa Claus

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

Head to the Carriage House to meet a Victorian-era Santa Claus. At the top of each hour from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. listen in as Santa Claus reads from the 1823 poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Before and after the readings, children can make their own ornaments and tell Santa what they would like for Christmas. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take their own photos. Optional tour of the mansion included.

Phone: 651-296-8760

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$9 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$6 children ages 6 to 17, \$3 children ages 5 and under; \$2 discount for MHS members

Family Storytime

Mill City Museum 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis

Museum storytellers will share classic tales, teach songs and lead a simple book-making project for recording the steps wheat goes through from the field to the table. Families can also try grinding wheat into flour and taste freshly baked bread. This 30-minute program for preschoolers and their families will feature children's books such as "The Little Red Hen," "Bread is for Eating," "Cook-a-Doodle-Do," "Bakers Dozen" and "Bread Comes to Life."

Phone: 612-341-7555

Time: 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Fee: Programs included with museum admission of \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6-17; free for MHS members.

History Forum: Benjamin Franklin

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

Benjamin Franklin focused much of his long life and his prodigious energy on politics. Through his own experiences in America's early political and civic life, Franklin acquired a deep insight into the ways human nature complicates government and developed a clear-eyed, still relevant concept of the imperative role citizens must play in maintaining liberty and democracy. Explore Benjamin Franklin's search for the keys to sustainable democracy with Lorraine Pangle, scholar of American political thought and ethics, author of "The Political Philosophy of Benjamin Franklin and Associate Professor of Government at the University of Texas-Austin." Forum guests are encouraged to tour the new History Center exhibit "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" before or after the lecture.

Phone: 651-259-3000

Time: 2 to 3:15 p.m.

Fee: Individual tickets: \$14; \$10 MHS members, on sale September 21.

Reservations: required; call 651-259-3015

Wednesday, Dec. 16

The Doll's Victorian Christmas

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

The Ramsey collection includes many dolls and a special dollhouse built for the youngest granddaughter, Laura Furness. Take a special child's tour that features stories of dolls, the mansion decorated for Christmas, and hot cider and cookies. Participants are encouraged to bring a doll and dress in holiday attire. A holiday craft activity will be available in the Carriage House.

Phone: 651-296-8760

Time: Tours leave at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m.

Fee: \$10 adults; \$9 seniors and children ages 17 and under. \$2 discount for MHS members.

Reservations: required; call 651-296-8760

Friday, Dec. 18

An 'Eventually' Christmas: Holidays at the Mill

Mill City Museum 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis

This unique theatrical event performed in the museum's Flour Tower elevator ride, features "The Ghost of Mill City Past" guiding an intimate look at the 1920 Washburn Crosby holiday party.

The script is based on real stories taken from the pages of the company's employee newspaper.

Scenes unfold on different floors of the mill and visitors will meet different characters along the way.

Witness the rocky romance of Celia and Otto; meet marketing mastermind Benjamin S. Bull;

experience the awesome sweeping power of Bill Smith; and learn the secret origin of the Washburn Crosby marketing slogan, "Eventually-Why Not Now?"

Phone: 612-341-7555

Time: 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$14 adults, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 for children ages 6-17 and MHS members.

Reservations: required; call 612-341-7555

Also December 19-20 and 26-27

Saturday, Dec. 19

Christmas on the Farm

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

Experience what Christmas was like on a 19th-century farm during a 75-minute hike along the trails leading to the farmstead and house. Along the way, discover how farm families and their animals coped with the shorter days and the colder temperatures. See what preparations were made for the holidays. Take a horse or oxen drawn bob-sled or wagon ride. Dress for outdoor weather. Warm refreshments follow.

Phone: 763-441-6896

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$6 per person; \$4 for MHS members; free for children age 5 and under.

Reservations: required; call 763-441-6896

Also December 20

Sunday, Dec. 20

Victorian Christmas Stories

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

Costumed actors Craig Johnson and Kirby Bennett bring 19th-century Christmas traditions to life with warmth and humor in this readers theatre performance of holiday stories, including works by Mark Twain, Willa Cather, O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi," and selections from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The performers will discuss the rapid development of Christmas traditions—including Christmas literature—during the nineteenth century. Admission to the one-hour program includes light refreshments and tours of the Hill House, decorated for the holidays.

Phone: 651-297-2555

Time: 6 p.m.

Fee: \$10 adult, \$8 seniors and college students, \$6 children age 17 and under; \$2 discount for MHS members.

Reservations: recommended; call 651-297-2555

Also December 27

Monday, Dec. 21

LEGO® Model of the State Capitol

Minnesota State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul

See a monumental and detailed model of the Minnesota State Capitol made entirely of LEGO® bricks. Built by LEGO® Ambassador Roy Cook, the six foot long, five foot wide and three foot high model is made up of more than 70,000 bricks and took more than 150 hours to build. Guided tours of the actual State Capitol take place at the top of each hour.

Phone: 651-296-2881

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday

Fee: Free

Also December 22-24, 26-31 and Jan. 2-3

Sunday, Dec. 27

Kwanzaa Celebration

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

This year's annual family celebration takes place on the second day of Kwanzaa and focuses on the principle, Kujichagulia, a Swahili word meaning self-determination. From noon to 4 p.m. families can participate in the History HiJinx art activity making West African inspired door panels out of cardboard, raffia and textured material. At 12:15 and 1:45 p.m. "Auntie Beverly" will introduce folk heroes, cultural tricksters and old tales in special storytelling sessions. At 1 p.m. Kenna Sarge and Voice of Culture will showcase West African rhythms and at 2 p.m. the African Global Roots group will present a fashion show of African inspired American designs. At 3 p.m. the Tiyumba Dance Company will perform an energetic dancing, singing and drumming set. Plus, throughout the day, families can shop in the Kwanzaa Market Place, for unique artisan crafted items, many representing West African countries.

Phone: 651-259-3000

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6-17; free for children age 5 and under and MHS members.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

A Story Time Tour

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

Take a special tour of the James J. Hill House designed for younger visitors while enjoying popular turn-of-the-century children's stories. Listen to well-known works such as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and lesser-known stories like "Why Evergreens Never Lose Their Leaves." This one-hour program is designed for pre-school through 1st grade children accompanied by an adult.

Phone: 651-297-2555

Time: 10 a.m.

Fee: \$5, \$3 for MHS members

Reservations: recommended; call 651-297-2555

Art Explorers: Angels and Dragons

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

Young artists and their families are invited to explore art in the Hill House, focusing on the many creatures found throughout the home, including cherubs, dragons and more. Following the tour, children will create their own artwork inspired by the creatures. The art work will be arranged into a show for participants to enjoy before bringing their completed artworks home. The tour is designed for children ages 7 to 12, accompanied by an adult. All supplies are included with admission.

Phone: 651-297-2555

Time: 1 p.m.

Fee: \$6, \$4 for MHS members. Library passes not accepted for this event.

Thursday, Dec. 31

Farewell to 2009 Candlelight Tour

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

Follow a path lit with luminaries to the historic site's front door and begin a candlelit evening tour of one of the country's premier Victorian homes. Guides dressed for a New Year's Eve ball will lead visitors through the house. Sample cake and punch from Mrs. Ramsey's recipe and join in a sing along around the piano.

Phone: 651-296-8760

Time: Tours leave every 30 min. at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, college students and children ages 6-17, \$8 children age 5 and under; \$2 discount for MHS members.

Reservations: required; call 651-296-8760

Exhibits

Minnesota History Center

345 Kellogg Blvd W., St. Paul

- Through July 4, 2010 **Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World** You know about Benjamin Franklin's famous experiment with a kite, a key and some lightning, but did you also know about his rebellious youth? That he pioneered wind surfing and invented swim fins? That he helped found the nation's first hospital, was an environmentalist and charted the Gulf Stream to assist in ocean travel? In many ways Benjamin Franklin is the founding father nobody knows – misunderstood because of the sheer breadth and diversity of his accomplishments. Discover the many ways Franklin has affected our world today in this new travelling exhibit. On display through July 4, 2010.
- Through July 4, 2010 **Inventive Women: Portraits of Scientists and Engineers from the University of Minnesota** View photographs of women faculty at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology, taken by Nancy G. Johnson, a fine-art photographer who works at the Institute. Johnson, who has exhibited at galleries around Minnesota. On display through July 4, 2010.
- Ongoing **Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War, The Boom** The capstone of the Minnesota Historical Society's Minnesota's Greatest Generation project, this exhibit features more than 6,000 square feet of artifacts, interactive displays, and innovative multimedia experiences to reveal the lives and stories of the men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II and who went on to create the postwar "boom." The exhibition relies substantially on first-person narratives drawn from oral history interviews, published memoirs, and reminiscences and letters in which a generation of Minnesotans narrates its own story, creating a fascinating collective autobiography in recorded interviews, images, film and audio.
- Ongoing **Going Places: The Mystique of Mobility** Travel back through time to celebrate the promise of the new, reflect on the consequences of the past, and debate and dream of ways of moving transportation into the 21st century. "Going Places," part of the Minnesota History Transportation Network, is funded in part by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) through the U.S. Department of Transportation. Closes January 1, 2010.
- Ongoing **Grainland/Boxcar** Trace the journey of wheat and corn from farm to town to grain elevator. Children can climb through a replica grain elevator where bins and chutes are replaced with steps and slides and curving nooks and crannies can be explored.
- Ongoing **Homeplace Minnesota** This 20-minute film presentation uses voices, images and artifacts to address a range of emotions about Minnesota as home. Listen to readings from literary sources including diaries, poetry and memoirs while you view photographs and objects from the Society's collections.

- Ongoing **MN150** This exhibit, developed to celebrate Minnesota's sesquicentennial year, allows visitors to experience 150 people, places and things that helped shape our state. Plus, take the interactive quiz and see how Minnesota-smart you are.
- 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.
- 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 multi-media tornado exhibit, "Get to the Basement," named the best museum exhibit in the Twin Cities by City Pages.

Mill City Museum

704 South Second St., Minneapolis

- Through March 28, 2010 **Minneapolis Riverfront Then and Now, 1858 and 2008** Photographer Jerry Mathiason and Mill City Museum embarked on a project during the state sesquicentennial in 2008, to document change on the Minneapolis riverfront, selecting historic photos from the era of statehood (1850s-1860s) and taking photographs of the modern landscape from the same vantage point. The pairs of "then-and-now" photographs reveal the dramatic changes to the city over the past 150 years, including the disappearance of St. Anthony Falls, changes in transportation, bridge collapses past and present, the growth of a small village into a major city, and continually evolving uses of the Mississippi River. On display through March 28, 2010.

James J. Hill House

240 Summit Ave., St. Paul

- Through Jan. 17, 2010 **Hazel Thorson Stoick Stoeckeler: A Retrospective** Hazel Thorson Stoick Stoeckeler has enjoyed a long and exciting career as an artist, professor at the University of Minnesota and world traveler. This exhibit highlights her 60-year career beginning with pieces from the Society's collection dating to the 1930s and ending with a series of watercolors that document her trips around the globe. These 40 small, exquisite images are accompanied with poems written by Elizabeth Weber and published in a book titled, "Porthole Views of the World."

Minnesota History Center Museum

345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102

Information: 651-259-3000 • TTY: 651-282-6073 • Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3773

Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and college students with I.D., \$5 children ages 6 to 17. Free for children age 5 and under. Free Tuesdays 5 to 8 p.m.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays (until 8 p.m. Tuesdays); noon to 5 p.m. Sundays; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday holidays year round.
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Library

Information: 651-259-3300

Hours: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays; noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Closed Mondays and holidays.

Museum Stores

Information: 651-250-3010

Hours: See History Center hours above.

Café Minnesota

Hours: 8 to 5 p.m. (until 8 p.m. Tuesdays); Saturday and Sundays noon to 5 p.m.

Mill City Museum

704 South Second St., Minneapolis, MN 55401

Information: 612-341-7555

Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and college students with I.D., \$5 children ages 6 to 17. Free for children age 5 and under.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Historic Sites

See specific listings for locations, dates and times.