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## November 2009

### Sunday, Nov. 1

#### Victorian Ghost Stories

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

Enjoy an evening of Victorian-era ghost tales including "true" ghost stories, some of which have been handed down for generations. Costumed actors Craig Johnson, Laura Salveson and Ann Daly present dramatic readings in the home's dimly lit parlor. The one-hour program includes works by Edgar Allan Poe, Edith Wharton and the Brothers Grimm, as well as lesser-known authors of the period. The 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.

**Phone:** 651-297-2555

**Time:** 6 and 7:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$10; \$8 MHS members.

**Reservations:** recommended; call 651-297-2555

#### 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** November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29

## **Monday, Nov. 2**

### **Hill House Parlor Concerts: 24th Season**

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

The Hill House Chamber Players begin their 24th season with concerts performed in the art gallery of the James J. Hill House. Complimentary refreshments are served during intermission and admission includes a tour of the Hill House following the performance. The Players are Rees Allison, piano; Julie Ayer, violin; Thomas Turner, viola; Tanya Remenikova, cello; and Jeffrey Van, guitar. The November concerts will include Georg Phillip Telemann, Don Quixote Suite, Overture No. 10 in G "Burlesque de Quixote;" Antonin Dvorak, Terzetto, in C major Opus 74, for two violins and viola; Michael Dougherty, Viola Zombie; and Brahms, Viola Quintet No. 2, Opus 111, in G major. Guest artists include Catherine Schubilske on violin, Nathalie Cruden on viola and Craig Johnson, narrator. The Schubert Club is a local classical music organization dating back to the 19th century that provides use of rare instruments in its collection for these concerts.

**Phone:** 651-297-2555

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$17; \$15 for MHS members or Schubert Club subscribers. Three concert series: \$50, \$45.

**Also** November 9

## **Thursday, Nov. 5**

### **Mambo Italiano: Supper and Song with Dan Chouinard**

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

Enjoy an intimate, one-night performance featuring dinner, conversation and song with local musician and storyteller Dan Chouinard. Start the evening with a classic Italian-American meal, and mingle with Dan as he works the room, accordion in hand. After dessert, guests will take in a program of great Italian-American songs and stories featuring Dan's spin on classics by Dean Martin and Connie Francis, who proclaimed their Italian heritage in songs like "Volare," "Mamma" and "Buona Sera."

**Phone:** 651-259-3000

**Time:** 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$55, \$45 members

**Reservations:** recommended; call 651-259-3015

## **Saturday, Nov. 7**

### **Annie's Kitchen: Put Up Your Christmas Pudding**

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

Learn how to make a traditional boiled Christmas plum pudding. Participants will explore Victorian pudding techniques, tour the Ramsey House, learn about 1870s servants' lives, enjoy a morning snack of fresh-baked plum pudding and coffee, and take home a recipe and a pudding mold. Not recommended for children under 14 years of age.

**Phone:** 651-296-8760

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$25; \$3 discount for MHS members.

**Reservations:** required; call 651-296-8760

## **Saturday, Nov. 7**

### **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** November 21

### **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. This free class held each Saturday year round, introduces these resources and offers 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** November 14, 21 and 28

### **History Forum: Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull**

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

Envisioning a world guided by the traditional Lakota values of fortitude, generosity, kinship and wisdom, Crazy Horse, the charismatic warrior, and Sitting Bull, the fiercely eloquent holy man, inspired their people to resist the U.S. government and challenged America to live up to its promises of sovereignty and freedom for all. Explore Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull's quest for American Indian autonomy with Donald Fixico, scholar, historical advisor to the PBS series "We Shall Remain" and Distinguished Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University.

**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

## **Saturday, Nov. 7**

### **Capitol Mall Walking Tour**

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

Since 1912, there has been a rich tradition of placing war memorials and remembrances of noted Minnesotans from the state's history and government on the Capitol Mall. Created in various forms, such as sculpture, flower gardens, plaques and public spaces, they are available for public viewing. A self-guided brochure, available for purchase at the Capitol's Information Desk, guides visitors along the Capitol Mall and explains the history of this public space and the significance of each of the memorials. An [online tour](#) is available for guests who want to get oriented before arriving at the Capitol.

**Phone:** 651-296-2881

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

**Fee:** Self-guided brochure available for \$2 at Capitol Information Desk.

**Also** November 14

## **Sunday, Nov. 8**

### **Art Gallery Open House**

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

Celebrate the opening of the new exhibit "Hazel Thorson Stoick Stoeckeler: A Retrospective" with an evening event featuring the artist. Join Stoeckeler at 4 p.m. for a short gallery talk and poetry reading by Elizabeth Weber, Stoeckeler's collaborator on the recently published book "Porthole Views of the World," a collection of watercolors by Stoeckeler accompanied by poems written by Weber. The book will be available for purchase, and Stoeckeler and Weber will be available to sign copies of the book. The exhibit spans Stoeckeler's career, from pieces in the Society's collection dating to the 1930s to watercolors that document her more recent trips around the globe. The exhibit runs through Jan. 17.

**Phone:** 651-297-2555

**Time:** 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Fee:** Free

## **Tuesday, Nov. 10**

### **Seniors in Mind: The Amazing Dr. Franklin with Shawn Hoffman**

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

In conjunction with the History Center's new exhibit "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World," actor Shawn Hoffman portrays this remarkable man who was one of the most influential Americans of any generation. Mr. Franklin will demonstrate the general principles of static electricity and expound on his inventions, theories and his commitment to public service. Dr. David J. Rhees, executive director of the Bakken Museum, will provide a special introduction to this electrifying program. Registration is required for groups of five or more. There is a 10-percent discount at the History Center's Museum Stores. Café Minnesota will be open for lunch following the program.

**Phone:** 651-259-3000

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Fee:** Free (does not include \$8 senior admission to museum galleries.)

## **Tuesday, Nov. 10**

### **History Lounge: The 1950s Sitcom - Guide to American Life**

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

Classic 1950s sitcoms showcased new ways to "be American," fighting the Cold War as the laugh track played. Discover how the makers of shows like "Life with Riley," "The Honeymooners" and "Father Knows Best" responded to anti-Communist political pressures and influenced the "Greatest Generation" as well as 21st-century ideals. With pop culture historian Melissa Williams of the University of Minnesota.

**Phone:** 651-259-3000

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Fee:** Free

### **Beacon Lighting to Commemorate the Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald**

**Split Rock Lighthouse** 3713 Split Rock Lighthouse Rd., Two Harbors

This annual event commemorates the 1975 sinking of the freighter, "Edmund Fitzgerald." A film about the Fitzgerald will be shown in the Visitor Center throughout the afternoon and the lighthouse and the fog signal building will be open from noon to 6 p.m. The lighthouse will close temporarily at 4:30 and the names of the 29 lost crew members will be read to the tolling of a ship's bell. Following the ceremony, the beacon will be lit and the tower opened for tours.

**Phone:** 218-226-6372

**Time:** Noon to 6 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5

## **Wednesday, Nov. 11**

### **Minnesota's Greatest Generation: Preserving Family History**

**Stearns History Museum** 235 33rd Avenue South, St. Cloud

Bob Herskovitz, outreach conservator, will lead a workshop on protecting and preserving memorabilia, how to organize family papers, photos and other treasures, and how to create a successful oral history of your family. Participants are encouraged to bring items. Co-sponsored by the Stearns County Historical Society. For more information, call 320-253-8424.

Held at the Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Avenue S, Saint Cloud, MN 56301

**Phone:** 320-253-8424

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Fee:** Free

## **Saturday, Nov. 14**

### **Annie's Kitchen: Perfect Pies**

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

Learn Victorian pastry techniques, tour the Ramsey House, hear how Thanksgiving was celebrated more than a century ago, enjoy pie and coffee, and take home an apple pie ready to bake. Participants should bring a pie pan. Not recommended for children under 14 years of age.

**Phone:** 651-296-8760

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$25; \$3 discount for MHS members.

**Reservations:** required; call 651-296-8760

## **Saturday, Nov. 14**

### **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.

### **Intermediate Genealogy**

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

The Intermediate Genealogy Series, offered by the Minnesota Genealogical Society, continues with a two-part class on using land records. At 10 a.m. participants in the class "History and Records of Government Distribution of Land" will learn about the records created by Colonial, State and Federal governments to map and distribute land to settlers. The class will cover where to locate these records and what they might contain. The second class begins at 11:30 a.m. with "Finding Your Ancestors in Deed - it is not Taxing." Much of your ancestors' family history can be discovered through analysis of land records like deeds, wills, and bills of sale. Also, learn to use tax records and courthouse indexes. 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

### **Listening to the Past: Brownie and Girl Scout Workshop**

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

Explore the exhibit "Open House: If These Walls Could Talk" with a museum guide and discover the stories of the families who lived in one house in St. Paul's East Side more than 118 years. Play games that the children who lived in the house played. Learn about Minnesota women who have made a difference and act out their stories using puppets you make and take home. This workshop completes the requirements for the Brownie Girl Scout Listening to the Past badge. Price includes admission to all History Center museum galleries.

**Phone:** 651-259-3000

**Time:** 10:30 to noon

**Fee:** \$10 girls, \$5 adults

**Reservations:** required; call 651-259-3015. Must be booked at least two weeks in advance.

## **Saturday, Nov. 14**

### **Capitol Civil War Tour**

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

Discover the role Minnesota had in the war and why the Capitol is decorated and memorialized with Civil War artifacts, paintings and memorials. During the tour, a visitor will be dressed and outfitted as a new Union Army recruit with reproduction accoutrements. During the tour, the group will learn about an ongoing restoration project to preserve Civil War battle flags and see statues of famous officers from the state. A reproduction cavalry shell jacket worn by Knute Nelson, one of six state governors who saw action in the Civil War, will be on display.

**Phone:** 651-296-2881

**Time:** 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and college students, \$5 children ages 6 to 17; \$2 discount for MHS members.

**Reservations:** required; call 651-296-2881

## **Wednesday, Nov. 18**

### **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 high 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 Haviland 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 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** November 19, November 20, November 21, November 22, November 25, November 27, November 28, November 29

## **Saturday, Nov. 21**

### **Create A Victorian Boxwood Tree**

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

Instructor and floral designer Ardith Beveridge will lead participants in creating a Victorian decorated boxwood tree using evergreens, a foam form, ornaments and ribbons. Participants will work on a 12-inch tree. Bring a pair of gloves and clippers. The class includes hot cider, cookies and a short house tour to view the Ramseys' preparations for Christmas in the 1872 mansion. Co-sponsored by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

**Phone:** 651-296-8760

**Time:** Two classes are offered: 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m.

**Fee:** \$55; \$10 discount for MHS and Minnesota State Horticultural Society members.

**Reservations:** required; call 651-643-3601 ext. 211

## **Saturday, Nov. 21**

### **Family Day: Railroads**

**Mill City Museum** 704 South Second Street, Minneapolis

Enjoy railroad-themed activities while learning about how railroads and Minneapolis grew up together. Build a paper boxcar like the 1879 St. Paul and Pacific boxcar on display in the museum's Rail Corridor; taste foods from historical railroad dining cars in a cooking demo by Rae Katherine Eighmey, an award winning writer and cook; listen to storytelling about working the rails at the Minneapolis mills; take a mini building tour to see the remaining railroad features in the Washburn A Mill; go on a scavenger hunt to learn more about trains in Minneapolis history; use blocks to build a roman arch like those on Minneapolis' Stone Arch Bridge; use the wooden trains, trucks, and boats of the "To Market to Market" exhibit to discover how wheat goes from field to table.

**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.

### **Puzzle Pouch Workshop**

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

Learn techniques of working with leather in this two-day workshop. Create a secret leather pouch, also known as a puzzle pouch, to hide your treasures and amuse your friends. Taught by Mille Lacs Band Member Kirstie Davis.

Registration is required. Discount hotel rooms are available on Saturday night for all 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:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday

**Fee:** \$50, \$45 MHS members; Additional supply fee of \$20.

**Reservations:** required; call 320-532-3632

**Also** November 22

### **Folk Art: Junior Girl Scout Workshop**

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

Explore the "Minnesota's Greatest Generation" exhibit and examine historic photographs, objects and toys to discover what it was like to grow up during the Great Depression. Learn the art of storytelling and perform a skit from the golden age of radio. Create and decorate a vintage style hat made from recycled materials. This workshop fulfills the requirements for the Folk Arts badge. Price includes admission to all History Center museum galleries.

**Phone:** 651-259-3000

**Time:** 1 to 3:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$12 girls, \$5 adults

**Reservations:** required; call 651-259-3015. Must be booked at least two weeks in advance.

## **Sunday, Nov. 22**

### **Harvest Bounty**

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

Discover how farmers prepared for winter a 150 years ago. The barn is full of grain, the root cellar is packed with vegetables, the shed is stacked high with chopped wood and dried beans, and the house is filled with aromas suggesting a harvest celebration. A costumed interpreter will lead a 75-minute guided tour of the farm and trails, highlighting the results of the fall harvest and the winter preparations. Dress for outdoor weather. Warm refreshments will follow the tour.

**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.

## **Friday, Nov. 27**

### **Christmas at the Folsom House**

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

Take special holiday tours of the historic home in Taylors Falls' Angel Hill district, a New England-style village. The home of lumber baron W.H.C. Folsom features beautiful St. Croix River views. Tours are part of Taylors Falls annual Lighting Festival.

**Phone:** 651-465-3125

**Time:** 1 to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday

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

**Also** November 28 and 29

### **Franklin Family Days**

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

Tour the new exhibit "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" and discover, through hands-on activities, music and performances, Franklin's electrifying past. Meet Franklin in the exhibit gallery on Friday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. Head to the 3M Auditorium on Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. for a performance of "Still, Healthy Wealthy and Wise," an intimate look at what made our most popular founding father tick. And on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. engage with a young Ben Franklin while conducting experiments in the "Electricity Party Room" section of the exhibit gallery. Each day, families can participate in a craft activity, including making a 2010 Almanack using a replica Franklin common press, a set of pipe-cleaner spectacles, and a printer's cap from folded newspaper. On Friday and Saturday at 2 p.m. join Douglas R. Ewart and the Inventions, a dynamic and original group that uses a variety of objects including skis, tennis rackets, vinyl records and CDs to create unique music and performances. Plus, learn about Franklin's own invention called a glass armonica, an instrument made of glass bowls. Each day at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. join costumed instructors Jane Peck and Judith Eisner of "Dance Revels Moving History" for a dance party and lesson in colonial-era dance moves.

**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.

**Also** November 28 and 29

## **Saturday, Nov. 28**

### **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 spin in a horse-drawn carriage 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

### **A 1918 Christmas with the Lindberghs**

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

After losing re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1917, Charles Lindbergh Sr. and his family spent their first Christmas in their Little Falls home in 1918. In this special program, living history characters will portray family members and hired workers readying the house for Christmas. 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 served.

**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.

## Exhibits

### **Minnesota History Center**

345 Kellogg Blvd W., St. Paul

- Opens Nov. 27     **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.
- Opens Nov. 27     **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

- Closes Nov. 1, 2009 **Downriver: A Journey of Memory and Recovery** View photographs of New Orleans taken before and after Hurricane Katrina by Minnesota photographers Stuart Klipper and Keith Cich. Stuart Klipper's photographs were taken prior to Hurricane Katrina, and five of them are accompanied by recent essays by New Orleans-based writers. Keith Cich's photographs were taken as part of a 2008 course on documentary photography at Arts Institutes International Minnesota in Minneapolis. The juxtaposition of these images showcases the unique perspectives of the photographers toward New Orleans. On display through Nov. 1.
- Opens Nov. 12 **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

- Opens Oct. 10 **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.

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## 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.

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## Historic Sites

See specific listings for locations, dates and times.