

bedside, shortly before the highly decorated local veteran's death.

"History in a Pint" continued in 2011 with five programs, three of which were held at Carmody Irish Pub in Duluth; the other two were held at Veterans on the Lake in Ely and the Serviceman's Club in Virginia. Military eras that formed the basis of the talks ranged from the Civil War (Dan Hartman) to Afghanistan (John Werner).

The now annually held "Veterans Remembrance Dinner" was held again in December in the Great Hall, this time honoring Desert Shield and Desert Storm veterans. It was successful as a fundraising event, as well netting \$5,669 for the VMH program.

One of the VMH program's essential activities is the recording of "veterans' stories". In 2011, 235 basic biographies (less than one page), 21 expanded biographies (one - five pages) and seven memoirs (over five pages).

### **VMH Collaborative Projects**

Included in the above totals are 199 "stories" collected during the "Honor Flight Northland" project. This local group ("Honor Flight") is connected with a national endeavor to fly WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., in a one-day round trip experience. Also involved was the collection of short biographical pieces that helped identify participants; this evolved into the production by VMH staff of a 72 page booklet entitled *World War II Stories from Flight 1, Honor Flight*.

### **Membership Meetings**

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Membership was held on March 29, 2011, in the Great Hall of the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center. Ann Glumac, of Glumac Executive Enterprise, and former Iron Mining Association president, presented "From Red Ore to Hard Rock", an overview of mining in St. Louis County.

New Governors Don Annala, Alfred France and John Marshall were elected. Dwight Nelson and Neill Atkins were re-elected.

Again, a step in a required bylaw amendment process (removing the exclusion from term limits from affiliate representatives) was begun, with the collection of signed resolutions. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, a Special Meeting of the Membership was held, and sufficient members were present to vote on this change. The change was approved.

### **2011 Staff St. Louis County Historical Society**

**JoAnne Coombe, Executive Director**

Julie Bolos, Manager of Administrative Services

Susan Schwanekamp, Executive Assistant  
Milissa Brooks-Ojibway, Collections Manager

Daniel Hartman, Veterans' Memorial Hall Program Curator

Patra McSharry-Sevastiades, Veterans' Memorial Hall Program Assistant

Robert Larkin, (Contracted) Financial Services Manager



Madame Warde's Dress Shop, 3/4 size replica in Depot Square, the Society's cooperative permanent exhibit aggregate on the track level of the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center and also featured in Susan Mack's "Lunch with the History People" presentation in May.

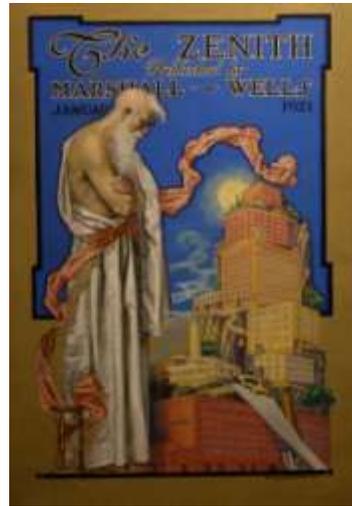
## Service Statistics

St. Louis County Historical Society alone provided a total of over 224,568 individual services in 2011. This happened through museum visits (120,126 paid and unpaid Depot visitors, as well as 8,852 people attending rental functions in areas enhanced by Society exhibits); archives use at the Northeast Minnesota Historical Center at UMD (approximately 2,000, per Curator Pat Maus); *Rootprints* (Society newsletter) readers – 1,500; website accessing – VMH (9,031 visitors) and Society website (5,049 visitors); visitors to Society traveling exhibits (15,750); and attendance at and participation in special events (2,198). *See inside of front page for a more detailed breakdown of these service statistics.*

In addition, our Iron Range affiliated historical organizations reported that

they served, through programs and special events, membership, and exhibit visitation, totals for the year of:

Ely-Winton H.S.	1,932
Tower-Soudan H.S.	7,505
Virginia Area H.S.	5,289
Hibbing Historical Society	3,745
Minnesota Museum of Mining	5,261
Sisu Heritage, Inc.	2,621
Total Individuals Served by Affiliated Organizations:	29,710



*Zeus, 1921, Walter Beach Humphrey*  
Another work shown in "Art Unveiled"

## Financial Statements

A complete copy of the Society's 2011 audited financial statements will be available on our website ([www.thehistorypeople.org](http://www.thehistorypeople.org)) in late summer/early fall 2012. The end-of-year (2011) operating statement is provided within this document in center insert. Please call the Society's administrative office at 218-733-786 or email us at [history@thehistorypeople.org](mailto:history@thehistorypeople.org) with any requests, questions, or concerns.