

Education through Programs and Special Events

Depot after Dark

The Society held seven “Depot after Dark” flashlight tours in February and March of 2016, with the final event being a special paranormal presentation with Adam Nori of the Minnesota Paranormal Study Group. Many participants in the tours were people who had not previously participated in Society events or benefited from its educational outreach programs. The first six programs focused on the history of the historic Depot building itself.

Lunch with the History People

The “Lunch with the History People” series continued in 2015 to be held in the Underground theater location developed by the Duluth Playhouse, located on the mezzanine level (second floor) of the Depot. The topics ranged from two presentations on mining (“The Underground Miners of the Vermilion Range” by Doug Luthanen and “Immigrant Labor Uprisings in Northern Minnesota” by author Megan Marsnik) to Diane Lynch and Dick Osgood’s “Minnesota Winery Stories”, to Proctor history (Beriah Magoffin, J. Proctor Knott and the Origin of Proctor, Minnesota” by Anthony Bush and two presentations on historic Duluth (Wes Bernston – “A Visual Presentation of Historic Duluth” and Ann Lewis – “We Are the Children of Our Landscape – My Duluth”).



Author/Teacher Megan Marsnik during her “Lunch with the History People” presentation in the Underground: “Immigrant Labor Uprisings in Northern Minnesota”

History Day and History Fair

On October 27, the Northland History Coalition, a regional association of local history museums and organizations founded by two former Society employees, held a History Day preparation event in the Great Hall, with representatives from each organization on hand to interact with middle school students from North Star Academy. Minnesota Historical Society and the Academy were partners with the Society in this collaborative event.

The Northland History Coalition also held a “History Fair” in the Great Hall of the Depot earlier in the year, on May 8, presenting what each member organization had to offer.

93rd Annual Meeting of the Membership

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Membership was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 and featured special guest speaker Joseph Bauerkemper from the Department of American Indian Studies at UMD. His presentation was on “Our Treaty Rights and Relations”, an