

St. Louis County Historical Society 2013 Annual Report

Mission Statement

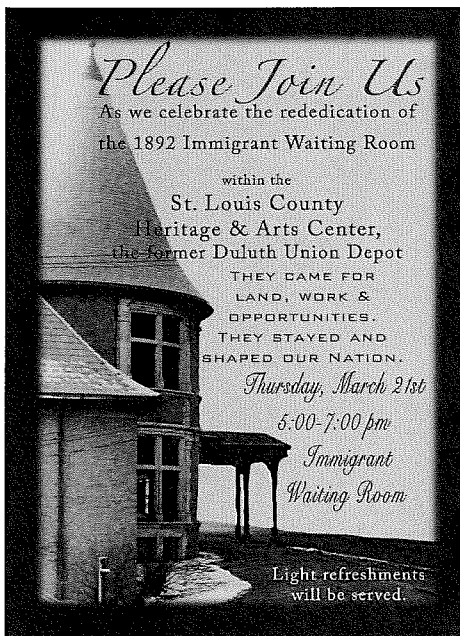
The general nature and purpose of the Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history and prehistory of St. Louis County and the State of Minnesota. In addition to collecting and preserving objects of material culture and historical research material, the Society shall maintain and operate a museum and materially participate in the collections of a historical research center adequate to serve the region encompassing St. Louis County and northeastern Minnesota.

The mission of the Society directly complements the broader mission of St. Louis County government "to provide its people those services mandated and/or expected by its citizens so as to provide a good quality of life."

Education through Exhibits (Dissemination of knowledge)

Immigrant Waiting Room

In May of 2013 work was completed on the Society's Immigrant Waiting Room, located on the mezzanine level of the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the



Invitation to the opening of the Immigrant Waiting Room Spring 2013

Depot). Always a popular exhibit for tourists, the greatly expanded intellectual content, including many photos and the physical upgrades (lighting, scrubbing floors down to their original material, addition of new display cases) increased interest in and appreciation for this exhibit.

The content development and much of the rest of the required work to make the exhibit happen was done by contractor Kim Schandel, with some help from Society Collections Manager Milissa Brooks-Ojibway.

This project was financed with funds provided by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. The Society worked with the Historic Union Depot Corporation, who sought and obtained the grant for this work.