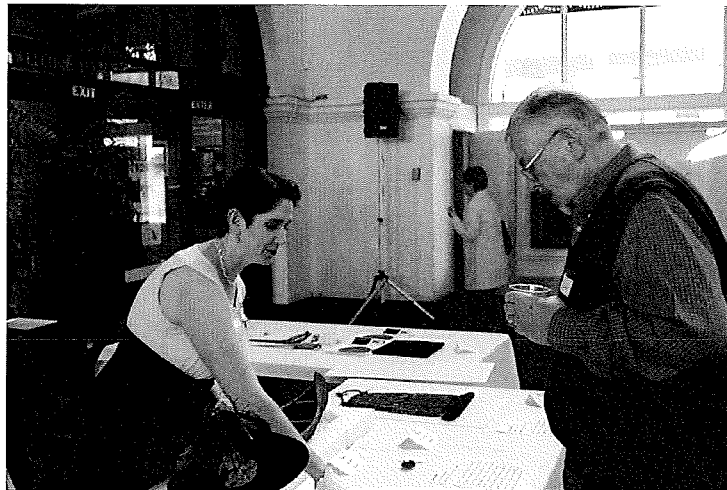


“Salute 2013 – Slovenian Cultural Expressions” was held in Ely the following day. Valencic attended this event also and presented another of his documentary movies there. (The Society also materially participated in this event, as a partner. Two exhibits were made available for the occasion: *Father Baraga* and a selection of paintings from *Albin Zaverl’s Old Country Memories*.)

91st Annual Meeting of the Membership

The 91st Annual Meeting of the Membership was held on April 30, 2013 and featured special guest speaker Larry Goodwin, President of the College of St. Scholastica, whose topic was “For the Love of Learning”, which retraced the development of the school over the last century and spoke to its main concerns and prospects of the future, particularly with respect to the influence of technology. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 25, but due to the breakage of a water main serving the Radisson Hotel, the original caterers, it had to be rescheduled, and the Radisson facilitated the use of another caterer, Black Woods Banquet Center, for this Society event.



Society Collections Manager Milissa Brooks-Ojibway at the artifact table at the Annual Meeting of the Membership, with Richard Chapman, long time Society friend and board member, who passed away in a highway accident in November 2013

Lark o’ the Lake – Historic Fashion Show

Another cooperative event was the Historic Fashion Show at the Lark o’ the Lake Festival, July 13, 2013, held at the Sky Harbor Airport at the end of Park Point. The Minnesota Ballet provided models for this show, which was sponsored by the Duluth Aviation Institute, as a part of their three day-long festivities, which also included flights, band concerts, open air dancing, and rowing regattas.

History in a Pint

The Society's Veterans' Memorial Hall program continued its informal, free history presentations at Carmody Irish Pub and Grandma's Saloon and Restaurant (in the Sandbar) four times in 2013. The topics ranged from "Apollo 11 and 12" to "The Navy Hospital Corpsman's Charges: Marines, Sailors & Seals", "From Combat in Iraq to Service in Duluth" (by Steve Saari of Duluth's Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans), and an intern presentation on the development of their exhibit on the life of Duluthian and Medal of Honor recipient Henry Courtney: *Never Forgotten*.



Steve Saari, MACV Director, presenting at the June 2013 "History in a Pint" at Carmody Irish Pub

Honor Flight Northland

Honor Flight Northland has now sent over 495 World War II veterans to their memorial in Washington, D.C. over the course of six flights. The sixth flight took place in 2013. As the history partner in this venture, Veterans' Memorial Hall staff collected and entered all of the stories from those individuals who went on the flight and who were willing to provide this information. From the six flights, six booklets have been produced by VMH staff. Five of these story compilations are

now on the VMH website at 222.vets-hall.org. As of the end of 2013, the sixth was in print production and about to be put on the website.

Partnership through Affiliation with Iron Range Historical Organizations

The Society has formal relationships with six Iron Range based historical organization, known as its Affiliates. This specific relationship was mandated by a resolution (809) of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners in 1984; there are requirements for this status to be established and the relationship includes the full participation on the Society's Board of Governors by one representative from each Affiliate, who must be a duly appointed or elected board member of the affiliated organization, as well. Funding support from St. Louis County comes to the Affiliates through the Society and financial reporting is made to the Society. The Society's newsletter, *Rootprints*, which is published twice a year, regularly features news from the Affiliates and very often includes substantive articles written by people who belong to these organizations. This network of partnerships enriches all involved. The Society's Affiliates are: Ely-Winton Historical Society; Hibbing Historical Society; Minnesota Museum of Mining; Sisu Heritage, Inc.; Tower-Soudan Historical Society and Virginia Area Historical Society.