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ROOTPRINTS

John Beargrease author Daniel Lancaster Featured Speaker at Society's 88th Anniversary Annual Meeting

Daniel Lancaster, of
St. Paul, Minnesota,
author of *John*
Beargrease: Legend of
Minnesota's North Shore,
recently published locally
by Holy Cow Press, will be
the keynote speaker at the
Society's Annual Meeting
of the Membership
on Tuesday evening,
March 30, 2010. The
lecture is entitled:

"John Beargrease and the North Shore
Anishinabe",
and it will
concentrate more
on the relationship
between North
Shore settlers and
the Ojibwe people
around the turn
of the previous
century. (See also
featured article by
Lancaster beginning
page 7 of this issue.)
The event will
be held in the
Great Hall of the
St. Louis County
Heritage & Arts
Center, beginning
with a social hour
at 5:00 p.m., dinner
served by Black
Woods Banquet Center at 6:00 p.m., with
two choices of wonderful entrees, and the
program beginning at 6:45. A cash bar will
also be available.

The business meeting will begin at
approximately 7:30. Four new candidates



Daniel Lancaster,
author and
featured speaker

for board service,
endorsed by the
current Board of
Governors, will be
presented for election
by the membership.
Larry Sommer, a
former Director
of the Society and
former director of
the Nebraska State
Historical Society
and Montana State
Historical Society,

Steve
Vaillant,
Trust
Executive
at North
Shore
Bank of
Commerce,
Clyde Rogers,
former Executive Director of
the Duluth Bethel and now
President of the University of
Minnesota Duluth's University
for Seniors program, and
Richard Chapman, an appraiser
and former HRA director from
Cook, Minnesota, who is a
former Society Board president
and former chair and current
member of the Veterans'
Memorial Hall Advisory
Committee, make up this year's

slate. See also page 3 for photos and short
bios on the candidates. Representatives
from the Society's six Iron Range affiliated
historical organizations will also be
endorsed by the membership.



John Beargrease and family, circa 1895
(Courtesy Cook County Historical Society)

If you would like to join us, please RSVP
by March 22, 2010, by calling the Society's
administrative office at 218-733-7586, or
emailing susan@thehistorypeople.org.
If you would like to become a member,
we must receive your paid membership
application no later than March 16th, in
order for you to vote.

We hope to display related artifacts from
this era and related to dog sledding, early
mail delivery, and John Beargrease and
his descendants. We will also be hearing
from Linda Nervick, a representative of
the recently held John Beargrease Sled Dog
Marathon, and we will even have some sled
dogs present!

By Susan Schwanekamp,
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