



## **SPEAKER LIST**

Below is a list of individuals available for speaking engagements provided courtesy of the \*St. Louis County Historical Society. Please contact the speaker at least one month in advance to schedule a presentation. Honorariums or fees may be required. Consult the speaker for further details.

### **BECK, WILLIAM**

#### **Topics for High School and Adult Audiences:**

- Author of *Pride of the Inland Seas* (his history of Duluth-Superior Port/Maritime History)
- Iron Ore and Mining History
- Logging and Timber Harvesting History
- Hydroelectric and Electric Utility History
- Radical Labor History
- St. Louis County History

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### **BUEHLER, KEN**

**Topic:** Trains, Trains, & More Trains

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### **BRUNFELT, PAMELA**

#### **Topics for High School, College and Adult Audiences:**

- "Iron and Steel in WWII and the Arsenal of Democracy"
- "Iron Range: Minnesota Building America" - discussion and showing of the documentary
- "Labor History and Minnesota's Iron Ranges"
- "Minnesota's Iron Ranges: the Key to American Industrialization"
- "Industrialization in the United States"
- "The Minnesota Commission of Public Safety in WWI: Suppression of Free Expression"
- "Exploring the Riddle of Iron Range Politics"
- "The American Constitution: It's Meaning in Our Lives"
- "The Search for Economic Justice: Radicalism on the Cuyuna Range, 1911-1935"
- "Dark Days, Hope, and the New Deal at the Grass Roots"
- "Visions and Realities on the Iron Range"

Other topics are available or can be shaped to meet a group's interests.

#### **Contact Information:**

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### **COCHRAN, MICHAEL J.**

**Topic:** Author of *Invincible: History of the Duluth Boat Club*, his lecture spans from the establishment of the Duluth Boat Club through and including the present day

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### **HUDELSON, RICHARD**

**Topics for Adult Audiences:**

- "A Labor History of Duluth"
- "Four Duluth Women"
- Radical Politics in the Lake Superior Region

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### **LAMKIN, DENNIS**

**Topics for High School Students and Adults Audiences:**

- The history and contributions of Bernard Silberstein, a pioneer settler of Duluth and one of the first Jewish settlers
- A slide presentation called "Behind the Scenes at Glensheen"... not just the beautiful rooms, but some of the infrastructure which makes the home function
- A history of Duluth

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### **MERSHART, RONALD V.**

**Topics:**

- Author of several books including *Frontier Village*, published in February, 2003
- William Morrison and the discovery of the headwaters of the Mississippi
- Mary Clara Post and Ellen Norton Ashton--pioneer women journalists
- Stephen Bungo and western identity
- Edmund Franklin Ely, Indian Educator and pioneer of Duluth/Superior settlement
- Thomas Clark of Beaver Bay, MN state senator in 1858-1859
- *The Superior Chronicle*, first newspaper at the head of the lakes
- Robert C. Mitchell, founder of the Duluth Tribune

Other topics available that relate to the earliest days

**Contact Information:**

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**REES, WILLIAM H., LT. COL. USAF (RET.)**

**Topic for Junior High Students through Adults:**

"The Fantastic Story of the Cold War air defense systems – from the viewpoint of the Northland of the U.S. and also of Canada"

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**RYAN, MARK**

**Topic for Mid-level Elementary School Students through College and Adults:** The History of Seven Bridges Road and Skyline Parkway and Former Duluth Mayor Samuel Snively's Involvement in their Development, Construction and Promotion

**Related Topic Information:**

- Published two magazine articles on the subject:
  - 1) "Snively's Road" (Minnesota History vol. 54 no. 4, Winter 1994/95)
  - 2) "Mr. Snively: Roadbuilder, the History (and Mystery) of Seven Bridges Road", (Lake Superior Magazine, Sept 1998)
- Produced a documentary entitled Snively's Road
- Created two websites in 1999:
  - 1) The History of Duluth, Minnesota's Seven Bridges Road: [www.amitycreek.com/sevenbridges](http://www.amitycreek.com/sevenbridges)
  - 2) The History of Skyline Parkway: <http://www.amitycreek.com/sevenbridges/skyline1.html>

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**SALMELA, JACK**

Topic: Author of the novel *Of Vikings & Voyageurs*, a fascinating mystery based in the Northland, which combines the fictional tale of a treasure hunt with historical facts

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**SUNDQUIST, CAROLYN**

**Topic:** "Historic Preservation--Public Policy and Trends"

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\*Several resources were recommended by the Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections.