

Virginia Area

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RESEARCH CENTER AND
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

MUSEUM

Permanent exhibits, located in the former home of the park superintendent, depict the Virginia and Rainy Lake Sawmill Company, Virginia's fires of 1893 and 1900, the interurban railway system and Gunnar Peterson's flower beds. Changing exhibits tell the history of the area and its people. Historical PowerPoint presentations, videos and DVD's are available in the Media Center.

ARCHIVES AND ARTIFACTS

Large archive collection includes city directories, yearbooks, photos, postcards, telephone books and newspapers.

FINNISH LOG HOUSE

Built in 1913 by Oscar Holtra near Dark Lake, the house illustrates skilled craftsmanship, ingenuity and self-sufficiency of early settlers. Early household, farming, tools and school artifacts are exhibited in the log house.

TOURIST CABIN

Built in the 1930s by the city of Virginia to accommodate visitors to the area. Historic dental, beauty shop, barbershop and mining artifacts are on display.

B'NAI ABRAHAM

The B'Nai Abraham Heritage and Cultural Center, 328 5th Street South, was the last active synagogue on the Iron Range. Built in 1909, the Center now owned by the Friends of B'Nai Abraham, has been restored and includes a permanent exhibit documenting the history of the Jewish settlement in the area. During the tourist season, the Historical Society opens the building on Wednesdays and Fridays from noon until 3:00pm. Special arrangements can be made by calling (218) 741-1136.

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY...
OUR GIFT FOR TOMORROW.



White Pine Logging History



Tourist Cabin



Beauty Shop Artifact



Finnish Log Home



Music Artifacts

DEDICATED TO COLLECTING AND PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL TREASURES OF THE VIRGINIA AREA