



St. Louis County Historical Society welcomes new Executive Director

Wayne Gannaway comes to the SLCHS from the History Center of Olmsted County in Rochester where he served as Executive Director. “(His) approach to programming, public engagement and community outreach (is) finding multiple entry points to illuminate stories and experiences: emphasizing different angles, perspectives and ways of knowing; and asking questions and providing participants opportunities for feedback and dialogue.”



CBS affiliate KIMT, in covering his departure notes that “Some of his proudest moments in his tenure are getting the non-profit through COVID, starting the restoration process for the George Stoppel Farmstead and adding an exhibit about the Gold Cross Ambulance. Quoting Mr. Gannaway that “in order to really achieve what we want in the future we absolutely have to understand the lessons of the past and you learn those lessons at places like the History Center of Olmsted County. The past can inspire us to do better in the future.” We are excited to welcome Wayne to St. Louis County!

St. Louis County Historical Society and Veterans Memorial Hall are holding a 5k Run-Walk to honor the memory of CSM (Command Sergeant Major) John S. Werner on Saturday, June 14, 2025. The entry fee is **\$35**. Runners may register via runsignup.com's website at [CSM John Werner 5K](#).

CSM JOHN S. WERNER was committed to the mission of St. Louis County Historical Society and to Northland veterans. He was steadfast in his work to preserve the storied lineage of veterans from our area, so that their memories remain a lasting part of the fabric of this community.

Proceeds will benefit the Veterans Memorial Hall programs, including the Annual Remembrance Dinner, the Mike Colalillo Scholarship, and Veterans Day Commemorations.

For further information, contact Race Director Ronald Hein at rjhein@charter.net.

2025 MEMORIAL 5K RUN-WALK DEDICATED TO CSM JOHN S. WERNER


ENTRY FEE \$35



JUNE 14, 9AM @THE OTHER PLACE BAR & GRILL
3930 E CALVARY RD, DULUTH, MN 55803



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Save the Date

Explore Festival

April 26

Visit [High Tech Kids](#)



HIGH TECH KIDS

First Lego League teams will be competing at The Depot. The public is welcome to observe the robot demonstrations at designated times (TBA.) Come check out these very cool robots made by very cool kids! FREE demonstrations.



Free-mo Model trains

April 5-6

Visit [Minnesota Free-mo](#)

Model trains on display in the Great Hall. Admission is free. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the LSRM. FREE event.

The Depot STEAM Festival, Saturday May 17
FREE event for kids in grades K-5 & their families
More info at [The Depot](#).

Fun and engaging hands-on experiments, exhibits, and interactive activities from amazing organizations, with a focus on science, technology, engineering, art, music, & math.



Spring Gardening Extravaganza

Saturday, March 29 at 9 am

The Depot

\$40 per person

Better Gardens for a Better Life

Keynote speakers will focus on designing gardens for better health, a gardener's guide to the human microbiome, gardening for flexibility and exercise, gardening success through soil fertility, principles of garden design, and more!

Attendees will be able to choose from 14 workshops covering a wide range of topics including houseplants, pruning trees, and growing garlic and cauliflower.

The day includes lunch and refreshments, and SGE reference book.

Spring Gardening Spectacular

Thursday, April 3

Mt Iron Community Center

\$30 per person

A wide variety of gardening topics will be featured at this full day gardening event in Mountain Iron.

The day includes lunch and refreshments, and reference materials.

More information and registration for both programs will be available in mid-February at [SLC Extension](#).

