



SPEAKER LIST

Below is a list of individuals available for speaking engagements provided courtesy of the Northeast Minnesota Historical Center and 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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EVANS, MARY

Topics:

- Author of *A Twentieth Century Lady*, which covers the life of one woman who lived in all the decades of the 20th century
- Searching Family History
- Volunteering

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GASTLER, RICHARD

Topic: Hutterite Colony, a German Communal Society in Minnesota

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HARTMAN, DANIEL

Topics:

- Duluth at War in WW II
- History of Local Units in Duluth
- 125th Field Artillery in Duluth
- History of the Navy in Duluth
- Early Development of Duluth and St. Louis County
- History of Veterans' Memorial Hall
- The First Memorial Day in Duluth

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HOLDEN, THOM

Topics for Audiences 4th Grade thru Adults or Family Groups:

- Lake Superior Shipwrecks
- Isle Royale Shipwrecks
- MATAAFA Storm of 1905
- Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald
- Twin Ports Lighthouses
- "Dead End Street: A Brief History of the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center"

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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

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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
 - 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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