



*Deephaven Historical Society Newsletter*  
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**DHS HOLIDAY PARTY!**  
**December 2nd**  
**1:00 to 3:00**

**Coming Up! DHS Holiday Party December 2nd!**

Upcoming—Be sure to note December 2nd from 1-3PM as the date and time of our Holiday Meeting. Our meeting will be held at Deephaven City Hall Council Chambers.

Author Kathryn Koutsky will present a 40 minute slide presentation on books "Minnesota Vacation Days" and "Minnesota Eats Out". Both books will be available for purchase. Ideal for gifts.

Please come and enjoy. Public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The book Minnesota Vacation Days is available for purchase for \$34.95 which includes tax. Checks payable to Deephaven Historical Society. Free 5" luxury box with purchase—choice of colors.

*In keeping with our regular practice of highlighting part of early Deephaven history we were fortunate enough to receive from Barb Sykora the following article. We are passing this along in sections. Here is the second.*

### **History of St. Louis Bay, Deephaven, Minnesota by Barb Sykora**

...Another related climate issue that Minnesota's territorial and state officials had to combat was its reputation as an extremely cold place to live. The officials were concerned about any negative propaganda about Minnesota. Most of the statistics for the cold weather came from records and diaries from Fort Snelling, which had been established in 1819 and kept weather records. These records showed long cold winters with abundant snowfall. In a message to the Minnesota territorial legislature in 1855, Governor Willis Gorman, said that "during the year I have received almost innumerable letters from the middle states propounding a variety of questions about our territory, especially desiring to know if our winters are not very long, and so exceeding cold that stock freezes to death, and man hardly dare venture out of his domicile" He asked the legislators that this problem must be speedily corrected. It was also thought that it was too cold to grow crops this far north. The outcome of this concern was the publication of many pamphlets, books and newspaper articles issued by the government and private organizations to talk about Minnesota's climate as pure, pleasant and healthful, while not necessarily mentioning how cold it gets here.

The propaganda campaign certainly appeared to achieve its goal to attract newcomers to the state. Again, in 1849, Minnesota's population was only 4,780 whites and less than 10 years later, the census of 1857 showed the population of Minnesota had grown to 150,037.

Not surprisingly, the largest population group in 1849 was actually the native American Indians with an estimated size 25,000 Indians living in a large unsettled area. The relationship between the white settlers and the Indians at the times had always been tenuous, and had times been viewed as an obstacle towards growth.

In 1862, settlements bordering the Sioux Indians experienced trouble with them, especially after the failure of payment to the Indians for their lands. There was a massacre of white settlers in Meeker Co. Minnesota. At this time, there was a lack of men because of the Civil War, in which our Minnesota men fought valiantly. Minnesota volunteered 25,000 to fight during the Civil War. Nearly 1000 homesteaders lost their lives in the Sioux uprising. Volunteers were recruited to fight and their leader was Col. H.H. Sibley. More than 2000 Indians were captured. By 1864, most of the violent Indians were driven out of the state. The opening of lands in northwest Minnesota again began a new period of rapid growth with the population increase to 439,706 by 1870.

*This article by Barb Sykora will be continued in our Spring newsletter.*



Minnesota Vacation Days &  
Minnesota Eats Out  
Book Reviews



.....Greyhound buses and vintage suitcases, whitewashed cottages and wildlife souvenirs, fishing camps and bathing beauties adorn the pages of *Minnesota Vacation Days: An Illustrated History*. Here the authors of the wildly popular *Minnesota Eats Out* return to take readers across the state, through the seasons, and into the vacation getaways of decades past.

From primitive camping facilities at Minnehaha Falls to mom-and-pop tourist courts like the Kum-Bak Camp in Duluth to family fun spots like Paul Bunyanland in Brainerd, this entertaining and lavishly illustrated history showcases the North Star State's most memorable holiday haunts and its favorite Minnesota-made vacation treasures.

Woolen bathing dresses, cabin games, Burma-Shave rhymes, old-fashioned Tonka beach toys, Arctic Cat snowmobiles, White Bear water skis, cozy cabin designs, and modern interiors will entice the nostalgic and kitsch-happy alike. Campers, anglers, and boat enthusiasts will thrill to see the display of rare and unique outdoor equipment.

Learn the secrets of fine dishes from such classic destinations as Ruttger's, Naniboujou, and Madden's. Cook with recipes from meals served in the dining cars of the Great Northern Railroad. Try camp fare like Midnight Fudge and Bayonet Bread, and discover specially marked kid-friendly recipes in every chapter.

Through an astonishing variety of vintage photographs and artifacts, recipes and family fun, *Minnesota Vacation Days: An Illustrated History* offers an incredible, one-of-a-kind venture into the best of the good times.

Fall Cruise Review

In spite of the weather the Autumn cruise ride turned out to be fun



and educational! Although the turnout was not as high as expected the weather cleared and we all had a wonderful end-of-Fall cruise around Lake Minnetonka!

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Picturesque Deephaven	\$15.95
The Excelsior Amusement Park	\$10.95
Life in the Early Days of Cottagewood	\$ 6.25
A Post Card History	\$ 25.00
Sunsets	\$50.00
Lake Minnetonka 1850 – 2000	\$32.00
Lake Minnetonka 1905	\$20.00
The 1893 Handbook & Souvenir	\$10.00
Minnetonka Yacht Club Centennial 1882 – 1982	\$15.95

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**DHS Meeting Schedule**

Deephaven Historical Society meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM at City Hall Council Chambers. All members are welcome

These meetings involve planning and reporting by the committee chairs, the board, and the President

Plans for the upcoming year are discussed as well as decisions regarding the gathering and distribution of funds

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