

## Minnesota Historical Society's 2009 Local History Workshops

# Modernize History

History is not just about looking back; it is also about looking ahead. The founders of the Minnesota Historical Society understood that as they set out in 1849 to preserve the new territory's history as it happened. Standing in the present and looking toward the future, they set the example for generations of Minnesota historians to come.

This year's Local History Workshops will help you stay focused on the future, especially when it come to growing your museum's collections, using technology to manage them and reaching new audiences. Join your colleagues at one of these four regional meetings to see what's in store, renew contacts with your colleagues and tour local historic sites.

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### March 27

Northfield

Host: Northfield Historical Society  
Location: Archer Hotel, 212 Division St., Northfield

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### April 17\*

Cloquet

Host: Carlton County Historical Society  
Location: Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College,  
Main Building, 2101 14th St., Cloquet

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### April 3

Slayton

Host: Murray County Historical Society  
Location: MCHS, 2480 29th St., Slayton

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### May 1

Shevlin

Host: Clearwater County Historical Society  
Location: CCHS Museum, 264 First St. W. (U.S. Hwy. 2), Shevlin

*\* This is a joint meeting with the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums. More sessions, one great price!*



## Registration Information

**Fee:** \$25 per person if you register by March 1, \$30 thereafter. Includes materials, lunch, refreshments and tour of local historic sites.

**To register:** Complete and mail the registration form on page 8. Or you may register online at <http://shop.mnhs.org>. Please register at least one week in advance of the workshop - by March 20 for Northfield, March 27 for Slayton, April 10 for Cloquet and April 24 for Shevlin.

**For more information:** Call David Grabitske at 651-259-3460 or e-mail [david.grabitske@mnhs.org](mailto:david.grabitske@mnhs.org).

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8:30 to 9 a.m.

**Registration, coffee, rolls**

9 to 10

**General Session**

*'We've Always Done It This Way' / David Grabitske, Local History Services Office*

Minnesota's historical organizations have developed a national reputation for not just upholding museum standards but staying ahead of the field. What will it take to maintain that edge in the face of growing demands and changing expectations?

10 to 10:30

**Break**

10:45 to 11:45

**Concurrent Sessions I**

**Insurance for the Future: A Strong Collections Management Policy** / *Collections Staff*

An effective collections management policy guides your museum as it acquires and cares for its collections – essential steps in interpreting the history of the community you serve. Sample policies will be shared and discussed.

**or**

**Worldwide Access** / *Technology Staff*

When museum visitation slows, having a website can bring your museum to your audience. Learn the standard components of a good website and explore low-cost applications for creating a strong web presence.

11:45 to 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

12:30 to 1:45

**Concurrent Sessions II**

**Shaping Your Future with a Collecting Plan** / *Collections Staff*

As your community changes over time, so too should your museum's collecting activities. A look at various collecting plans shows you how to refine and expand the scope of your collections to complement your mission and goals.

**or**

**Why Not Scan Everything?** / *Technology Staff*

Digital assets pose challenges for museums accustomed to managing more conventional collections. Discover how digital collections – those you scan and those “born digital” – can be managed with ease.

1:45 to 2

**Break**

2 to 3:15

**Concurrent Sessions III**

**Grants Workshop** / *Melinda Hutchinson, Local History Services Office*

Get practical tips for submitting grant applications, with a focus on Minnesota Historical Society state grants-in-aid.

**or**

**'I Don't Have Time!'** / *Technology Staff*

Software is supposed to help you manage your workload. But does it? Familiarize yourself with some common applications and learn how to evaluate their usefulness to you.

3:15 to 4:30

**Tour**

## Registration Form: Modernize History

Name:	Title:	E-mail:	
Organization:	Phone:		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Select Date: <input type="checkbox"/> March 27 - Northfield <input type="checkbox"/> April 3 - Slayton <input type="checkbox"/> April 17 - Cloquet <input type="checkbox"/> May 1 - Shevlin			
Number of persons registering:	Total enclosed:		

Make check payable to **Minnesota Historical Society**. Mail payment and registration form to Minnesota Historical Society, Attn. Melinda Hutchinson, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.