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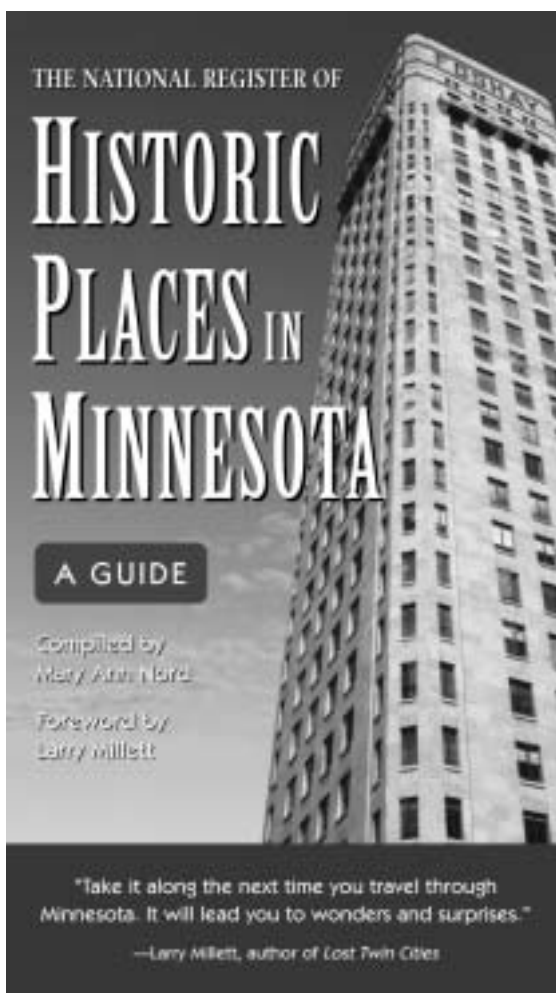
Hot off the presses

New guide spotlights Minnesota's National Register properties

New this spring from the Minnesota Historical Society Press is *The National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota: A Guide* – a project initiated by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office in collaboration with MHS Press.

Packed with more than 180 photographs, the book is a county-by-county inventory of Minnesota's 1,515 listings on the National Register, the nation's official list of properties deemed worthy of preservation. From log houses to courthouses, water towers to mine pits, flour mills to fur trade depots, the guide includes a brief description of each property's significance. One of several appendices surveys the 95 Minnesota properties removed from the National Register since the program began.

The guide was compiled by freelance writer/editor Mary Ann Nord, who also serves as editor of the Minnesota Preservation Planner and Minnesota History Interpreter. Larry Millett, former architecture critic for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and author of *Lost Twin Cities*, contributed the foreword, a thoughtful essay on his architectural



memories of a Minneapolis boyhood.

The SHPO first packaged Minnesota's National Register properties as a "checklist" in 1983, with 1,000

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CALENDAR

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

April 22: SHPO Workshop for State/Federal Agencies, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Fort Snelling History Center, St. Paul. This workshop is intended for state and federal cultural resource staff members and historical and archaeological consultants. Registration information will be mailed in late March. For details call Kelly Gragg-Johnson, 651-296-5462, or e-mail kelly.graggjohnson@mnhs.org.

May 3: Minnesota Barn Preservation Workshop, Dalbo Town Hall, Isanti County. See page 3 for details. Cost: \$35 for MHS members, \$40 for nonmembers. Advance registration required; call Michele Decker, 651-296-5434.

May 5-11: 32nd Annual National Historic Preservation Week. "Cities, Suburbs and Countryside" is the theme of this year's week-long celebration. For tips on planning and promoting Preservation Week events, visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation web site at www.nthp.org.

May 6: "Whose House Was This?" 6 to 7 p.m., MHS Library, Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul. Learn how to use resources such as maps, city directories and photographs to uncover your house history. Cost: \$5 for MHS members, \$7 for nonmembers. Registration required; call 651-296-6126 or register online at www.mnhs.org/library/classes/index.html.

May 20: State Review Board meeting, 7 p.m., Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul. For agenda information call Michele Decker, 651-296-5434.

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Hennepin County: Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Freight House (1879), Minneapolis. Originally built as a freight office, the building was converted into a Dunn Bros. Coffee Shop and offices using federal preservation tax incentives. Work included cleaning and repointing the brick and stone, replacing windows, adding a wheelchair ramp and deck, installing a new mechanical system and remodeling the interior.



Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Freight House before (left) and after rehabilitation for commercial use.



Lac qui Parle County: Dawson Carnegie Library (1917-18), Dawson. This Neoclassical building has been rehabilitated as a law office using federal preservation tax incentives. Work included caulking and painting windows and doors, replacing roof shingles, repairing and painting interior plaster, refinishing bookshelves, and updating electrical and heating systems.



Dawson Carnegie Library before (left) and after rehabilitation for office use.



REGISTRATION

Recent additions to the National Register of Historic Places

Otter Tail County: Craigie Flour Mill Historical Marker (1940), Minnesota Hwy. 78 at Balmoral Creek, near Ottertail. Prepared by Susan Granger, Scott Kelly and Kay Grossman.

Roseau County: Lodge Boleslav Jablonsky No. 219 (1916), 30033 110th St., Poplar Grove Twp., near Strathcona. Prepared by David C. Anderson.

St. Louis County: Church of St. Joseph (1913), 7897 Elmer Rd., near Meadowlands. Prepared by Daniel Hoisington.

Scott County: Maka Yusota (Boiling Springs), near Savage. Prepared by Scott Anfinson.



Intent on maintaining their cultural identity and language, the Czechs who settled in northwestern Minnesota in the 1890s often established their own churches and schools to carry on Old World traditions. Buildings like Lodge Boleslav Jablonsky No. 219 in Poplar Grove Township were erected throughout the region to promote Czech welfare, meet social needs and uphold ethnic customs. Named for Boleslav Jablonsky (1813-1881), a priest, poet and Czech nationalist, this lodge hall has been in continuous use since 1916.



A traditional cultural property associated with the Shakopee community of the Dakota, Maka Yusota (Boiling Springs) is a pool of water over an artesian well that flows year-round, keeping the pool free of ice in winter. At the bottom of the pool is a deep layer of fine, brown sand that initially traps the in-flowing spring water. As pressure builds, the water breaks through the sediment layer, causing the surface of the pool to well up or "boil." Maka Yusota is long important to the history and cultural identity of the Dakota community.

Isanti County to host barn workshop

On the agenda: barn repair, grassroots preservation

The fourth annual Minnesota Barn Preservation Workshop will be held Saturday, May 3, at the Dalbo Town Hall in rural Isanti County. Intended for barn owners and enthusiasts, agricultural engineers and contractors, historians and preservationists, this one-day workshop explores ways to preserve Minnesota's old and historic barns.

Morning-session speakers include:

- Doug Ohman, documentary photographer, who will take participants on an armchair tour of some of Minnesota's most interesting barns.
- Rudy Christian, a restoration contractor, master timber framer and chair of the Friends of Ohio Barns, who will share information about the technical aspects of barn repair.
- John Kuester, a rural issues consultant, who will discuss launching a grassroots effort to preserve Minnesota barns.

Rounding out the morning program, a group of Minnesota contractors specializing in barn repair will discuss their work and answer questions from



Workshop participants will have an opportunity to visit a variety of Isanti County barns, including the Olaf Olson log barn in Dalbo Township.

workshop participants.

Following a box lunch, local historian Marilyn McGriff will lead workshop participants on a bus tour of historic barns in rural Isanti County.

Fee: \$35 for MHS members, \$40 for nonmembers.

To register: Call Michele Decker, 651-296-5434. Advance registration is required; registrations must be received by April 25. Space is limited.

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properties listed in that first edition. Updated and reissued three times, the checklist was the SHPO's most popular and oft-requested publication. But when production costs became prohibitive, we began to explore with MHS Press the possibility of collaborating on an expanded guide. *The National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota* is the realization of that vision.

With the publication of this guide, we in the State Historic Preservation Office build on our efforts to make information about the state's historic

properties more widely accessible. The guide's handy pocket size makes it ideal for taking along as you explore historic places scattered across the Minnesota landscape. For those needing more detailed information, our online, searchable database gives you access to all 6,000 individual properties encompassed in the National Register listings (see the Planner, Fall 2002). Both the guide and the database represent important steps in advancing our long-held goal of fostering greater understanding and appreciation of the

value of Minnesota's historic resources.

We hope you will keep a copy of *The National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota* in your car. Use it as our invitation to join us in spreading the word about the importance of preserving these irreplaceable resources.

– *Britta L. Bloomberg, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer*

The National Register of Historic Places in Minnesota (\$13.95, paper) will be available in bookstores in May.

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Preservation conference set for Sept. 18-19

Mark your calendars now for Minnesota's 24th Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, to be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18-19, at historic Turner Hall in New Ulm.

Sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office, the conference will be hosted by the City of New Ulm, the New Ulm Heritage Preservation Commission, the Brown County Historical Society and the New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce.

The program will feature two days of lectures, working sessions and walking and bus tours, including a visit to the legendary August Schell Brewing Company, established in 1860.

Watch for a postcard about the conference to be mailed later this month. Further details will be available



Preservation conference field trips will visit houses in two residential historic districts as well as New Ulm's former post office (above), built in 1909-10 and now home to the Brown County Historical Society.

in the summer. For more information, call the SHPO at 651-296-5451 or e-mail mnshpo@mnhs.org.



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