

Preserving the Past

THE HIBBING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



2015 - 1st Quarter

- ### 2014 Events
- State Theater Dinner
 - All-Class Reunion
 - Antique Appraisal
 - Hibbing Birthday Party
 - Hall of Service Induction
 - Restoration of State Theater Exit Sign
 - Fall Membership Meeting
 - School Group Tours
 - Installation of Dupont Historical Signage
 - Acquisition of Joan of Arc Statue



Membership Drive Begins

Tired of organizations where attendance at monthly meetings is required or expected? If so, the Hibbing Historical Society and Museum is the group for you! There are no monthly meetings....just fun and exciting activities to attend as you choose. (Please see the list of upcoming events for 2015.)

Membership in the Society includes admission to the museum and exclusive invitations to the opening of exhibits and other special activities. It also includes a \$5 discount off of your first photo reproduction from the collection. As a member, you may also nominate people for the Hall of Service.

Your membership fees allow us to continue our mission of sharing the history of Hibbing. Various memberships are available. Please see the enclosed application.

2015 Events

- February 13: Love Your Museum -- open house
- May 2: Spring Fundraiser -- Military Appreciation Dinner at the Androy/Elks
- August: Hibbing Birthday Party -- Date to be determined
- October 24: Fall Membership Meeting -- A Celebration of Italy
- December 11: Victorian Christmas -- Give a Gift to Your Museum



Love Your Museum

You are cordially invited to the Museum for an Open House on Friday, February 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You will be able to view winter photos of Hibbing and visit the new exhibit entitled, "Through the Lens". You can win a "Date Night" package for guessing how many M&M's are in a jar. Coffee, punch, and delicious Valentine's treats will be served while you peruse the vintage Valentine display.

Donations

The Hibbing Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$750.00 from the Sylvia Perell Trust Fund which is one of the Hibbing Foundation's Family of Funds. This money has been specifically earmarked for the Locations Display currently being created.

Sloppy Joes Memories by Linda Suihkonen

I grew up in the Greenhaven neighborhood of Hibbing, right across from the newly built Greenhaven School. I entered kindergarten in the fall of 1958. School schedules were different back then, and my brother and I were able to go home for lunch every day. We often had Campbell's soup. When it was my brother's turn to choose, he picked chicken noodle. I always chose tomato. As we got into the upper elementary grades, we discovered that the cafeteria served Sloppy Joes on Wednesdays for 25 cents. Somehow, we convinced my mother that we should be allowed to stay at school for lunch on Wednesday's. Looking back, she may have agreed because we now had several younger brothers and sisters attending school who would be coming home for lunch.

The sloppy joes were huge and simply delicious. They were served with carrot and celery sticks along with a carton of milk. Dessert was a piece of frosted spice cake.

Even though my Mom was a former Home Economics teacher and put home cooked meals on the table three times a day, she had a hard time competing with this school cafeteria meal! At least in the mind of a ten-year-old!

Hibbing Memories Sloppy Joes

1 lbs. ground beef	1 cup ketchup
1 medium onion, grated	½ cup water
½ tsp. mustard	½ cup tomato soup (can use whole can if making single batch)
¼ cup brown sugar	½ cup chopped celery
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce	salt and pepper to taste

In large frying pan, sauté the ground beef with the onion, salt and pepper. Add the mustard, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, water, and tomato soup. Simmer 15 minutes.

Just before serving, add the chopped celery so it remains crisp.

Who? What? Where? When?

Each quarter, the newsletter will include a photo from the archives. Since the photo was never identified in any way, we are asking for your help. Do you know...

Who is in the photo?

What is the happening or what event is taking place?

Where, specifically, was the photo taken?

When was the photo taken?

Any and all information would be helpful. Contributors' information will be included in the next newsletter.



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Officer Spotlight:

President Leonard Hirsch was born in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. He lived there until 9th grade when he moved with his family to New Ulm. The family then moved to Hibbing when his father was hired at Range Floral as a designer/grower, a rare occupational specialty. Leonard is a 1963 graduate of Hibbing High School after which he attended Hibbing Junior College in the west wing of the Hibbing High School.

In 1967, Leonard was drafted into the Army Aviation, where he became crew chief on an airplane. After the service, Leonard worked for F. H. Bathke, American Linen, and Pickands-Mather Research Lab. Leonard worked at the research lab for almost 25 years where he attained the title of Senior Research Lab Technician. When the lab closed in 2001, there were items and artifacts that Leonard thought the museum might like.

And thus began Leonard's association with the Hibbing Historical Society where he wears many hats. He is our representative with the St. Louis County Historical Society and is our museum's helpful handyman. Most importantly, Leonard is the museum's authority on anything "mining".