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August 3, 2010, South St. Paul, MN – Take your front row seat to everything history in Dakota County through this remarkable discount only from crowdcut.com! A limited number of 50% memberships are available **for only three days** starting Friday, August 5 and ending Sunday, August 7. Memberships run for a full calendar year from date of purchase.

Members of the Dakota County Historical Society receive a wide range of benefits including:

- Free admission to the LeDuc Historic Estate and Lawshe Memorial Museums, including all special events. (DCHS holds more than 50 programs, events & exhibitions annually)
- A subscription to *Over the Years* history magazine (three issues annually)
- Invitations to members-only events including exhibit previews and parties
- Discounts in both museum stores
- FREE research assistance from professional researchers and historians
- All members receive event calendars and updates on events held by our colleagues and partners across Minnesota

Take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of history – you and your family will be glad you did! Please see www.dakotahistory.org for more information about your Dakota County Historical Society.

Dakota County Historical Society is proud to honor our veterans and active duty service men and women by participating in the [Blue Star Museums](#) program.

Upcoming Events at DCHS (Through December 31, 2010)

August 5, 7 p.m.	Author Event - <i>Prairie Lightning</i> by Kerck Kelsey
August 7, 10 a.m.	Vermillion Falls Walking Tour
August 8, 7 p.m.	Sunday Night Concert - David Pattridge and the Levee Singers
August 10, 7 p.m.	Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings Meeting & Program
August 15, 7 p.m.	Sunday Night Concert - "DOO-DA-DAY"
August 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Farm, Food & Fun Fair
August 22, 7 p.m.	Sunday Night Concert - Jolly Huntsmen Band

September 4, 10 a.m.	Vermillion Falls Walking Tour
September 7, 7 p.m.	Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings Meeting & Program
September 11-12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Civil War Weekend - Prelude to War
September 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<i>Take Me to the River</i> Art Festival
September __, 7 p.m.	Genealogy program – details to be announced
October 2, 10 a.m.	Vermillion Falls Walking Tour
October 12, 7 p.m.	Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings Meeting & Program
October 23, 5 - 9 p.m.	Harvest Haunting
October __, 7 p.m.	Genealogy program – details to be announced
November 5-14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Hastings Artists Show & Sale
November 9, 7 p.m.	Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings Meeting & Program
December 4-5 & 11-12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Victorian Holidays
December 5 & 12, 2010 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Victorian Holiday Dinner
December 14, 7 p.m.	Friends of LeDuc of Historic Hastings Meeting & Program

About Dakota County Historical Society

The Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) has been collecting, preserving and presenting the history of Dakota County since 1939. DCHS operates the Lawshe Memorial Museum and research library in South St. Paul as well as the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings. The Lawshe Memorial Museum has over 5,000 square feet of exhibit space and houses a collection of more than 29,000 artifacts. DCHS also operates one of the best equipped local history research libraries in the state at the Lawshe Museum. Researchers can utilize DCHS resources in person or via web-based databases and website.

LeDuc Historic Estate

Built between 1862 and 1866 during the Civil War, the LeDuc Historic Estate is one of the finest examples of acclaimed 19th century landscape designer Andrew Jackson Downing’s residential work. The Rhineland Gothic stone mansion, ice house and carriage barn were built by William and Mary LeDuc, prominent figures in Minnesota’s early years as a territory and state. William LeDuc was a Civil War general, lawyer, businessman and Commissioner of Agriculture under President Rutherford B. Hayes.

For more information, see website: www.dakotahistory.org or contact us at: Dakota County Historical Society, 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075, 651-552-7548; dakotahistory@co.dakota.mn.us.

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