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## **AUTHOR EXPLORES LIVES OF THE DAKOTA PEOPLE BETWEEN 1850 & 1870**

*A Third Thursday Lecture @ Lawshe presentation of the Dakota County Historical Society*

*December 4, 2010, South St. Paul, MN* – Researcher and author Corinne Monjeau-Marz has devoted her latest efforts to exploring the extraordinarily challenging and culturally catastrophic transition the Dakota people experienced during the time of early European settlement in Minnesota. Join the Society on Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lawshe Memorial Museum for a discussion of critical issues that confronted the Dakota people between 1850 and 1870. Monjeau-Marz will share her recent research and discuss her work on “Alexander Ramsey’s Words of War” from the first issue of *Minnesota’s Heritage* magazine. She will also discuss her book, *The Dakota Indian Internment at Fort Snelling, 1862-1864*, as well as her contributions to *Trail of Tears: Minnesota’s Dakota Indian Exile Begins*.

**The free program begins at 7 p.m. at that Lawshe Memorial Museum on Thursday, December 16. The museum is located at 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075.**

### **About the Author**

Corinne L. Monjeau-Marz is an independent historian and author based in Cottage Grove. She is the author of *The Dakota Indian Internment at Fort Snelling, 1862-1864*. The book details the creation the camp, its conditions and the lives of the people interned there. She is also a contributor to *Trail of Tears: Minnesota’s Dakota Indian Exile Begins*. She has also completed another manuscript, *The Dakota Indian Prisons and Pardons, from Camp Release to Davenport, Iowa, 1862-1866*. The Dakota County Historical Society recently published her “Minnesota Statehood & The Treaties of 1858: Life in a Changing World” in the Society’s *Over the Years* history magazine.

### **About *Minnesota’s Heritage: Back to the Sources***

*Minnesota’s Heritage: Back to the Sources* is focused on the causes and events of the Dakota Conflict of 1862. The timing of this new, scholarly investigation of the conflict coincides with the upcoming 150 year anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities. A literal who’s who of Minnesota scholars are associated with this effort which is resulting in a series of publications that seek to re-elevate scholarly work to the place of importance it once held before sound-bite history became common. For more information: <http://minnesotaheritage.org/>

**About *Third Thursday Lectures @ Lawshe***

The new *Third Thursday Lectures @ Lawshe* program will present a new speaker and topic every month. In addition to history and genealogy projects, workshops on family heirlooms, author events/book signings, and artist presentations and demonstrations are planned.

**About the Dakota County Historical Society**

The Dakota County Historical Society has been collecting, preserving, promoting and presenting the history of Dakota County for 71 years. Serving all of Dakota County, the Society provides more than 70 public programs annually at a variety of sites, including the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul, the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings, and at Dakota County Libraries, government centers, and the Burnsville Performing Arts Center.

For more information contact Chad Roberts, Executive Director, at (651) 552-7548 or [chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us). For more about DCHS, see website: [www.dakotahistory.org](http://www.dakotahistory.org) or visit us at the Lawshe Memorial Museum at 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075.

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