



Community Benefits Statement

Professional Credibility

- Partner with the Minnesota Historical Society Digital Library and Women in History Interest Affinity Group as well as the American Association for State and Local History
- Board Treasurer for the Minnesota Association of Museums
- Member of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites and the Association of Midwest Museums
- Provides an internship opportunity annually for students interested in small museum management, collections care and historical interpretation
- Recipient of 2013 AMM Promising Leadership Award



Promoting Our Heritage

- Promotes and preserves Ely's rich cultural and natural history
- Secured Dorothy Molter as a "Woman of History" on Google, Inc's *Field Trip* application for smart phones and tablets
- Secured an oral history grant through the Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Grant Program to capture and preserve the stories of Dorothy's friends and supporters
- Secured grants for photo and archival collections preservation through the Minnesota Historical Society
- Established and maintains *Birds' Landing at Dorothy's* for community access to local bird watching opportunities



Downtown Economic Stimulation

- Instrumental in bringing the 2017 Minnesota Association of Museums Annual Conference to Ely
- Is a wholesale distributor of nationally-known Ely-centric product *Dorothy's Isle of Pines Root Beer* to over 20 Ely Area businesses as well as in Duluth, Brainerd Lakes Area and the Twin Cities thus promoting Ely to greater Minnesota
- Coordinated the 2017 Annual Minnesota Association of Museums Conference to be held in Ely
- Promotes Ely tourism through advertising in regional outlets
- Hosts a minimum of three free community events per year during peak tourist season
- Participates in the Ely Blueberry and Harvest Moon Festivals at Whiteside Park
- Offers Camp KWITCHURBELIAKIN and Northwoods Nature Hikes in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's *Tuesday Night Live*
- Hosts annual fundraising dinner at the Grand Ely Lodge



Partnerships

- As part of the annual Ely Winter Festival, collaborates with Vermilion Community College's Wilderness Program for Whirlwind! and the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club for a Dorothy Molter Memorial Snowmobile Ride, both free community events
- Partnered with Ely-Winton Historic Society to premiere the never-before-seen John Hoff, Jr. Wind Sled Film
- Proud to provide donation items for local youth and organizational fundraisers and events
- Coordinates volunteer projects both for museum and community improvement with organizations including Outward Bound, Eco-Club, Vermilion Community College and Northern Tier High Adventure Base

