

The Living History Society of Minnesota, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to understanding civilian lifestyles of the mid-nineteenth century. Our goal is to educate the public by demonstrating and interpreting daily activities of the mid-nineteenth century in a manner that is both informative and entertaining. We combine historical research with hands-on experience to create a sense of the past not available in history books or on film.

### *Mid-Nineteenth Century Etiquette*

- ☞ Participants will learn what the roles were within the different social classes.
- ☞ Participants will be instructed and coached in various forms of introduction and greeting.
- ☞ Participants will be taught about how and when different social classes were able to interact.

A costumed narrator will provide an overview of mid-nineteenth century etiquette, explaining how it empowered women, and protected them as well. Changing practices will be discussed. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate various points. Depending upon the venue, the participants will be able to practice these forms of interaction amongst themselves under the tutelage of the interpreters.

**Presenters:** Three to six people will interpret this activity.

**Venue:** 10x12 foot area, somewhat elevated for larger audiences.

**Program Length:** 30 to 60 minutes.

**Set up Time:** 30 minutes.

**Availability:** Evenings, weekends, and by special request.

**Audience:** Appropriate for schools, social groups, fundraisers, corporate functions, retirement communities, and historic sites.

*Corporate rates \$300 - \$700. (determined by number of interpreters & program length)*

*Non-Profit rates available. Please contact the LHS for more details.*

**Please Note:** This activity is readily adaptable to school programs and can also be combined with one or more of our other activities to provide a more complete educational experience for the participants.