

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.

### ***A Parade of Mid-Nineteenth Century Fashion***

- ☞ Participants will learn the historical evolution of fashion in the mid-nineteenth century.
- ☞ Participants will see examples of period fashions worn in daily life and formal occasions by men, women, and children.
- ☞ Participants will learn how mid-nineteenth societal norms and mores impacted fashion design.

Members model period garments while a narrator will provide commentary of the various fashions. Ladies' foundation garments (underclothing or *inexpressibles*) will be explained and displayed upon a mannequin. Audience members will have the opportunity to experience walking and sitting while wearing a hoopskirt.

**Presenters:** A minimum of five people will interpret this activity.

**Venue:** Minimum performance area - 14 ft. square (200 sq. ft.), plus adjacent changing room.

**Program Length:** Thirty to forty-five minutes.

**Set up Time:** One hour.

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

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

*Corporate Rates: \$400 - \$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.