

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 Tea

- ☞ Participants will learn about the history of tea as a social custom.
- ☞ Participants will be given the opportunity to view equipment considered necessary for tea service in the mid-nineteenth century, and learn to identify what the function of each item is and how it is properly used.
- ☞ Participants will observe the preparation and serving of tea by costumed interpreters.

A costumed narrator will provide an overview of the history of tea in western society. Tea will be prepared as a demonstration and served at a tea table by other costumed interpreters in proper upper class mid-nineteenth century form. Commentary will be provided concerning manners, language, the social hierarchy, and the kinds of accompaniments that would have been offered. Participants will leave this event with a working knowledge regarding the preparation of a mid-nineteenth century tea, and the rules involved. This is an excellent presentation to have before a luncheon or tea is served.

Presenters: Two to four people will interpret this activity.

Venue: 8x10 foot area, somewhat elevated for larger audiences.

Program Length: 30 to 60 minutes.

Set up Time: 60 minutes.

Availability: Evenings, weekends, and by special request.

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

*Corporate rates \$250 - \$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.