



## Lunch with the History People

**When:** Thursday, **October 19, 2017**, from **noon – 1 PM**

**Who:** Since 1998, **Michael Socha, Jr.** has been a non-denominational pastor in Virginia, Minnesota. Currently, he works as an airline reservationist. Mike spent eight years writing the book, *Vera*, which is a compilation of stories from the life of Vera Socha, his mother.

**What:** Mike will discuss *Vera: A Gripping True Story of Amazing Perseverance and Love*. Vera Socha was born in the Southern Ukraine in 1926. During World War II, when Vera was only 16 years old, she was forced to leave her family and work in Germany under dire conditions.

In 1951, she immigrated to Duluth. Vera raised seven children and became certified as an artist with the Minneapolis Art Instruction School. Over the years, she created many artworks. She was also an art instructor at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical Institute and has taught art to senior adults.

**Where:** The event will be held in the **Ruth Maney Room** on the first floor of the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (the Depot), at 506 West Michigan Street, Duluth, Minnesota.

There will be limited theater-style seating (no tables), but feel free to bring your own bag lunch. **Seating is first-come, first-served** (no reservations). Admittance to this event is **free** to the public. **ARCO** coffee is provided.

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