



# Dakota County Genealogical Society

## ***DCGS Program Schedule Winter-Spring 2010***

The **Dakota County Genealogical Society** invites you to attend their Program Meetings, open to the public at no charge. The presentations will give you tips on studying your family history and digging out information from numerous archival sources. Come and enjoy our lectures at the Dakota County Historical Society, 130 Third Ave. No. in So. St. Paul. For more information about our programs, memberships or resources, *contact Richard Thill, President* at (651)-452-5926. Request our membership brochure describing additional membership benefits.



### **FRENCH-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH By John Schade *Thursday, February 18, 2010, 7 PM***

French-Canadians were among the earliest of explorers and settlers in Quebec and in the Midwest. John will discuss briefly the early settlement of Quebec, the fur trade, migration to MN, importance of Notarial records; in addition to main sources for church and Civil records on birth, baptism, marriage, and death.

*John Schade, currently is the MGS Library Chair and former President of the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS) and the Canadian Interest Group He also specializes in Native-American documentation.*

### **MIDWEST GENEALOGY LIBRARIES By Darlene Joyce, CG *Following the 20 min. ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, March 18, 2010, 7 PM***

**Darlene will discuss** a wonderful array of genealogy resources in Minnesota and 11 bordering states. We will take a visual tour of some of the major repositories for genealogical and family history research in our region; discuss preparations for an important library visit; learn how to search many key data collections from your home computer; share tips on good ways to stay “current” on the constant changes affecting major genealogy libraries; discuss several ways to take advantage of inter-library loan and online downloading of Midwest data, wherever archived, including WorldCat; NUCMUC; and PERSI. Enjoy a tour Midwest repositories in MN and neighboring states. A substantive handout will be given.

*Darlene (Cruikshank) Joyce, a prominent lecturer on genealogy, is a Certified Genealogist, former Director and Vice President of the MN Genealogical Society, and chair of the MGS Cemetery Project.*