History Festival Topics

2012 – First

Tom Blake – Bob Mackreth

Lake Superior Shipwrecks – Bruce Bowers

DuPont Club – Mary Nowakowski

DuiPont's Barksdale Plant history – Bob Mackreth Roaring 20's Styles – Mary Nowakowski Souvenir View Picture Parade – Betty Ferris

2013 (Second Annual)

On the Ice – Travel on Lake Superior – Bob Mackreth
The Civil War and Women's Movement – John and Karen Devries
Washburn's Airstrip and Pilots – Kathy Holt
Ladies of the Isles – Bob Mackreth

History of Souvenir Views/Chautauqua – Betty Ferris History of Houghton Point – Al House The Fire Demon – Bob Mackreth Tony Woiak – Virginia Hirsch

2014 (Third Annual)

Emmanuel Luick, Keeper of the Sand Island Lighthouse – Bob Mackreth
The Great Depression in Wisconsin: Causes, Coping and Quilting – John and Karen Devries
Influential Washburn Women – Irene Blakely
Chick Sheridan's Legends and History of the Apostle Islands – John Foltz

Explosion at Barksdale – Bob Mackreth
Washburn's Historic District – Tim Heggland
The Bishop/Semb Chronicles – Pictorial history of Washburn School – 1952-1962 – John Foltz/George
Semb
Washburn City Bands – Gary Holman

2015 (Fourth Annual)

History of A.C. Probert; Washburn's infamous banker – Bob Mackreth Tony Woiak Readings and history – Tom Mitchell Bayfield County Courthouse history – John Anderson Memorial Park Buildings – Bob Mackreth

2016 (Fifth Annual)
Klondike Fever – Bob Mackreth
The Missing Houses of Washburn – Al House

Traillblazing Liz Hawkes – Joe Massen/John Anderson

Tales of Washburn's Namesake; C. C. Washburn – Pete Mann

Through the Ice; Home that fell through the ice – Sherman Edwards Lamps in the Wilderness; Apostle Islands light stations – Bob Mackreth

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Washburn's Robinson Family – Karen Novachek

2017 (Sixth Annual) Winter

Lake is the Boss – Bob Mackreth
They are Remembered (Native American Migration) – Sue Liemiuex
Walker High School Fire – John Foltz
Area Skiing History – Coke Lindsey

2017 - Summer

Early Years of Washburn Public Library – Pete Mann Lumber, Business and Living – Washburn 1900 – Sprague Family – Monroe Sprague History of Washburn's Waterfront Trail – Dora Kling History of Brokedown Palace Building – Betty Ferris

2018 (Seventh Annual) Winter
Valhalla History – Joe Maassen
Washburn Public Library, Part II – Pete Mann
History of Healthcare in Washburn- Kristy Liphart
Ojibwe Language – Lorraine Norrgard and Andrew Gokee

2018 (Seventh Annual) Summer History of Karlyn's Pot Shop – Karlyn Holman Great War Comes to Washburn – Bob Mackreth Look Back at the Finn Settlement – Irene Blakely Big Top Chautauqua History – Warren Nelson

2019 (Eighth Annual) Winter
Brownstone Quarrying
Bayfield One Room Schools
The Great War Comes to Washburn – Part II
Olson Brother Stories

2019 (Eighth Annual) Summer
Last Soldier Project – Sam Solberg/Richard Rewalt
Chequamegon Bay Archaeology – Robert Birmingham
DuPont Club History – Carol Lindsey and Friends
Washburn Coal Dock – Gary Holman

2020 (Ninth Annual) Winter
The Stories They Carried – Kevin Kling
Prohibition – What Were They Thinking – Bob Mackreth
Carl Gawboy Portrait: The Art of the Everyday – Lorraine Norrgard
Three Lives of the Houghton Depot – Paul Johnson

History Festival Topics

Summer 2021
Jan Lee/Tom Mitchel - Up Engoe Road
John Anderson/Joe Maasen - Congressman Peavey
Bob Mackreth - Prohibition
John Esposito - Blood on the Ice

Summer 2022 Warren Nelson - Where are All the Railroads Sharon Stewart - Trolley Tour Kiosk Committee - A Kiosk Doesn't Happen Overnight Pete Mann - The First CCC Camp in Wisconsin/Up Brinks Road

Winter 2023

Lorraine Norrgard/Marvin Defoe - We Gain Knowledge/Native American Culture Donn Christensen and Friends - Personal Stories of Health Services in Washburn Gary Holman and Friends - Patsy's Bar John Anderson - Anderson Family History in Washburn