



**Welcome** to our March issue of View from the Villas! Our goal is to share with you the exciting activities that are available to enjoy on your next visit to the Mountain Villas. We will be alerting you about local activities, festivals and attractions. We will also work to explain recreational activities and guest services available to you at the Mountain Villas.

March and April are beautiful months to enjoy the Villas and the Duluth region. Forget all about those cold winter days and enjoy warmer spring skiing and boarding! This time of year is our transition to spring. Every week brings a new experience, a new smell of spring, and new heat from our wonderful sun!

When the snow does start melting, we enjoy the sound of the water running over the rocks and through the hills surrounding the Villas. It's so relaxing to just sit on the deck and experience the quiet, the sounds and warmth of spring. In April, stay two Sunday – Thursday nights, and receive the third mid week night free! Just mention the "March newsletter special" to our office staff when making your reservation!

If you would like to receive this newsletter on a monthly basis, please e-mail the Villa Office at [mtvillas@cpinternet.com](mailto:mtvillas@cpinternet.com). We appreciate your business, and look forward to serving you in the near future!

Pam Higgins, Mountain Villas Manager



Catch up on all the excitement at [spiritmt.com](http://spiritmt.com)

- On March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting the USASA Upper Midwest Points Series
- Spring Break Luau – Spirit Mountain – March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Midwest Masters Ski Race – Spring Fling – Spirit Mountain -- March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- Tentative ski/boarding closing date – weather dependent – March 28th

Did you know that Spirit Mountain offers a great place for your next family reunion, office retreat, or wedding or anniversary! With a great view of the bay, great banquet and meeting facilities, and their friendly staff, you can't beat Spirit Mountain Resort! Groups renting five or more Villas from our Association get a discount on rental rates. Give our office staff a call to discuss how we can assist you with your next gathering!



The Mountain Villas are located within walking distance of both the Spirit Mountain Ski Lodge and the Spirit Mountain Alpine Skiing area.

Nestled in the woods on top of beautiful Spirit Mountain, you'll enjoy the peace, beauty and majesty of this wonderful location!

You'll enjoy a flexible schedule that allows your family members to come and go as they please. Let them board and ski to their hearts content!

*April is Lady's month at the Mountain Villas:*

*April is a great month for a Lady's weekend or excursion to the Mountain Villas! Spirit Mountain is basking in the sun as the snow melts and our private decks provide a quiet area to reflect on the rebirth of the earth.*

*There are lots of fun activities going on in Duluth in April – see the sampling below and to the right. The Mountain Villas staff will be offering a free craft project for you to work on while you are at the Villas in April. It is a great time for a women's retreat, or just to pack a few friends in the car and get away while the family activities are at a low point in many households.*

*The Villas are close to shopping and you can take daily excursions to various shopping areas of our region. Let us help you plan your exploration of the interesting shopping venues in Duluth and surrounding communities! You might enjoy a nice dinner out, a fun comedy night, or an evening with the local arts.*

*We invite you to share this wonder filled time of year with the us at the Villas!*

## February and March Calendar Sampling

### March:

#### Daily Attractions:

- Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Skiing & Boarding
- Spirit Mountain Alpine Ski Trails
- Snowmobile Trails and Excursions
- Great shopping in Duluth

#### Special Attractions/Activities

- USASA Half-Pipe and Slope Style Competition – Spirit Mountain – March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- Candlelight ski, skate or snow shoe – Hartley Nature Center – March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Fitgers Bock Fest – Volksmarch, Polar Plunge, Stein Races etc. – March 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Break Luau – Spirit Mountain – March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Duluth Cabin Fever Bluegrass Festival – March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Midwest Masters Ski Race – Spring Fling – Spirit Mountain -- March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

### April:

#### Daily Attractions:

- Villa Crafting Option Available to Guests
- Enjoy the spring melt and rebirth of spring!
- Minimal lines at area attractions!
- Great shopping in Duluth

#### Special Attractions/Activities

- Detectives Exhibit – The Magic of Sherlock Holmes (and others) -- Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum – April 1<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Arrowhead Home and Builders Show at the DECC - April 7-11
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cabin Fever Reliever Polka Jamboree at the Moose Club in Superior – April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Fling Quilt Show – Barker's Island – April 18-19
- Duluth Playhouse presents "Rent" – April 21-25
- Ginger Bread Show – Miller Hill Mall – April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>

For other calendar items, go to <http://visitduluth.com/events/>

Have you ever had the chance to enjoy the beautiful Jay Cooke State Park just 15 miles South of the Mountain Villas? Hike the historic Grand Portage of the St Louis River. Peer over the swinging bridge at the dramatic rocky river gorge below or pause for a moment in the pioneer cemetery. The forests and vistas make this park a hikers' and skiers' delight! There are 50 miles of hiking & 8 miles of biking trails.

You'll also enjoy the fun shopping and dining options of nearby Carlton, Minnesota. Carlton has a half dozen restaurants, unique gift shops, old buildings and beautiful hiking trails and other recreation opportunities.



The Mountain Villas are located on the South end of Duluth just off of I-35 at the Spirit Mountain Exit (#249). Follow Skyline Parkway past the Spirit Mountain Resort entrance. Our recently updated website can be found at [mtvillas.com](http://mtvillas.com). The site is a great way to learn about the many amenities of our villas, and conveniently make reservations. If you prefer, you can call us toll free at 1-866-688-4552 or locally at 218-624-5784. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On weekends we are open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We offer convenient late check in. Give us a call!!!