

Julie Jo Larson is an author, storycatcher, and presenter. Her book *100 Things to Do in Minnesota Northwoods Before You Die* springs forth from Reedy Press in April, 2021. With a walking stick in hand, worn mukluks on her feet, and a never-ending supply of curiosity and wanderlust, Julie Jo travels across the region in search of unique people, places, and events. She continues a three-decade tradition of wandering and wondering throughout Minnesota.

She explores the Minnesota Northwoods in search of lost, obscure, and forgotten history. In 2014 Julie Jo formed “The MsStorians” a women’s history group that tours abandoned cemeteries, century-old buildings, and vanishing communities. She combines both research and field work to create *MsStorian Adventures*- articles which tell the story behind the adventure. Since 2014, over two dozen *MsStorian Adventures* have appeared in the *Lake Country Journal* and other Northwoods publications.

A passionate presenter, Julie Jo’s topics include: Cemeteries of Crow Wing County, Crow Wing Village, Brainerd History, Black/Strader Cemetery, Crosslake History, MsStorian Adventures, and Daughters of the American Revolution Monuments and Markers. She has presented to graduation ceremonies, historical societies, writing groups, book clubs, service organizations, and college clubs/classes.

Julie Jo serves on the Crow Wing County Historical Society Board and the Humphrey Center for Native American Studies. She is a member of the Crossing Arts Alliance and the Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society. She received a Five Wings Artist Grant in 2017 to explore novel writing.

She also dons the hat of assistant director of TRIO Student Support Services at Central Lakes College. Julie Jo is a licensed social worker committed to helping first-generation college students access and increase their success in higher education.

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