

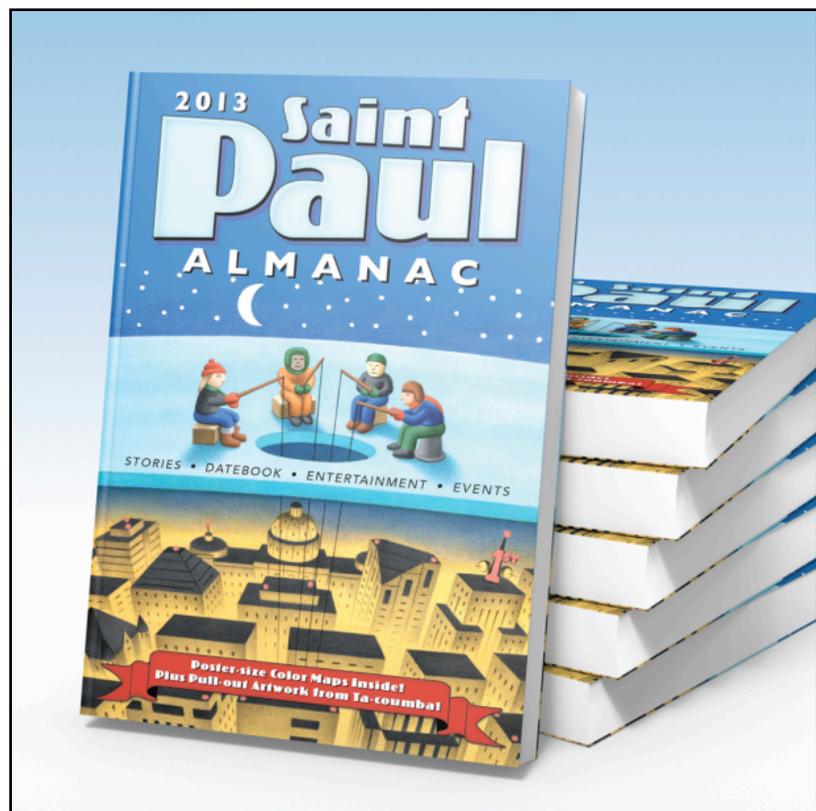
Presenting the *2013 Saint Paul Almanac*—our seventh edition!

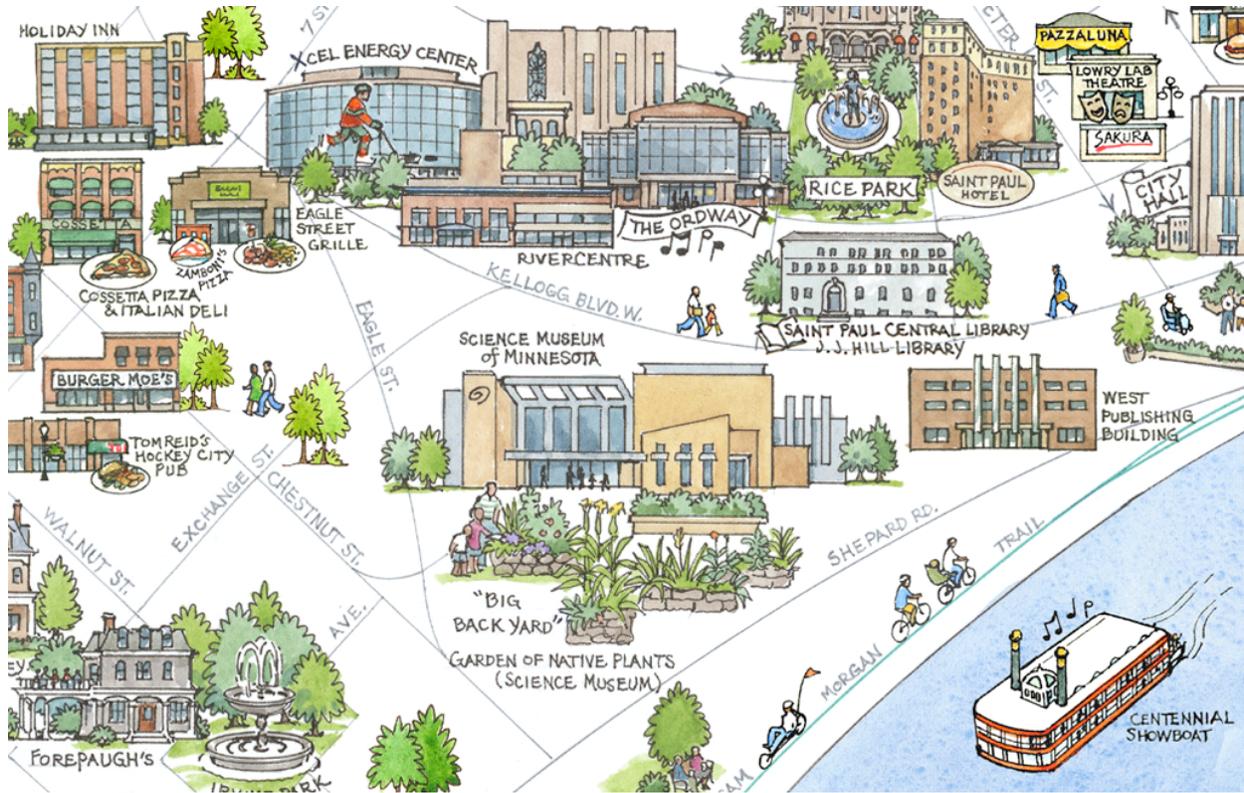
On [September 13, 2012](#), we celebrate the launch of the *2013 Saint Paul Almanac*—the indispensable seventh edition of the friendly guidebook to Minnesota’s capital city and Saint Paul’s eclectic community storytelling book of record!

Right: The *2013 Saint Paul Almanac*. Cover art by [Andy Singer](#).

This year, the 416-page *2013 Saint Paul Almanac* is again available in full color with over 160 photos and illustrations.

Our gorgeous, hand-drawn, poster-size, pull-out maps of the City of Saint Paul and Downtown have been newly revised, and this latest edition now includes a pull-out poster of Ta-coumba Aiken’s beautiful illustrations from the *Almanac*’s Lowertown Reading Jam events.





Above: Detail from the Downtown Saint Paul map in the 2013 *Saint Paul Almanac*. Drawn by Roberta Avidor.

Right: Some of the pull-out art by Ta-coumba Aiken in the 2013 *Saint Paul Almanac*.



Saint Paul Lowertown Reading Jams at the Black Dog Café illustrated by Ta-coumba.



Above: April 25, 2012, "Routes to Roots: Sankofa" and uncovering our histories through our artistic journey." Curated by M.anifest. Featured performances by poet and playwright Lisa Marie Brimmer, producer and community organizer Owen Duckworth, and M.anifest.

Below: December 12, 2011: "Nomadic Expressions." Curated by Nimo Farah. Featured performances by Louis Alemayehu, Nahid Khan, Jake Virden, IBE, Marisa Carr, Abdifatah Farah Ali, Adrienne Maiers, Hersi, and Nimo Farah. All images © Ta-coumba T. Aiken 2012

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► "Latinos can be more active in all sectors of society. We need to engage the mainstream so that we become visible and a part of the decision-making process."
—Luz Frias, Latina attorney and activist

14 Monday Fall Flower Show

Theodore Hamm, pioneer brewer, was born today in 1825.

15 Tuesday Fall Flower Show

Tou Ger Xiong Hmong entertainer, was born today in 1973.

16 Wednesday Fall Flower Show

17 Thursday Fall Flower Show



David Mura reads at a Saint Paul Almanac reading. Saint Paul Almanac runs a number of reading and performance events each year. Check saintpaulalmanac.org.

18 Friday Fall Flower Show

19 Saturday Downtown Saint Paul Farmers' Market
Fall Flower Show
Zoo Boo

20 Sunday Downtown Saint Paul Farmers' Market
Fall Flower Show
Zoo Boo

Workmen at the Minnesota railroad transfer went on strike on October 18, 1886.

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Above: Sample pages from the datebook in the *Saint Paul Almanac*.

Our growing Saint Paul City Guide offers up-to-date listings for Art Galleries, Bookstores, Museums, Libraries, Historical Sites and Tours, Parks and Nature Reserves, Bars and Restaurants, Coffee Houses and Tea Shops, Food Trucks and Street Food, Deli Grocers and Food Co-ops, Sports and Recreation events, and Music, Dance, Theater, and Performing Arts venues.

Our Saint Paul Calendar incorporates a handy datebook where you can write your appointments and notes alongside listings for

Saint Paul's festivals, parades, exhibitions, and events. Both our City Guide and our Calendar have companion online versions available at www.saintpaulalmanac.org

Stories are at the heart of what we do

The *Saint Paul Almanac* is a literary campfire around which the diverse Saint Paul community gathers to share their stories.



Above: 2013 community editors at work. (Photo by Dan Tilsen)

A successful experiment in democratic publishing, the *2013 Almanac* brought together a multigenerational group of 21 community editors to choose 132 pieces by 114 writers—without the editors knowing the authors' identities—from hundreds of submissions.

High school students' work appears alongside writing by grandparents, and first-time writers appear next to Saint Paul literary greats such as Garrison Keillor and Max Shulman. Every person's story is one unique part of a larger puzzle. When pieced together with all the other stories in the *Saint Paul Almanac*, the book transforms into a magical overview of Saint Paul's interwoven cultures and communities, a tapestry of neighborhoods and favorite haunts.

The *2013 Almanac* includes stories about jailbird ancestors and ice palaces, first kisses and school bullies, flood-threatened weddings and matchmaking worms, buses and bicycles, steamboats and cars, brave kids and wise elders, new immigration experiences and generations of Saint Paul memories, Rondo recollections and Hmong dreams, Irish ghosts and 1920s brewery workers, Bob Dylan's piano skills and one roadkilled iguana—the latter two apparently having more in common than you might suspect!



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Flower show at Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Como Park

Selected writers curate readings around a theme they have chosen and invite other writers and artists to perform with them.

Vietnamese Tet New Year Festival
Date to be announced
Saint Paul RiverCentre
651.265.4800
www.vietnam-minnesota.org
Vietnamese music, dancing, contests, food, and celebration. Free admission.

Minnesota State High School League Wrestling Tournament
Feb.27–Mar. 3
Xcel Energy Center
763.560.2262
www.mshsl.org

MARCH

Downtown Saint Paul Winter Farmers' Market
Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
290 East Fifth St.
651.227.8101
www.stpaulfarmersmarket.com
Local growers sell their fresh foods directly to you.

Minnesota State High School League Wrestling Tournament
Feb.27–Mar. 3
Xcel Energy Center
763.560.2262
www.mshsl.org

Winter Flower Show
Feb. 3–Mar. 17
Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Como Park
651.487.8200
www.comazooconservatory.org

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Above Right: Detail from the Events Listings in the *2013 Saint Paul Almanac*.

The *2013 Almanac* also features poems by Wendy Brown-Baez, Sharon Chmielarz, Carol Connolly, Maryann Corbett, Desdamona, Virginia L. Dippel, Norita Dittberner-Jax, Sandra Erskine, Emily Gurnon, Jaime Hagg, David Harden, Margaret Hasse, Linda Hawj, Tish Jones, Daryl C. Jorgenson, Garrison Keillor, Kathryn Kysar, James Lachowsky, Laura Lassar, Tou SaiKo Lee, Moleen (Harris-Davis) Lowe, Linda Back McKay, Deborah McLaren, John Minczeski, Michael Kiesow Moore, Paul Ofstedal, Sheronda Orridge, Alma Palahniuk, Yvonne Pearson, J. Otis Powell?, Marcie Rendon, Sigwan Rendon, Paige Riehl, Amy E. Riley, Mary Rosen, Mary Kay Rummel, Deb Runyon, Julia Klatt Singer, Karen Trudeau, Diego Vázquez Jr., Saymoukda Duangphouxay Vongsay, Nicholas Voss, Marilynne Thomas Walton, Susan Steger Welsh, Lucia Wroblewski, Royetta Zabel, and the Ninth Grade Class of Higher Ground Academy.

The *2013 Saint Paul Almanac* is a reliable companion for the endless exploration of our beautiful city, and a thoughtful gift that readers will reference all through the year!

Launch Events, Readings & Purchase Information

Join us at the [2013 Saint Paul Almanac Book Release Party](#)! On September 13th, join us at AZ Gallery, the Black Dog Coffee and Wine Bar, and Clouds in Water Zen Center for readings, artwork, food, and *Almanacs*. The reading features Saint Paul Poet Laureate Carol Connolly, Kofi Bobby Hickman, Diego Vázquez Jr., Saymoukda Vongsay, Tish Jones, Tou SaiKo Lee, Loren Niemi, Brenda Bell Brown, Kemet Imhotep, and Clarence White.

The [*Saint Paul Almanac Readings series*](#) follow the September 13 launch party, throughout September to November 2012 in coffee bars around the city, featuring writers published in the *2013 Saint Paul Almanac* reading their poems and stories. Events are free and all ages. Copies of the new *2013 Saint Paul Almanac* will be available for purchase at the launch party and readings.

The *2013 Saint Paul Almanac* [also sells for \\$17.95 online](#) at saintpaulalmanac.org (including S&H) and will be available in independent and mainstream bookstores—including Common Good Books, Barnes and Noble, and Amazon.com—after September 13, 2012, for \$14.95.

The 2013 Saint Paul Almanac team

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Saint Paul city map and Saint Paul downtown map, second
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416 pages, 5 3/16 x 8 inches, full-color book with 132 pieces by
114 writers, 167 photos and illustrations, a full-color, two-sided
18 3/4 x 15-inch color map (revised), 4-page color pullout of
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Sept 13, 2012: Join us at the 2013 Saint Paul Almanac Book Release Party!

Thursday, Sept. 13 | 7 to 9 p.m. | 308 Prince Street

The [2013 Saint Paul Almanac](#) will be launched on September 13th! We'll celebrate in the AZ Gallery, Black Dog Café, and Clouds in Water Zen Center.

All are welcome as we celebrate the hot-off-the-press release of the 2013 edition of the *Saint Paul Almanac*, featuring the work of more than 120 local writers, including Patricia Hampl, J. Otis Powell, Margaret Hasse, Mahmoud El-Kati, Sharon Chmielarz, John Minczeski, Ethna McKiernan, Michael Kiesow Moore, Wendy Brown-Baez, and Mike Hazard.

Artwork from the *Almanac* will be in the AZ Gallery and Black Dog Café and will feature Ta-coumba Aiken, Chris Faust, Tom McGregor, Andy Singer, Roberta Avidor, Leann E. Johnson, Kyle Krueger, Amy Unger, Angela Davis, Brenda Manthe, C. Mannheim, Gail Kern, Jennifer Stam, Jimmy Ostgard, Leo Carey, Rachel Cain, Ron Duffy, and Tom Reynen

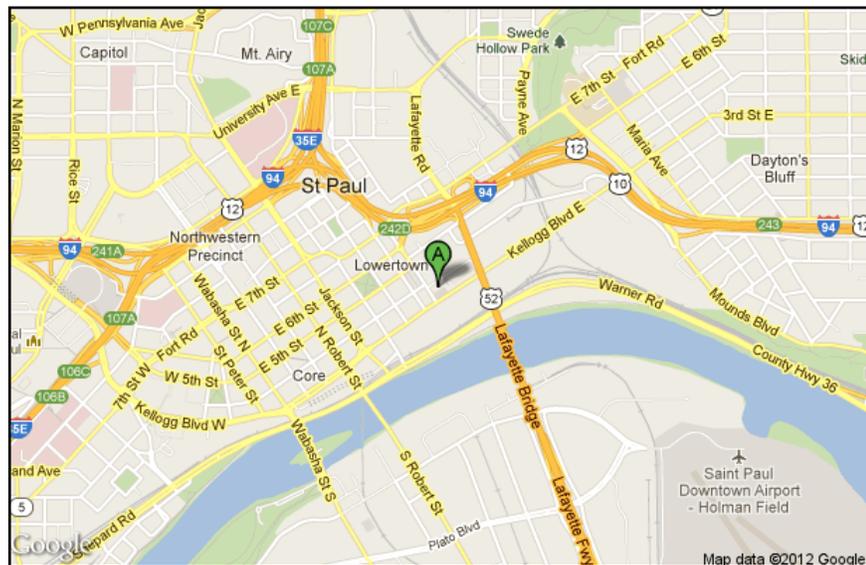
A Reading in Clouds in Water Zen Center featuring Saint Paul Poet Laureate Carol Connolly, Kofi Bobby Hickman, Diego Vázquez Jr., Saymoukda Vongsay, Tish Jones, Tou SaiKo Lee, Loren Niemi, Brenda Bell Brown, Kemet Imhotep, and Clarence White

- ☑ Food available at the Black Dog Café, including Tanka dogs (Bison hotdogs) and chips for just \$5
- ☑ Our fundraising Book of Days! Invest in next year's *Almanac* by buying a day, a week, or a month
- ☑ Brand-new and beautiful *Almanac's* for sale
- ☑ Tribute to Kwame McDonald

This event is free and open to all. Donations gratefully accepted. Catch the [2013 Saint Paul Almanac Reading Series](#) in the following months, at coffee bars around the city.

Location

We'll celebrate in the AZ Gallery, Black Dog Café, and Clouds in Water Zen Center, located at 308 Prince Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101.



Sept-Nov 2012: Readings from the new 2013 Saint Paul Almanac

Following our [September 13th, 2012 launch event](#), the *Saint Paul Almanac* Readings series takes place from September to November 2012, in coffee bars around the city, featuring writers who were published in the [2013 Saint Paul Almanac](#) reading their poems and stories. Events are free and all ages. Copies of the new *2013 Saint Paul Almanac* will be available for purchase at the readings.

Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Ginkgo Coffeehouse

721 Snelling Ave. North
651.645.2647
www.ginkgocoffee.com

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Subtext

165 Western Ave. North
651.493.3871

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Arnellia's Bar

1183 University Ave. West
651.642.5975

Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Fresh Grounds

1362 West Seventh St.
651.224.2348
www.freshgroundscoffee.com

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

Polly's Coffee Cove

1382 Payne Ave.
651.771.5531

Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Cahoots Coffee Bar

1562 Selby Avenue
651.644.6778

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, 12:00 p.m.

Grumpy Steve's Coffee

215 Wabasha St. South
651.224.1191
www.wabashastreetcaves.com

Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Common Good Books

38 Snelling Avenue South
651.225.8989
www.commongoodbooks.com

Friday, Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Mad Hatter Coffee Cafe and Teahouse

945 West Seventh St.
651.227.2511

Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Golden Thyme Coffee Café

921 Selby Ave.
651.645.1340

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

Jerabek's New Bohemian Coffeehouse and Bakery

63 Winifred St. West
651.228.1245
www.jerabeks.com

Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Amore Coffee

879 Smith Ave. South

651.330.0570

www.amorecoffee.com

Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Claddagh Coffee

459 West Seventh St.

651.600.3400

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