Art in the Hollow a great success!

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

The weather was perfect for the 10th Annual Art in the Hollow on Saturday, June 1, in Swede Hollow Park. More than 70 artists of all types sold their art, including paintings, jewelry, photography, pottery/ceramics, textiles, woodcraft, and more. The day included music and art under the East 7th Street Improvement Arches.

Around 2,000 visitors attended this year’s festival, a number of them exploring Swede Hollow for the first time. The day kicked-off with a delicious array of breakfast items for the artists: cinnamon rolls from Swede Hollow Café, coffee from The Goat Coffee House, and pastries from La Palma. Volunteers including from The Goat Coffee House, and pas...
Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the second Saturday of most months, the Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m. The next hike will be on Saturday, July 13. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. Maria Avenue Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundshstea@gmail.com.

July at the Dayton’s Bluff Library

The following events take place at the Dayton’s Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul. The library will be closed on July 4.

- July 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Teens Know Best! Teens have exclusive access to books before they are published. This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month to share opinions and pizza. Teens Know Best members write reviews of the books they read. The reviews are submitted to the publishers to help guide their decisions.
- Summer Spark takes place on Wednesdays throughout the summer, featuring performances and other fun activities for kids from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Check out the full calendar of events on page 5 for the July Summer Spark line-up.
- Did you know that you can check out board games from the library? Librarians can help with the setup. For instructions, visit our library website.

For information about these and other events check spl.org or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton’s Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University and the Heritage Center.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visit moundshstea.org for information on upcoming events in July. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundshstea@gmail.com.

SNAP Food Program at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos. Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar.

Para más información de SNAP no afectará a su estatus migratorio. ¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califica! 612-746-3500.

Visit www.landmarkcenter.org for information on upcoming events in July. Landmark Center’s Visitor Information Desk can help you and your loved one with your long to-do list! Email Info@EastSideElders.org or call 651-683-2326 to make a reservation or visit www.landmarkcen-ter.org/volunteer to learn more about volunteering.

SNAP Wish List Care Packages

Help East Side Elders distribute food, hygiene items, and more to seniors on the East Side by shopping their Amazon Wish List! Visit www.amazon.com/register/wish-list?K=O0jOGFJ3NS3 to place these much-needed items sent right to their office. From there, a team of volunteers will distribute them to seniors in need.

With the help of supporters like you, East Side Elders is able to supply groc- ieries and personal care items to seniors in the community, at no charge to them. These items stretch their monthly budgets and give them access to healthy food and much-needed personal care products. Donations can also be dropped off at our office: East Side Elders, 463 Maria Avenue Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55106. A printable wish list can also be found on our website.

Grocery Shopping

Did you know that East Side Elders can help you and your loved one with grocery shopping? To get help with grocery shopping, call 651-683-2326 or email Info@EastSideElders.org with a detailed list. From there, East Side El- ders staff put a call out to their grocery shopping team and schedule a day and time that works for you and the volun- teers for delivery.

Grocery shopping is a donation-based service. Donate what you can for the convenience of having to head out to the store. Reimbursement for the gro- ceries can be done directly with the volun- teer - they will bring you a receipt when they make their delivery.

Learn About Medicare and Help Others

Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites, such as senior centers and local libraries, in the seven-county metro area. Make a difference in your commun- ity by becoming a State Health Insur- ance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people un- derstand their Medicare options. Visit Metroaging.org to volunteer more.

Explore Saint Paul with a Walking Tour

Take a free Saint Paul Walking Tour from Landmark Center

Visitors and residents alike are invit- ed to explore Rice Park, St. Peter Street, and the Old Rice Mill at Landmark Center’s Saint Paul Walking Tours. Beginning in June and continuing through September, Landmark Center’s Saint Paul Walking Tours will kick off in the heart of downtown Saint Paul. Tours are free and operate on a rotating schedule, departing on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. “I really love being able to talk to people and let them know the story of Rice Park and all that’s there,” said Bob Wagner, a Landmark Center volunteer and creator of the walking tours. “People take their hometowns for granted, but there’s al- ways something new to learn, whether you’re a lifelong resident or a tourist.

The Twin City Tour: The second Wednesday of each month, departs from Landmark Center’s Visitor Information Desk. The tour circles one of Saint Paul’s most iconic parks, and stops in the surrounding buildings which give the park its central role in city events and celebrations.

The Heart of the City Tour: The third Wednesday of each month, departs from Landmark Center’s North Lobby. The tour visits Saint Paul’s most influential buildings and highlights some of the most famous landmarks and influential buildings in St. Paul’s histo- ry, including the Hamm Building and Mickey’s Dinner.

The Great River Tour: The fourth Wednesday of each month, departs from Upper Lackland Park (Shepard Road and Eagle Parkway). The tour walks along the mighty Mississippi, highlighting buildings and locations that helped make Saint Paul the city it is to- day.

All tours are FREE, operate June through September on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited, reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation please call 651-292-3276 or visit www.landmarkcen-ter.org/saint-paul-walking-tours.

About Landmark Center: Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center that promotes advancements in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and man- aged by Minnesota Landmarks, the non-profit organization charged with overseeing Landmark Center’s operations and providing its programming. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651-292-3225 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

Dayton’s Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The Forum is seeking writers and help with online content, idea genera- tion, and ad sales – join us at our next meeting on Monday, July 8, at 1:00 p.m. at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. July 2019 Page 2
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What in Dayton’s Bluff?

Casey Jones III
Special to the Forum

The object in the June “Where in Dayton’s Bluff?” photo was correctly identified as being located near the edge of the bluff in Indian Mounds Park. But what is it?

Physically it is an iron stake firmly planted in the ground. The letters on the top, CBN RR, stand for the Chicago, Burlington and Northern Railroad. It was one of many regional railroads that existed in the 19th century. And like many of those railroads, the CBN had a relatively short lifespan, only existing as an independent company from 1887 to 1899.

The federal government wanted the rail system to expand as fast as possible and encouraged this expansion by giving railroads tens of millions of acres of public land, known as land grants. The railroads could build tracks and related train facilities on this land, sell it or do anything else they wanted with this free land. These land grants were highly controversial at the time and to this day the ownership of some of this land is still a source of legal contention due to the open-ended nature of the land grants.

The CBN RR stake in Mounds Park is most likely one of many survey markers that at one time delineated the land owned by the railroad, or possibly still does own. It likely dates back to the late 1800s.

The CBN merged into the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad in 1899, eventually becoming the Burlington Northern and is now the BNSF. The BNSF continues to have a large presence in St. Paul in the area below and to the east of the bluffs along the Mississippi River. Is it possible BNSF still owns a part of Mounds Park? Or at some point in the past was that land given or sold to the city of St. Paul? That question would take much more research to answer. Is anyone up to the task?

Casey Jones III can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.
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Wont' you be my neighbor?

Annette Morris
Special to the Forum

Dayton's Bluff neighbors, thinking of the old television show, Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, who are the people in your neighborhood, the people that you meet each day? This is still one of my favorite songs, and you may hear me belting out the lyrics at any given time. “I’ve always wanted to have a neighbor, just like you...I’ve always wanted to live in a neighborhood, you and me...so let's make the most of this beautiful day....”

I would like all St. Paul neighborhood, to know that my neighbors are all AWESOME and I would like them all know how much I appreciate them. It is a village to raise a child and they have been part of my village. I am a grandmother living with her daughter and grandchildren. I just had one move on to middle school, two moving up to high school, and one on her way to college. I am very proud of them and could not have done it without the support of my neighborhood. I don't know each of you by name and don't want to leave anyone out, but I want you to know “Thank you!” Thank you for caring enough to keep those kids working on something positive. The baked goods, the smiles, the waves, and all of the support all have meant us. Thank you for treating us with respect and kindness!

“Would you be mine, could you be my neighbor, you my neighbor? Thanks again, neighbors.

- The Morris Family

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Mississippi Market’s $3 Community Dinners return

Enjoy summer at the co-op with good food, good people, and live music.

Matt Frank
Mississippi Market

Mississippi Market is pleased to announce the return of its $3 Community Dinners this summer. These events will be held on the fourth Thursdays of July and August at the Co-op’s Eatery and at the co-op’s East 7th store. Each dinner will feature an affordable market meal, live music from local musicians, free food samples, community partners, raffle prizes, and more. Vegan and gluten-free options will be available at both dinners. Save the dates to celebrate community with good food, good people, and live music. All are welcome!

Join your neighbors on Thursday, July 25, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the East 7th store to share a $3 Community Dinner of garlic rosemary chicken or BBQ pulled pork on a bear-resistant Grizzly Cooler. A special ceremony of three important bills into law.

Sen. Foung Hawj praised Gov. Walz for the important legislation, which he noted will benefit all Minnesota residents.

"I am so very proud to play a part in honoring those who fought in support of the U.S. in the Secret War in Laos," Sen. Hawj said. "May 14 was the legacy day of an air evacuation of soldiers and their families from a covert head- quarters to Laos in Thailand. This was a humble request by my elders, Hmong SGU veterans, to set May 14 as the day to remember their sacrifice. The date also signifies the end of the Secret War and the beginning of the Hmong journey to be Americans. Today, we recognize the heroes of the SGU Remembrance Day, and the third is a bill to allow homeowners to reject racially restrictive covenants passed and signed into law.

"The new Laws to Legumes grant program is focused on planting residential lawns with native vegetation and pollinator-friendly plants to protect a diversity of pollinators," Sen. Hawj said. "This goal is to distribute funds to local conservation partners later this year, which will support efforts to fund landowners to plant pollinator-friendly plants. Ideally, this will lead to planting programs in the Spring or Summer of 2020."

As an author of the Hmong SGU Remembrance Day, Sen. Hawj called on all to come together as I stand with Gov. Walz and the authors and co-authors of these three important bills as they are signed into law today," Sen. Hawj said.

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The Payday Loan Debt Trap

Sara Nelson-Palmeyer
Executive Director, Exodus Lending

Exodus Lending is a nonprofit started in 2015, refinance payday loans for persons caught in what we call the "payday loan debt trap."

Payday loans are small dollar, unsecured loans with high interest rates (usually 240% and above). Unlike a typical loan, payday loan borrowers are required to pay off the loan in full on their next payday. Payday lenders require direct access to the borrower's bank account and make these loans without fully investigating the borrower’s ability to pay back the loan. Borrowers unable to pay off the loan by their next payday often re-borrow, leading to the payday loan debt trap. Every two weeks, trapped borrowers pay only the interest and fees to “renew” without even paying off the principal loan amount.

In 2017, nearly 49,000 Minnesotans took out more than 330,000 payday loans. Borrowers averaged eight loans each, with 58% of borrowers taking out at least five loans, and 10% taking out over 20 loans. Minnesota for Fair Lending estimates that between 1999 and 2014, more than $110 million in interest and fees was paid to payday lenders from our state. Chattanoogans payday loan borrowers paid nearly $10 million in interest and fees in 2017 alone. What is not being used for groceries, rent/mortgage payments, transportation, childcare, and other basic needs is leading to a decrease in financial distress for families, which can have devastating physical, emotional, and psychological consequences for children.

Exodus Lending responds by paying off these predatory loans. Program participants pay back their loans through manageable monthly payments over 12 months, with no interest and no fees. Participants are encouraged to save for necessities and improve their credit scores. For personal money management. This can have devastating physical, emotional, and psychological consequences for children.

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Some St. Paul history from July days
Steve Trimble  
Forum Staff

Here are a few short pieces I have written for a possible book with a St. Paul story for every day in the city’s history. The first one happened in Dayton’s Bluff. Let’s start there and end up the discovery of historic bones.

July 4, 1892: This event became known as “the Noble Riot.” Percival Noble, an Englishman of 258 Bates, decided to fly the British flag on a pole in front of his home on Independence Day. John DeCourcy, who lived nearby, ran to the house, pulled down the foreign banner, folded it, handed it to its owner and protested in the name of the founding fathers. As soon as DeCourcy left, Noble sent the Union Jack up again, this time cutting the rope. DeCourcy returned and began climbing the pole. Noble attacked him with a horsewhip. Another nearby resident arrived on the scene and punched Noble in the nose. This allowed DeCourcy to seize the whip and start flailing. Noble retreated into his house. Other neighbors arrived and tore pieces off the house’s front porch.

A squad of police on horseback arrived and a number of people were taken to the Margaret Street station. People demanded that Noble be prosecuted for defacing the Fourth of July, but there were no arrests or charges. Soon after, Noble packed up and took his family to Winnipeg. One writer said “thus was the last outpost of the British empire wiped out in the United States.”

July 10, 1921: Twenty-one year old Phoebe Faigaran set a women’s world record for a high-altitude parachute jump by dropping from 15,200 feet on this day from a plane flown by her brother. Phoebe was from Iowa, her family moved to St. Paul, where she attended Madison School and graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1920. Shortly after graduating high school, Faigaran spent a few months at drama school and worked briefly as a secretary. But she was bored and began hanging around airfields near her home. The pilots were skeptical, but Phoebe learned to fly and used some of her inheritance to purchase a biplane after High Flight.

Still in her teens, Faigaran began wing walking, learned to hang below a plane by her teeth, and danced on the top of wings. One of her supporters was Vernon Omlie, a flyer who would become her husband in 1922. She became well known by winning air races throughout the country. In 1925, the Omlies moved to Tennessee and began offering flying lessons and mechanical services. A year later, in 1927, Phoebe became the first female to receive an airplane mechanics license and became the first licensed female transport pilot.

July 14, 1936: The thermometer read 108 degrees and set a record for the hottest day ever recorded in St. Paul. There were 24 heat related deaths that brought the nine day heat wave that lasted from July 1 to 240. With little home air conditioning at the time, people relied on fans. An owner of an electric implement wholesaler reported that “we’ve sold everything in stock with a blade on it that would turn.” Newspapers listed names and addresses of victims with bits of information. One said 92-year-old Charles Hare, who had been in St. Paul since 1856, died in his home. In fact, most of the reports said that people had passed away where they lived and a few expired in hotels. An eight year old boy drowned “after being overcome by heat” while swimming in a lake.

Police emergency equipment and hospital ambulances were busy so a library truck was fit with a stretcher. Many people were brought to hospitals and a few died there. Hospital treatment included water, sodium chloride, and cold cloths on the head, neck, and chest, and serious cases were put into ice packs. Fortunately on July 15, a cool front with the first rain in a month ended the sweltering weather.

July 22, 1938: Construction workers in Saint Paul uncovered bones that stopped work for a time. It turned out that on this day they had found the skeleton of a giant Pleistocene beaver, the largest rodent in North America. It measured eight feet long and was estimated to have weighed 480 pounds. The cutting teeth were up six inches long.

Whole ecosystems of plants and animals—and prehistoric human populations—followed the retreat of the glaciers from Minnesota more than 10,000 years ago. With few predators or other dangers and with a good food supply, animals could evolve bigger and heavier and become what is described as “megafauna.” Many of the animals we see today moved into the area at the close of the Pleistocene and adapted to the warmer temperatures of today. Still others such as manmooths, giant beavers, sloths, and horses thrived here, but for unknown reasons became extinct.

World Wide Holidays in July
Temperance Brennan  
Forum Contributor

As an anthropologist, I understand how holidays can facilitate a sense of shared culture among members of a group. On a large scale, national holidays may do the same thing for national unity. Our Fourth of July celebration is also known as Independence Day. Other countries often call their major celebration Independence Day as well. Here are a few of them that take place in July.

July 3: Independence Day in Belarus, the date was chosen to remember the first day of the strike to free the capital, Minsk, from Nazi German occupation during the Second World War. In a referendum the country voted to celebrate Independence Day on July 3.

July 5: Independence Day, this day commemorates Algeria’s independence from France in 1962. It is celebrated with multi-cultural festivities organized in various cities.

July 7: Independence Day, celebrates the time that the Solomon Islands left the United Kingdom in 1978. The day is a time of family reunions, sports events, dancing, and other cultural and patriotic events. The main event is the parade in the capital city of Honiara.

July 9: Independence Day, dates creation of an Autonomous Government of Southern Sudan. It became independent state following a referendum that passed with 98.83% of the vote.

July 10: Independence Day, this annual holiday marks the independence of the Bahamas from the United Kingdom in 1973. It occurred when independence documents were delivered by Prince Charles.

July 14: Independence Day or Slovakia Výročie deklarácie o zvýročnosti je the Anniversary of the 1992 Declaration of the Independence of the Slovak Republic that was formerly part of Czechoslovakia.

July 30: Independence Day Vanuatu, which is located in the South Pacific with a population of 276,000 people. It was formerly known as New Hebrides until its independence.

Convergent Voices
Heritage stories told with visual voices
Krisy Schoenfelder  
Landmark Center

Artists draw inspiration from many experiences and influences, and Landmark Center’s summer exhibit highlights artists drawing inspiration from their own cultural heritage and traditional heritage. “Convergent Voices,” the summer exhibition features three distinct cultural heritage backgrounds and showcase the work in concert with one another.

Judy Brooks, Director of Community Programs at Landmark Center, remarked, “We started annual themes in 2017 with ‘commu-nity,’ last year’s theme was ‘Saint Paul,’ and this year we’re entirely focused on artists personal heritage and experience as the subject matter.”

Exhibit features include Voice of the Mother by Kyong Juhn. In 2018, photographer Kyong Juhn aimed to replicate her mother’s 370-mile journey, on foot, from North Korea to freedom in South Korea in the 1950s. Juhn documented in photographs her own 370-mile journey on foot from Rochester, Minnesota to Bemidji, Minnesota, capturing the people, scenes and experiences she encountered while walking.

Voices of a People by Palestinian Art Collective. The original work of four Palestinian artists, curated and brought to the U.S. through a collaboration with Bright Star of Bethlehem, with the mission to share the spirit and voices of the Palestinian people.

Voices of the Ancestors by Leah Yellowbird - First Nations Algonquin-Mets and Anishinaabe. The exquisite beauty and intricacy of Yellowbird’s traditional bead work and “paint beads” speaks of the artistry and significance of the traditions of her ancestors.

“Convergent Voices” runs through July 28. For more information, visit landmarkcenter.org.

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Pictured above is neighborhood favorite, mail carrier Tracy, and her diligent helper, Leo. Photo submitted by Melanie Buetow.