



SOCIETY FOR
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ARCHEOLOGY

SIA 2013 Annual Conference St. Paul & Minneapolis, Minnesota May 30 – June 2, 2013

Welcome to Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota!

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the first and second largest cities in Minnesota, will host SIA's 42nd annual meeting. The development of these cities is closely tied to the Mississippi River with St. Paul being the head of navigation and Minneapolis the heart of waterpower. Tours will highlight such industrial heritage sites as the historic home of James J. Hill, founder of the Great Northern Railway; the Faribault Woolen Mill, and Andersen Windows. The conference hotel is the restored 1910 St. Paul Hotel, just across Rice Park from the 1915 Minnesota Club (now *317 on Rice Park*), the site of the opening reception. The banquet will be in the Wabasha Street Caves, originally hollowed out by silica mining and transformed in the 1930s into the Castle Royale Night Club.

The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul are vibrant urban centers consisting of innovative industries, world-renowned educational facilities, beautiful natural landscapes, and a thriving creative community that includes arts, food and music. The conference headquarters are a short distance from iconic locales including the Minnesota State Capitol, Fitzgerald Theater (Prairie Home Companion), Landmark Center (former Federal Court House built in 1902), James J. Hill Reference Library, Mickey's Diner, Science Museum, Minnesota Historical Society, and many other museums, theaters and fabulous restaurants.

Conference Web Pages

Go to the SIA web site for additional information and direct web links about the conference, online registration, hotel, travel, tours and all events.

<http://www.siahq.org/conference/twincities/sia2013.html>

Conference Headquarters (350 Market Street, St. Paul, MN 55102)

The **St. Paul Hotel**, built in 1910, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has hosted guests such as Charles Lindberg, Lawrence Welk, and John F. Kennedy, and received numerous awards. The SIA has secured a **\$139/night rate for single and double accommodations** at the St. Paul Hotel during the 2013 conference. To make your hotel reservation, call **1-800-292-9292** and ask for the SIA room block or go on-line to **www.StPaulHotel.com** and use the Group Code: **130529SOCI**. **Reservations must be made by May 10th to receive the conference rate.**

Airport Transportation

The Minneapolis – Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)
Shared ride service via van or car to and from the airport is available from SuperShuttle and ExecuCar. The SIA has a negotiated rate of \$13 one-way and \$22 round trip (plus \$1.00 fuel surcharge) if you book SuperShuttle in **advance and on-line**. The negotiated price for an ExecuCar sedan is \$45 each trip (plus \$3.60 fuel surcharge). Reservations for SuperShuttle and ExecuCar can be made at <http://groups.supershuttle.com/vsp.html>.

Railroad, Bus & Light Rail

Amtrak's Empire Builder (from Chicago) goes through the Twin Cities, stopping at Midway Station (730 Transfer Rd, St. Paul), approximately six miles east of the conference hotel. For detailed train information visit the Amtrak website at www.amtrak.com. City bus service connects the Midway area to the Rice Park area. For more information visit the Metro Transit website at www.MetroTransit.org. The Trip Planner will give you step-by-step itineraries for bus and light rail travel throughout the Twin Cities.

Pre-Conference Tours (Thursday, May 30)

T1. Summit Avenue and James J. Hill House (Thursday, May 30, 1:00 – 5:00)

This walking tour visits **Summit Avenue** and the **James J. Hill House**. Summit Avenue, named one of America's "Great Streets" in 2008, is lined with Gilded-Age mansions. This tour will examine the architecture, social history and preservation issues of the historic neighborhood. Following the walking tour, you will explore railroad magnate James J. Hill's house (1891), which was the largest and most expansive home in Minnesota at the time of its construction. **Buses for the tour will depart from the hotel at 1:00 and return at 5:00. This tour involves walking over 1.5 miles, so plan accordingly; wear comfortable shoes and bring water!**

T2. Heart of the City and Landmark Center (Thursday, May 30, 2:00 to 4:00)

The Heart of the City tour will take you through **St. Paul's theater district** and the **Historic Landmark Center**. This tour will familiarize visitors with the area around the St. Paul Hotel and visit historic and iconic destinations such as Mickey's Diner, Candyland and the Hamm Building (1915). Guests will also tour the Landmark Center (1902) which originally served as the Federal Court House and Post Office for the Upper Midwest. During its tenure as the Federal Court House, the building was stage for the trials of some of the country's most notorious criminals, including John Dillinger, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, and "Ma" Barker. **This tour will depart from the Landmark Center (across the street from The St. Paul Hotel). This tour involves a significant amount of walking, so plan accordingly; wear comfortable shoes and bring water!**

T3. Ford Steam Plant (Thursday, May 30, 1:00 to 3:30)

This tour will visit the original steam plant built by Henry Ford in 1925 at his St. Paul facility. Located next to the Mississippi River, the steam plant was constructed to supply power and heat to the main St. Paul Ford facility. Although the plant is currently not operating, the building remains intact and much of the machinery remains in place. **Buses for the Ford Steam Plant tour will depart from the hotel at 1:00 and at 3:30. This tour involves a significant number of stairs, many of which are fairly narrow and steep.**

T4. District Energy (Thursday, May 30, 12:15 to 1:45)

District Energy is located two blocks from the hotel, and provides heating, cooling and power to businesses and homes in St. Paul through a variety of sources. During the hour-long tour, visitors will see a presentation, the control room, wood loading area, thermal storage tank, wood boiler, and combined heat and power facilities, specifically the turbine/generator room. **This walking tour will depart from the hotel at 12:15 and return at 1:45. Visitors must be over 18 and wear closed toe, flat shoes and long pants. Photography is allowed, but filming is not.**

New Member Reception (Thursday, May 30, 5:00-6:00pm)

The New member's reception is intended to welcome SIA members attending their first conference. This reception will take place at *317 on Rice Park*, located one block from the St. Paul Hotel.

Welcome Reception (Thursday, May 30, 6:00pm)

Thursday's welcome reception will take place at 317 on Rice Park, located one block from the St. Paul Hotel. The reception will include a talk by renowned architectural historian and author Larry Millett.

Friday Tours (May 31)

Tours will leave from The St. Paul Hotel between 7:30 and 8:30 am and return by 6:00 pm.

Appropriate clothing is required for all tours!

Wear long pants and close-toed shoes.

If these rules are not followed, you risk being denied entry to the tour-sites.

F1. Mighty Mississippi: A Twin Cities Riverboat Cruise with the Experts (leaving the St. Paul Hotel at 7:30 am*)

View historic bridges and industries from the deck of a Mississippi riverboat. The route includes world-record concrete arches, national ASCE Historic Civil Engineering Landmark bridges, movable bridges, and locks, as well as site of the 2007 I-35W bridge collapse. This tour will also offer views from the river of the water-powered milling district, National Historic Landmark Pillsbury A Mill and Washburn A Mill, Historic Fort Snelling, and Mendota Bridge. ***This tour will be about 8.5 hours long, but times are subject to change depending on water levels and speed. Because the majority of this tour is by boat, please dress appropriately.**

F2. Tour of Rice County (Faribault, Northfield, Nerstrand, and Dundas) (leaving the St. Paul Hotel at 7:30 am)

This tour will visit representative examples of industries that occurred in rural Midwestern towns during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Stops include the Faribault Woolen Mill Company which opened in 1865 and still cards, dyes, spins, and weaves wool to produce blankets, Thorstein Veblen's Farmstead (author of *Theory of the Leisure Class*), the Northfield Machinery Builders, Inc. (founded in 1920 to make woodworking machinery), and the remains of the Archibald Mill in Dundas, portions of which date to 1857.

F3. Geology and Twin Cities Industry (leaving the St. Paul Hotel at 8:00 am).

This tour focuses on how the geology and natural landscape of the Twin Cities influenced the development of area industries. The tour will visit St. Anthony Falls, the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory (built by the WPA and currently used as a hydrology research facility), Mill Ruins Park in the heart of the Minneapolis Milling District, the Ford Dam (a unique type of Ambursen concrete overflow structure), and Metropolitan Waste Water Treatment Plant, built by the WPA. The tour will conclude with a drive through Mushroom Valley, where over 50 caves are visible, and a stop at the Omaha Swing Bridge. **Participants must submit full name and date of birth when registering for this tour for security review. Bring a government-issued photo ID on day of tour. Close-toed shoes and clothing that covers the leg are required.**

F4. Railroads, Windows and Steel (leaving the St. Paul Hotel at 8:30 am)

This tour includes a visit to the 2.8 million-square-foot manufacturing plant of Andersen Windows (founded in 1903), the Jackson Street Roundhouse (fully functional) and Minnesota Transportation Museum which highlights the history of railroads in the Twin Cities, and the Mill City Museum (housed in the National Historic Landmark, Washburn A Flour Mill) which showcases the history of the Minneapolis waterfront, flour milling, and technological change. **Please bring protective eye wear if possible. Visitors must be 16 and wear close-toed shoes. This tour involves walking over 1.5 miles.**

F5. Milling, Malting and Flour (leaving the St. Paul Hotel at 8:30 am)

On this tour you will visit PEM Millworks (the makers of custom windows and doors), Rahr (the world's largest malting plant), and Ibberson Engineering (engineering firm for industrial facilities world-wide, including Ben & Jerry's and Summit Brewing). We will also stop at the WPA-built Lilac Park where the last remaining roadside beehive fireplace stands, and at the National Historic Landmark and National Historic Engineering Landmark Peavey-Haglin elevator; the world's first circular concrete elevator. **Please bring your own hard hat, safety vest and safety glasses if possible! Boots are REQUIRED for this tour.**

Film Fest (Friday, May 31) (7:30pm)

Friday's Film Fest will take place in the St. Paul Hotel Promenade Room, and include local and national footage pertaining to industrial archeology.

Reception and Book Signing (Friday, May 31) (7:30pm)

The Friday Night Reception and Book Signing will take place at the St. Paul Hotel near the Film Fest. Several authors will have their books related to Minnesota history and industry available for purchase and signing, including John Anfinson's *The River We Have Wrought* (how humans have changed the Upper Mississippi River), Greg Brick's *Subterranean Twin Cities* (an exploration of the tunnels and caves under the Twin Cities), Denis Gardner's *Wood, Concrete, Stone, and Steel* (a history of Minnesota's bridges), and a selection of Larry Millett's numerous publications.

Paper Session and Business Lunch (Saturday, June 1)

The Saturday Paper Session and Business Lunch will cover topics related to industrial archeology, technology, social change related to industry, and historic bridges, many of which will discuss regional industries and transportation. The 23rd Historic Bridge Symposium is also planned. Go to the SIA Conference web pages for details and schedule of paper presentations.

Banquet (Saturday, June 1) (6:00 social hour, 7:00 dinner)

The Saturday Night Banquet will take place in the Wabasha Street Caves, and offer a unique look into St. Paul's past. The Wabasha Street Caves were formed by silica mining in the mid-1800s however by the 1930s had been transformed into the Castle Royal Night Club – a hang-out for many of the gangsters that frequently sought refuge in St. Paul. Following dinner there will be time to socialize with a cash bar, and tours of the caves.

Post-Conference Tours (Sunday, June 2)

S1. Mississippi Riverfront and Mill City Museum (Sunday, June 2, 10:00 to 3:00)

This tour will look at Minneapolis' flour milling legacy. It will begin with a 1.5 hour bus tour of the historic Minneapolis Riverfront District followed by a tour of the Mill City Museum, housed in the Washburn A Flour Mill (National Historic Landmark). The Riverfront District and St. Anthony Falls were the birthplace of Minneapolis and a hub of waterpower and flour milling activity. The Mill City Museum showcases the history of the Minneapolis waterfront, flour milling, technological change, and business history. **The bus for this tour will leave the St. Paul Hotel at 10:00 am and return at 3:00. Box lunches will be provided.**

S2. St. Paul Union Depot (Sunday, June 2, morning)

This walking tour will visit the recently renovated St. Paul Union Depot. During its heyday in the 1920s, the Union Depot served 20,000 passengers and had 300 trains passing through per day. The updated and accurately restored facility reopened in December 2012 and plans to provide local and intercity bus service, Amtrak rail service and light rail service by the end of 2014. **This tour will depart from the St. Paul Hotel in the morning and return before noon. This tour involves walking about 1.5 miles so plan accordingly; wear comfortable shoes and bring water.**