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


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](http://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!

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

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**

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.

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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., Saymoukdac 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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