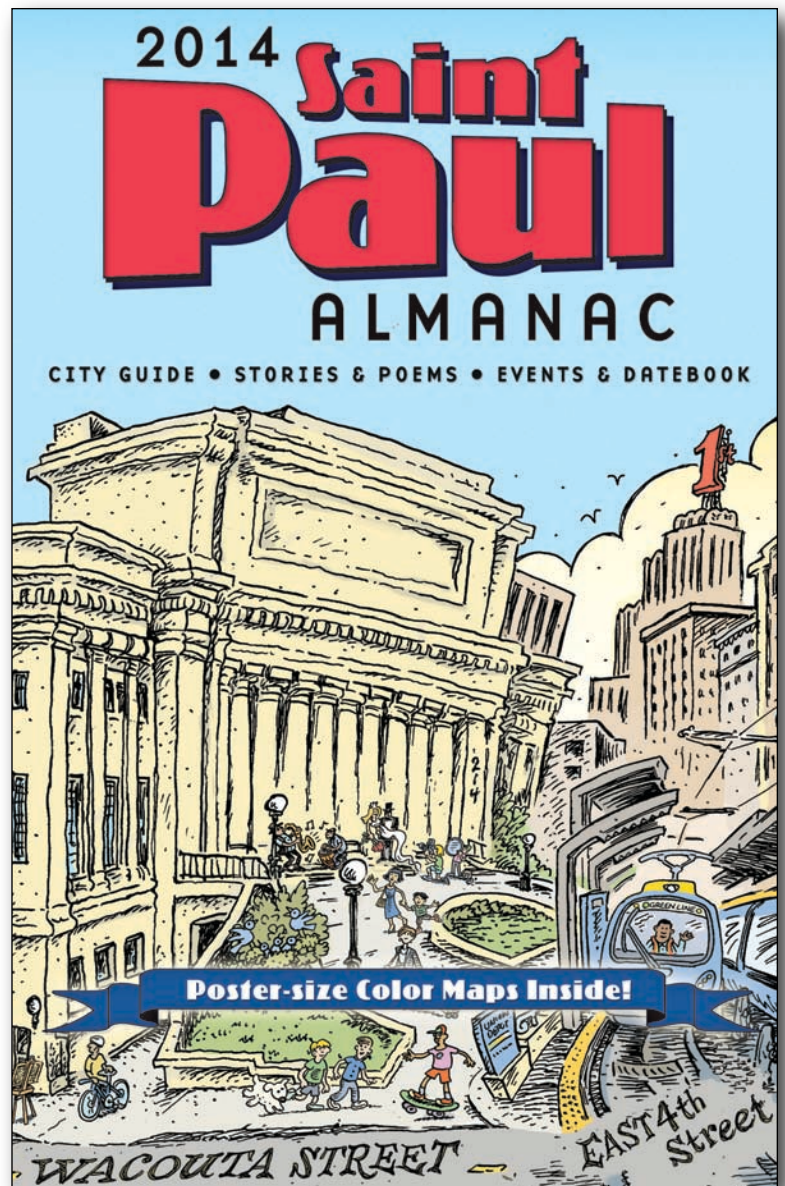


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- ★ includes over 250 beautiful, full-color photographs and illustrations by local artists in an updated, contemporary design by Judy Gilats that features a user-friendly datebook, enhanced city listings, and full-page images!
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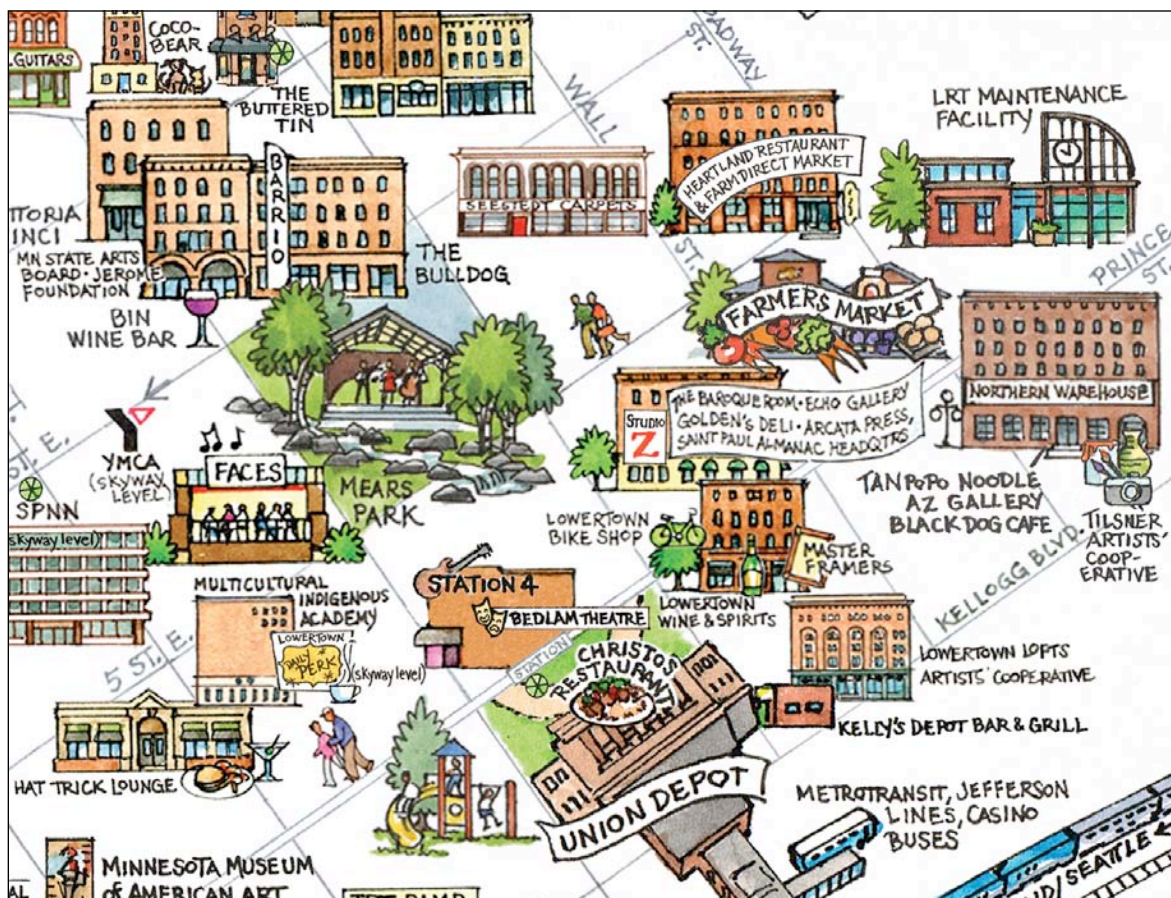
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Above: Lowertown detail from Downtown Saint Paul Map, credit: Roberta Avidor. Below: Sample poem page.

Bald-headed Men and Sundays • ETHNA MCKIERNAN

Comments on Saint Paul by my kids at nine and ten years old

My boys viewed their mid-1980s births in the old Midway Hospital on University between Porky's and Ax-Man as an embarrassment, a slight their Saint Paul mom had designed to punish them by withholding the polished corridors of HCMC in their own hometown.

"It's just something when we cross the Lake Street Bridge that reminds us of church, makes us think of those bald guys, the old ones. It's not personal, Mom."

Never having lived in that city of noble elms with doomed shoulders arched over Summit Avenue, or known the pine magic tang of Crosby Park at night on cross country skis or visited their mother's frayed, grand house on Osceola, they simply lacked fuel for comparison.

Their domain was Minneapolis, the jazzy skate parks, glitz of Holidazzle each December, Sunday forays onto 8th and Hennepin for Magic cards at Shinder's after church, that cherry in a giant spoon they longed to climb in Walker Sculpture Park.

What did they know of meandering streets named not for numbers but for places and for people? Of the majesty of that Cathedral, heady slopes of Ramsey Hill or west side cliffs, the white tinsel-glitter of the Winter Carnival? How could they imagine the train yards off of Shepard Road, where their mother in her youth ditched the railroad cops to hop a few freights west to California?

When they'd forgotten their Ax-Man treasures, home to everything you never knew you couldn't live without, I quelled the urge to pull them backward to when they were young and ignorant of the rivalry between two cities; when snow fell deep and their requests each night were for more words from Peter Rabbit.

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Entering the Ax-Man Surplus store, on the corner of University Avenue and North Fry Street, after which things do get weirder. Inset: Exhibit A

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Carlos stretching the dough
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"Writing is innate. You can be trained but you have to have inner desire and an ability with words."

ELEANOR OSTMAN, newspaper columnist, cookbook author

This Week's Events

Monday

Summer Flower Show
Minnesota State Fair

Tuesday

Summer Flower Show
Saint Paul (Seventh Place) Farmers' Market
Nooks and Crannies Tours
Nine Nights of Music
Minnesota State Fair

Wednesday

Summer Flower Show
History Pub Crawl
Minnesota State Fair

Thursday

Summer Flower Show
Saint Paul (Seventh Place) Farmers' Market
Music in Mears
Minnesota State Fair
Saint Paul Almanac Soul Sounds
Open Mic

Friday

Summer Flower Show
Minnesota State Fair

Saturday

Downtown Saint Paul Farmers' Market
Summer Flower Show
Summit Avenue Walking Tours
Minnesota State Fair

Sunday

Downtown Saint Paul Farmers' Market
Summer Flower Show
Summit Avenue Walking Tours
Minnesota State Fair

25 MONDAY

Steve Dress, teacher and union activist, was born today in 1932.

26 TUESDAY

27 WEDNESDAY

28 THURSDAY

29 FRIDAY

Charles Eifelt, early Jewish settler and clothing-store owner, was born today in 1828.

30 SATURDAY

31 SUNDAY

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the State Fair of course!

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