

### Architects' Dream Home Tour – New Tour

Sunday, June 17, 1:00 – 3:30 pm (Rain date TBD)  
South Lake Harriet; E Lake Harriet Pkwy and Minnehaha Pkwy  
Guide: Richard Fred Arey



Designing your own home must be the dream of almost every architect. This tour visits some of the finest dreams come true in Minneapolis. We'll stop at 6-8 homes and enjoy excellent trails and low traffic roads between houses. Highlights include Frank Long's Richardsonian Romanesque masterwork and the wonderful Prairie-style home of William Purcell. The settings for these homes can also be quite handsome, none more so than Red Cedar Lane, laid out by John Jager in 1904 and the Sylvan setting for his own home. Guide Richard Fred Arey wrote the book *Twin Cities Bicycling*, initiated the Commuter Challenge in 1993, and coordinates Minnesota's largest bike tour – The Saint Paul Classic. 14 miles round trip.

### Walk With Maud - Lowry Hill East

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Colfax Ave. S. and W. 25th (Mueller Park Building)  
Guide: Kathy Kullberg



Discover four of the real life homes that set the stage for Maud Hart Lovelace to write *Betsy's Wedding*, the tenth novel in the beloved *Betsy-Tacy* series of girls books. Walk by three other homes that were occupied by her sisters and family members and enjoy the beautifully preserved 2400 block of Bryant Avenue South.

### Historic Old Highland Walking Tour

Saturday, June 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am  
Place: 1723 Bryant Ave. N. (Ascension Church)  
Guides: Brian Bushay and Tammy Lindberg



Encompassing 30 blocks of north Minneapolis, this Victorian-era enclave is the kind of place where people fall in love first with a house, then with the neighborhood. The area was largely developed at the turn of the century, when architects designed residences for well-to-do merchants operating businesses along its main thoroughfares. Middle-class migration to newer suburbs, combined with absentee landlords, put the neighborhood on the decline by the 1970s. But residents fought back, forming a neighborhood association that's the basis of the tight-knit community. Crowning the neighborhood is the historic North Branch Library, which is currently being rehabilitated to serve as the Emerge Career and Technology Center.

### 27th+Lake: Industry and Transport – New Tour

Sunday, June 24, 1:30 – 3:00 pm  
Lake St. and 21st Ave. (Hi-Lake Shopping Center)  
Guides: Eric Hart and Cara Letofsky



After Minneapolis annexed the area in 1883, 27th and Lake emerged as a center of commercial and retail activity. In 1886, the streetcar line reached Lake along 27th, and though "Lake Street was a rutted path and the cows outnumbered the people," the area grew rapidly. The housing and population boom went hand-in-hand with the growth of the commercial district, and by the end of the 1920s, 80 percent of the present housing stock was built. The tour centers on the historic industrial complex at Minnehaha and Lake, the ever-evolving transportation system at Hiawatha and Lake and the working-class communities that grew around them. This tour is part of the Lake Street Council's *Museum in the Streets™* project, coming summer 2012.

### Hennepin Avenue Theaters

Saturday, June 30, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
805 Hennepin Ave. (State Theatre Box Office)  
Guide: Christopher Yaeger and John Smoley



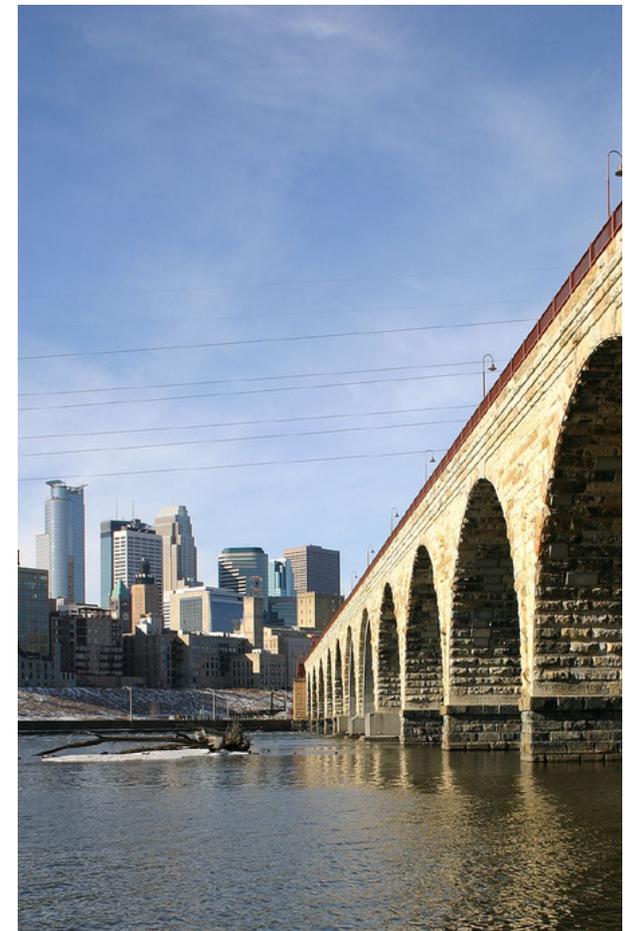
Take a walking tour of Hennepin Theatre Trust's State, Orpheum or Pantages Theatre! Experienced guides highlight architecture and historical facts and stories about the venues that anchored the region's "Theatre Row." Each tour accesses the theatres' interiors and provides a fascinating historical perspective that patrons cannot experience when attending an event.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Most tours will continue regardless of inclement weather. Please dress accordingly. Comfortable shoes/sunscreen are highly recommended. Several tours cover long distances and some traverse hilly terrain, so some degree of stamina is necessary. Parts of some tours are not ADA accessible. Please consider these factors before signing up. When space allows we will accept last-minute additions and will take cash payments the day of the tour.

**ALL TOURS ARE \$5 UNLESS NOTED.**

Register for all tours at: <http://www.preserveminneapolis.org>

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# Preserve Minneapolis

## May/June 2012 Tour Schedule



[PreserveMinneapolis.org](http://PreserveMinneapolis.org)

### Grain Belt Brewery

Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
1220 Marshall St. NE.  
Guide: RSP Architects



The Grain Belt Brew House, constructed in 1891, served as a local brewery until Christmas Day of 1975. When the last batch of Grain Belt beer rolled off the site, the buildings were permanently vacated. In 1998 RSP Architects, Ryan Companies, and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency embraced the opportunity to make creative use of this historic landmark. Innovative designs were developed to utilize the unique interior and allowed for preservation of the building's distinctive architectural features as it was converted into design offices. Participation is limited. Register EARLY!

### Uptown: Minneapolis Lake District - New Tour

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
SE corner of Lake St. and Humboldt Ave.  
Guides: Cara Letofsky & Thatcher Imboden



As the City of Minneapolis grew, the lakes began to attract people seeking relief from the central city—from day-tripping fisherman to visitors of the area's posh resorts on the shores of Lake Calhoun. This tour will show how the accessibility of the lakes was enhanced by being located on the new Minneapolis, Lyndale and Lake Calhoun Railway, first laid in 1879, which ran from downtown to the shores of Lake Calhoun. This tour is part of the Lake Street Council's Museum in the Streets™ project, coming summer 2012.

### Midtown: A Place to Call Home – New Tour

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 – 11:30 am  
NE corner of Lake St. and Elliot Ave. (Midtown Exchange)  
Guides: Joyce Wisdom and Shari Albers



In the late 1870s, Minneapolis started to see a full-scale migration of Scandinavians which helped guide the pattern of urban growth of South Minneapolis, particularly around Lake Street. This tour will highlight the role that Lake Street has played historically and today as a home to the city's new immigrants, including the small businesses and cultural organizations they established in their pursuit of the American Dream. This tour is part of the Lake Street Council's Museum in the Streets™ project, coming summer 2012.

### Cotton Tail Trail (Bicycle Tour) – New Tour

Saturday, June 2, 10 – 11:30 am (Rain: June 3, Noon)  
Corner of 12th Ave. S. and 60th St. E.  
Guide: Steve Budas



Welcome to the Cotton Tail Bicycle Trail ride! You will be embark on an adventure that covers structures built from brick, steel panels, bronze, wood... and soft serve! You'll hear about architect Ralph Rapson, the Lustron Corporation and see one of the first Dairy Queens to open in Minnesota. The trail itself will be in the shape of a rabbit's head and we'll meet up with the most beloved rabbit in the Nokomis Neighborhood!

Wear your bike helmet. Bring water and be prepared for the weather conditions.

### Loring Hill – From Farm to Fabulous

Sunday, June 3, 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
435 Groveland Ave. (Hennepin Methodist Church)  
Guide: Bob Glancy



Learn how Loring Hill began! Once the hilly half of a farm, this fascinating hillside neighborhood started when Joseph and Anna Johnson platted it into large lots that were snapped up by prominent Minneapolitans. Soon the glamorous houses appeared and developed into the landscape we know today. (Printed 32-page booklet with historic photos and maps available for purchase at sign-in.)

### Tangletown and Minnehaha Creek

Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am – Noon  
5244 Lyndale Ave. S. (Washburn Library)  
Guide: Tom Balcom



Explore the winding streets, impressive homes, and creek environment of the neighborhood originally known as Washburn Park. Learn about landmark sites such as the Washburn Water Tower, the Harry Wild Jones House, Washburn Memorial Orphan Asylum (formerly on the site of Ramsey School), and the Minnehaha Creek, parkway, bridges, woods and trails.

### Como-Harriet Streetcar Line - \$10

Sunday, June 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Intersection of W. 34th St. and Irving Ave. S.  
Guide: Aaron Isaacs



Explore the abandoned and reconstructed streetcar line. The tour will include remnants of the original Twin Cities Rapid Transit streetcar line, the former Lyndale Hotel site, the Museum's car barn, the Linden Hills business district, concluding with ice cream and a vintage streetcar ride! Great for kids!

### SW Harriet Parks and Homes – New Tour

Wednesday, June 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
4525 Upton Ave. S. (Beard's Plaisance Picnic Shelter)  
Guide: Peter Sussman



Explore the transformation of Lake Harriet from a rural lakeside setting to the parks and neighborhoods of today. Mrs. Frances Thornton advertised for picnic, boating and fishing parties to come out to her brick mansion at the southwest shore of Lake Harriet in the 1860's. Soon afterwards, Charles McC. Reeve renamed the property Sunnyside Farm and in the 1880's donated his portion of shoreline to the Board of Park Commissioners for a boulevard. From the Beard's Plaisance picnic shelter designed by Harry W. Jones, we will trace the site of the Thornton/Reeve grounds and view the present eclectic assortment of lakeside houses dating from the early to late 20th century.

### Milwaukee Avenue Historic District

Saturday, June 16, 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Intersection of Franklin and Milwaukee Aves.  
Guide: Robert Roscoe



Milwaukee Avenue is the earliest example of a planned workers' community in Minneapolis. Built between 1883-1895, the area attracted workers of Scandinavian and Eastern European descent, who worked for the nearby Milwaukee Railroad shops, yards, and other industries. In the early 1970s, the City of Minneapolis housing authority planned to raze 70 percent of the houses in a 35-block in the area for urban renewal. To fight this effort neighbors formed the Seward West Project Committee and created a development plan that emphasized historic preservation. That this four-block area exists today is a tribute to their moxie and might.