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## July Tour Highlights

### Friday, July 26th from 10am to 3:30pm

Meet at the Stillwater Trolley Stand  
400 Nelson Street South  
Stillwater, MN 55082  
Public Parking Lot Available

All tours are accompanied by Heather Rutledge, Executive Director of ArtReach St. Croix. Along with her wit and knowledge of “all things creative” in the Valley, Heather will ensure we have fun and learn a little something along the way!

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- ≈ Your first stop today will be [Sharon Weiser's](#) studio in Stillwater. Not only do we get a chance to spend time with Sharon, enjoy her paintings and amazing use of color, but Sharon will inspire our own creativity and lead us in our own pour painting project. Your work of art will be waiting for you at the end of the day. Take home your own souvenir!
- ≈ Off we go to visit the [Belwin Conservancy](#) in Afton. With almost 1,400 acres, this non-profit is saving native plants, prairies, and wildlife by educating the world one person at a time. Home to 40 bison each summer to maintain the prairie, we will be able to view the bison, enjoy the displayed art, walk the prairie and enjoy our picnic lunch and glass of wine.
- ≈ While at the conservancy, [Greg Seitz](#), writer and author of [StCroix360](#) will teach us how create the 3 line [haiku](#). While eating lunch, sipping our wine, and enjoying the prairie views, we will all create our own haiku.
- ≈ On to Hudson, Wisconsin to meet the [Casanova's](#). Patrick and Linda are glass blowing experts for residential and commercial use. Lighting will never be the same when you experience these beautiful pieces of art during our visit to their glass studio carriage house.
- ≈ Our last stop will be [Knoke Chocolates](#) in Hudson to sample a truffle, caramel, or chocolate. Dave Knoke started the company in 2000 with lots of hard work and long days, but loves to put smiles on faces. Your face will be smiling!!

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## August Tour Highlights

Friday, August 30th from 10am to 3:30pm

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- ≈ Our first stop will be just a short trip from Stillwater as we find this 1840's Greek revival mansion and sawmill hidden in the now defunct village of Arcola. Now called [Arcola Mills](#), we will be able to roam the grounds, trails, and tour the house, and envision the future renovation of the riverside sawmill.
- ≈ Thanks to the [Stillwater Zephyr Theatre](#), we will be entertained on the Arcola Mills lawn by a group of Stillwater High School actors who will present a mini version of “Newsies” just for our group while we enjoy our locally sourced picnic lunch and glass of wine.
- ≈ Our trolley will continue to take us back in time to visit a Swedish immigrant homestead. The buildings at [Gammelgarden](#), the “old farm” have been beautifully restored as our guide shares the history and traditions of this group of hardworking people with their own unique building style. Visit the gift shop and take home your own dala horse. 10% discount for our group today.
- ≈ Have you ever wondered what the heck is Kombucha?? Today, staff of the [Marine Folk School](#) will share with us all about bacteria, yeast, flavoring kombucha and what makes it so good for us. We get to hear, see, and taste during this Kombucha 101 class. Maybe you'll be back to make your own??

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## September Tour Highlights

This is a [“Take Me to the River”](#) Event

Friday, September 27th from 10am to 3:30pm

Meet at the Stillwater Trolley Stand

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- ≈ Your first stop is the **NEW** [Judd Street Exchange](#) artist studio in downtown Marine on the St Croix. Meet and chat with gallery owner and artist [Mary Jo Van Dell](#), a contemporary oil painter who also loves the outdoors. Meander this beautiful space filled with Mary Jo’s paintings alongside art work by other Croix Valley artists. This gallery is used to EXCHANGE ideas, talents, and creativity.
- ≈ Just next door, we will walk to the [St Croix Chocolate & Wine](#) and sample the most beautiful (almost too pretty to eat) handmade truffles and maybe purchase a few to share! We will pair your bite of chocolate with a valley wine sample.
- ≈ Off we go to Shafer to meet [Peter Jadoonath](#), potter extraordinaire whose pieces are grounded squarely at the intersection of volume, mass, elegance, and utility. Meet Peter, enjoy his sense of humor, his pottery studio, and peruse his works of art.
- ≈ Time to get some exercise! Enjoy 43 acres of [Franconia Sculpture Park](#) with an artist lead private tour. Afterwards we enjoy our locally sourced lunch and a glass of wine while being surrounded by these massive and unique works of art.
- ≈ A tour to this area wouldn’t be complete without a stop at [Guillermo Cuellars Pottery](#) shop and his beautiful property. Born in Venezuela, Guillermo moved to the St Croix Valley in 2005 and the rest is history. His renowned pottery and ability to make you feel like one of the family will ensure our time with Guillermo is fascinating, fun, and festive! We’ll toast a glass of Venezuelan Tempranillo with Guillermo!



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