

July

22nd

Friday

3:00 to 9:30

Flotilla begins at 8:30

Save the Date!

Prescott
at
**Mercord Mill
Park**

Where the
St. Croix &
Mississippi
Meet

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Celebrate the Rivers!

Come celebrate with us as:

- ◆ Paddlers conclude a 17 day, full length river journey in celebration of 100 years of the St Croix River Association
- ◆ Mississippi and St Croix National Park Superintendents ride Voyageur canoes down 2 rivers to meet at the confluence
- ◆ The international Kinship of Rivers Project kicks off
- ◆ The River Flags are hung – later to be flown over the Yangtze River in China and Tibet
- ◆ We enjoy a Chinese tea ceremony and Chinese music
- ◆ A We-no-nah canoe is raffled
- ◆ The St. Croix River Association celebrates the Grand Finale of the “Be Moved by the River Paddle” and dignitaries speak of the rivers’ value
- ◆ St. Croix Suite, a beautiful river tribute in poetry and song is performed
- ◆ We enjoy Barbershop Quartet/ A Bass and Banjo Duo/Americana music and food booths
- ◆ Motor boats form an evening flotilla at 8:30



Celebrate the Rivers! **Program**

Friday, July 22, 2011 3:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. *Celebrate the Rivers!*

Come join us as we ***Celebrate the Rivers!*** This very special event takes place at **Mercord Mill Park** in downtown Prescott, just off Orange St., where the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers meet. Come and join in this unique celebration as the 17 day Paddle down the St. Croix River goes out with a bang with its grand finale in Prescott. Be part of an international river flag exchange between the Mississippi River and the Yangtze River in China (www.kinshipofrivers.org)! Make a river flag that may be taken to China or Tibet! Enjoy food, music and a motor boat flotilla!

At **3 pm** watch the mid river National Park Service “convergence” ceremony, complete with Voyageur canoes. At **3:30 pm**, enjoy “Windsongs of the Yangtze and Mississippi”. WI poet laureate (2004-2008) Denise Sweets will give a Native American blessing. Wang Ping will introduce the international Kinship of Rivers Project and program. The “10,000 Waves” ensemble will follow with poems by Wang Ping, with music by Bruce Bolon performed by Macalester and Hamline University musicians. At **4 pm** there will be a We-no-nah canoe raffle drawing. A Chinese tea ceremony, river flag making, dumpling making will take place during the entire 3-8 p.m. program.

At **4:30pm**, Mike Hunter, Mayor, City of Prescott, WI, will present a key to the city to Dan McGuiness, Chair, 100th Anniversary Paddle Steering Committee, and we’ll hear from Peter Gove, Chair of the Board, St Croix River Association, Chris Stein, Superintendent, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, Paul Labovitz, Superintendent, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, and Mike Reynolds, Regional Director, NPS Midwest Region. The St. Croix Suite, a river tribute in poetry and song will be performed by Laurie Allmann, Carol Caouette and Cindy Leonard. Deb Ryun, Executive Director, SCRA will conclude the program with “A Look to the Future.”

There will be **food and entertainment from 5:30 to 8 pm**, with the Prescott Chamber booth: brats, hot dogs, “walking tacos”, pop and water. There will be Chinese tea and Chinese dumplings and a chance to make a river flag. Local businesses will have information and coupons available. Music will be provided by *Summer Time Barbershop Quartet*, *Banjo Deb and Tom* (River Boat bass and banjo music), and *Junction Mill* (Americana Music). Then stay for the grand finale, the **motored boat flotilla at 8:30 pm**. The local marinas are putting together a parade on water! Anyone can participate, decorate your boat and join in the fun. To learn more about the flotilla, please contact Gary Fairbrother, gary.fairbrother@comcast.net or 612-481-8718.

A **free shuttle bus service** from Prescott High School (1220 St. Croix St., Prescott) to Mercord Mill Park will run for your parking convenience from 2:30- 9:30 pm. Bring a chair, sit by the river and enjoy the entire wonderful celebration of the St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers!

Prescott business sponsors of this great event include The Bergquist Company, Cernohous Chevrolet, First National Bank, Great Rivers Printing, Miss Croix Yacht Harbor Association, Prescott Insurance, Ptacek’s IGA, and Mike Toninato, DDS.

For more information, contact Margaret Smith, Executive Director, Friends of Freedom Park. 715-262-0104, mhsmith@freedomparkwi.org or go to www.freedomparkwi.org

Map- See next page for map of Prescott, Mercord Mill Park, Parking and shuttle bus pick up, and kayak storage Friday afternoon.



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