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**MILL CITY COMMONS**

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## MILL CITY MUSINGS

### **No Auditions Necessary: Rock'n Roll Sing-Along! - TONIGHT!**

Don't be shy - clear those throats and join your friends and neighbors for a raucous rock'n roll sing-along led by MacPhail's Vicky Mountain and a little wine and cheese. Everyone is welcome, so don't miss this chance to unleash your inner rock star! Cost is \$10/person (payable at the door). [Click here](#) to RSVP! 6:30 – 8 pm. MacPhail Center for Music, 501 South 2nd St.

**Don't miss the Mill City Commons Hootenanniversary on June 10th! RSVP by [clicking here](#) !**

**All MCC all the time!**

### **Guthrie Play Reading — *Dollhouse*. Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Guthrie Theater, 818 South 2nd St. 8th Floor, Livingston Conference Room.**

Play readings are hosted by a member of the Guthrie Staff or an Artist affiliated with the play. Participants will be assigned parts for reading and may rotate parts as necessary. All selections correspond with plays being staged at the Guthrie. No theater experience necessary, come one and all! From Henrik Ibsen's groundbreaking masterpiece *A Doll's House*, playwright Rebecca Gilman crafts a clever and insightful update that brings its timeless issues into our century with a sharp eye for social satire and moments of deliciously dark comedy coupled with taut and powerful human drama. Performance on The Guthrie's McGuire Proscenium Stage: May 22- July 11, 2010. The play reading is free for MCC members and \$10 for guests (cash or check payable to Mill City Commons). [Register here!](#)

### **Members-Only Website Tutorial. Tuesday, June 8, 10:30 am - 12 pm. MCC Office, 17 4th Street SE.**

The MCC members-only site is up and running; now is your chance to become an expert at navigating it! Led by MCC staff, the tutorial will cover important how-to's such as: uploading photos, creating a profile, searching for vendors, joining discussion forums and more. Bring your questions, your user guide, and your laptop! Please [register here](#).

### **\$kills to Go! on the MCC Members-Only Website**

One of the newest features of the members-only website is \$kills to Go! Log on to the website and click on **Forum** or **Join a Discussion**. Under "Mill City Commons" on the Forum page, you can view skills and services members (and staff!) are willing to share, including handyman jobs and alterations. Do you have a skill to share? Post it in \$kills to Go! Be sure to include a description of what you are willing to do, along with your fee and contact information. It's just one more way to help out and connect with other MCC members! Contact [Emily](#) at 612.455.3329 with any questions.

**Upload your profile picture on the MCC members-only website, and you could win a gift certificate from Spoonriver or CorAzon! Instructions are available [here](#).**

### **MCClassifieds**

**Did you know...  
... that the fire station at 6th St / 3rd Ave SE offers free blood pressure checks everyday?**

MCC board member Leslie Van Duzer is leaving Minneapolis July 8th to assume a new position at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. She would like to rent her loft on the 5th floor of the North Star Building. The bright 1,100 square foot, 1-bedroom loft offers both city and river views. The \$2250 monthly rent includes one garage space and a storage unit. If you have any questions, please contact [Leslie](#).

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## Mill City Marketplace Vendor Spotlight

Alison Lundy had her first job at age 16, cleaning preschools to finance a trip to Europe. A native of Melbourne, Australia, Alison has owned and operated Alison's Cleaning here in the Twin Cities for four years. Her mission is to provide outstanding professional service, quality, and commitment. Cleaning homes is as personal to Alison as it is to her clients, and her personal touch shines through in her carefully selected and well trained team. After discussing cleaning needs with clients, Alison chooses a team to make sure those needs are met. For more information on MCC vendors and discounts, please log in to your account at [www.millcitycommons.org](http://www.millcitycommons.org).

### Neighborhood Happenings

*First Thursday. June 3, 5 - 9 pm. Various Locations, Northeast Arts District.*

Enjoy open studios and gallery tours on the first Thursday of every month as many NE-MAA professional artists welcome visitors. It's a mini Art A Whirl! [Click here](#) to learn more.

*Philip S. Bryant Mentor Series Reading. Friday, June 4, 7 pm. The Loft at Open Book, 1011 Washington Ave S.*

Philip S. Bryant is the author of several collections of poetry, including *Sermon on a Perfect Spring Day*, which was nominated for a 1999 Minnesota Book Award in Poetry. His most recent collection is *Stompin' at The Grand Terrace: A Jazz Memoir in Verse with music by Carolyn Wilkins*. Born and raised in Chicago, Bryant is a Professor of English at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. The reading is free.

*Meet the Farmer Brunch. June 5, 12 pm. Red Stag Supper Club, 509 1st Ave NE.*

Red Stag hosts dinners for diners to get to know local farmers and their operations better. This month's meal is a brunch with Larry Schultz, of Larry Schultz Organic Farm in Owatonna. The regular brunch menu will be served. To learn more about Red Stag's Meet the Farmer Dinners, [click here](#).

*"Carmina Burana" in Concert. June 5, 8 pm. Antonello Hall, MacPhail Center for Music, 501 South Second Street.*

Soloists Noelle French, Gerry Schmidt, David Weller, and Amy Wolf; pianists Gail Olaszewski and Charles Scarborough; and Rimshots! percussion ensemble will perform one of Carl Orff's most famous works in this free, public concert. For more information, call 612-321-0100.

*Second Saturday. June 12, 11 am - 6 pm. California Building, 2205 California St.*

The California Building in Northeast Minneapolis has been a well kept secret outside of the NE Mpls area. A haven for a diverse group of artists, the building is now open to the public for studio tours and sales every month on the 2nd Saturday. Check out MCC member Patty Canney's paintings in studio 406! [Click here](#) for more information.

*Urban Playground Info Event. Thursday, June 17th 5:30-7:00pm. Stone Arch Lofts (600 South 2nd St. # 704).*

Learn about the spectacular urban playground that will be built at the end of 4th Avenue, right on the banks of the Mississippi! Kids will get play equipment that incorporates nature, history, sustainability, and river stewardship themes, and the entire neighborhood will enjoy more trees, picnic tables, grills, and shaded spaces. The North Loop Neighborhood, in collaboration with the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, has agreed to help with the fundraising for this exciting project. A lot of momentum has been created, including a challenge grant from the North Loop Neighborhood Association. Please join MCC Member and event host Sue Bennett to learn more! RSVP to Sue at 612.371.9645.

*Artist Reception. June 18, 6-8 pm. Textile Center, 3000 University Ave SE.*

The Textile Center is honoring MCC member Scotty Gillette and celebrating her long love affair with rug hooking. The evening will offer the opportunity to view some of Scotty's extraordinary rugs in Textile Center Community Gallery and enjoy refreshments with the artist. RSVP by June 11 by calling 612.436.0464.

*Solstice River XIV: Water Rites. June 20, 8:30 pm. Stone Arch Bridge.*

You are invited to attend the 14th annual performance of the site-specific dance created for the beloved Stone Arch Bridge. The event is free and open to the public. Come stand on the bridge and watch as dancers on the water, the banks, on grain elevators and the Guthrie bring the river basin alive with color and rhythm. NO RSVP necessary.