What’s Brewing in Saint Paul?

Ever since the infamous bootlegger Pig’s Eye Parrant opened his tavern in 1839, the development of our city has been greatly influenced by the brewing industry. By the 20th century, Saint Paul was home to breweries that were gaining national reputations. Two of these breweries would eventually rank in the top ten in the nation. Saint Paul’s impressive production and resulting beer culture solidified our status as the brewing capital of Minnesota. Skål! Prost! Sláinte! Salud!

Please join Historic Saint Paul for a toast to our proud brewing past. Doug Hoverson, the author of Land of Amber Waters: The History of Brewing in Minnesota, will tell the story of the Saint Paul beer industry: from the small breweries that gave way to large companies with regional and national prominence to the vibrant beer culture of today.

Following Hoverson’s remarks, we will look to the future of two of Saint Paul most prominent neighborhood landmarks: the Hamm and Schmidt breweries. These vacant structures are poised for rebirth as community assets. Representatives from the Asian Pacific Cultural Center and Brewtown, LLC will share their visions for the redevelopment of Hamm and Schmidt, respectively.

At the event, you can sample beer courtesy of Summit Brewery and purchase a copy of Land of Amber Waters. The author will sign books after the presentation. As always, the Preservation Talk is free and open to the public. Cheers!