

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **A MILLION SHADES OF AUTUMN HEALTHY WATERS AND HERITAGE FAIR TO BE HELD AT WILLIAM O' BRIEN STATE PARK**



***A Million Shades of Autumn Healthy Waters and Heritage Fair***, two days of concentrated events and activities, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and calling attention to the Saint Croix Healthy Waters Campaign will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28 at William O'Brien State Park near Marine on St. Croix.



Focus centers on exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, and tours related to rain gardens, buckthorn removal, slope stabilization, erosion control and stormwater management.

The fair also features exhibits that are of interest to non landowners and children such as a booth featuring the Raptor Resource Center's peregrine falcon program and Xcel Energy's bird cam and fly casting demonstrations at the Trout Unlimited exhibit. Greening's Natural Treasures of the St. Croix and the National Parks Service new film, The St. Croix: A Northwoods Journey, will be shown Saturday and Sunday.

The Neebing Brigade and La Compagnie Brigade re-enact a 1700's Voyageurs' encampment featuring Basswood Rope making and Dream Catcher making together with other activities of voyageur living.

Orienteering, geocaching and park tours fill out the schedule which is highlighted by Saturday morning's 10:00 AM Opening Ceremonies commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Scenic and Wild River Act and Sunday's Noon Border Battle on the Border Canoe Race. Musical entertainment will occur from 1:00 to 4:00 PM daily.

The fair is produced by Great River Greening in partnership with Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District, Chisago SWCD, Millstream Association, Minnesota DNR, National Parks Service, Washington Conservation District and William O'Brien State Park

The Fair is hosted by and a part of William O'Brien State Park's Open House. Admission to the park and the fair is free.

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