

Fifth Avenue Fest Event Highlights Along the Avenue

1 and 2 Pioneer Place, Opera House: At 1 pm, Bill Morgan, SCSU Emeritus History Professor and writer on local and regional history, will guide a walking tour of the history and architecture of some of downtown Fifth Avenue's most historic buildings, including the DB Searle building, Pioneer Place in the old Elks Building, the Petters block, the Opera House and more; A table with festival information pamphlets and Farmer's Market coupons is located at the Brother Bar and Grill, just north of Division Street.

3 St. Cloud Area Farmer's Market:, select vendors open until 3 pm. The market is located in the Ladyslipper Lot between 6th and 7th Avenues, along Division Street. Coupons available for use during the afternoon.

4 City Hall lot: Youth Shelter Supply is partnering with Send Help Skateboard Company of Minneapolis to present skateboarding demonstrations and other activities at City Hall parking lot.

5 History display of the old Streetcar Maintenance Building, which once housed and repaired the electric streetcars that took residents along St. Germain Street and around St. Cloud. The building stood in the middle of what is now Coborn Plaza Apartments and commercial spaces.

6 Coborn Plaza: Tours of the Coborn Plaza Apartments are available. Follow the signs located near the Welcome Center.

7 SCSU Welcome Center: View the exhibit on the Community Garden and enjoy refreshments at the *Tastes of the Community Garden* table. Homemade preserves available for sale to support the garden; rest stop available.

8 First Presbyterian Church: Tour the Church during this congregation's 150th anniversary year in St. Cloud; root beer floats available.

9 Islamic Center: A look into Muslim traditions at the St. Cloud Islamic Center, hosted by members of the Avenue's newest faith community.

10 398 5th Avenue -- The "Castle" is a unique, early South Side neighborhood "double" home; for over a half century it has been home to generations of St. Cloud State student renters.

11 503 5th Avenue - The "Gingerbread House": St. Cloud's oldest remaining home, built in 1850s, is scheduled for restoration. Owners plan to lift the house for a new foundation, remove stucco to expose and restore original red brick exterior, before redoing the wood floors and uncovering other treasures.

12 The Community Garden: In its 10th year of existence, the garden was recently honored by WCCO as the Best Community Garden in Minnesota. Garden member/volunteers share in planting, cultivation and harvesting of the produce. Recent improvements include new water system designed by SCSU students and above-ground repurposed cedar planters, also built by students.

13 520 5th Avenue - The SCSU Women's Center: The center has been located in the historic Gaples Home for the last 11 years. Information on its programs, details on the house and refreshments are available.

14 605 5th – The Martin Home: One of a number of grand 19th century south side homes designed by prominent architect A.E. Albert Hussey, this stately yellow brick is now an office with rental. Beautiful stained glass and ornate woodwork remain intact in portions of the interior.

15 711 5th – The Hyde/Eastman Home: Once the residence of St. Cloud education advocate and civic leader Alvah Eastman, this home has been occupied by SCSU professors and administrators for most of its 130 years. The porte-cochere (carriage port) lent practical elegance to the home, sheltering carriages long before the arrival of automobiles.

16 Barden Park – 7th – 8th Streets along Fifth Avenue South: Established in 1855, before St. Cloud was incorporated, Barden Park is among the oldest parks in the state. Once the center of the city's social scene, it now stands serenely as a visual link between the historic south side neighborhood and the university.

An information table is located under the big red SCSU tent. The park is alive with festival activities. The Twin Cities band Skunk Hollow, a blue-grass-inspired folk group with local ties will be playing 2 sets. Matt Andrew, SCSU's Vice President for Advancement and once a "college band guy" himself, will entertain folks with his guitar-playing and singing, as will a number of other performers, in the park and along the avenue.

In addition to the music, the park features Stearns History Museum-provided displays and fun history activities hosted by members of GREAT Theater, old-fashioned children's games led by neighborhood families and young-at-heart Capital One volunteers, and simple refreshments, including a traditional lemonade stand.