

# Twin Cities Tile Tour

Saturday, October 10, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

This tour will be a benefit to help create a scholarship fund to aid new and emerging tile and mosaic artists become an active part of the Handmade Tile Association.

Please join us for a day-long bus tour of beautiful handmade tile and mosaic installations that have been created and installed by artists and craftspeople in public spaces throughout the Twin Cities. While there is a thriving community of contemporary handmade tile makers in our area, tile making as an art form has a long and fascinating local history.

The day will start at Clay Squared to Infinity Gallery and Studio, 34 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.E., Minneapolis, with continental breakfast. Then we will board a bus to begin our guided tour led by Norma Hanlon and Kirsten Walstead of SoMi Tileworks and Josh Blanc of Clay Squared and President of the Handmade Tile Association. We will visit historic and contemporary tile and mosaic sites throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul. The tour features Lakewood Cemetery Chapel which has a magnificent interior of Italian glass mosaics installed in 1910, the American Swedish Institute with his historic Swedish tile stoves, the College of St. Catherine Chapel which is decorated with amazing arts and crafts style tiles made by Ernest Batchelder and various other tile and mosaic installation sites.

After the tour, you will return to the studio for a hands-on tile making experience. You will learn about the studio's tile production methods and have the opportunity to make a tile of your very own. The tiles will be fired and mailed to you approximately two weeks following the tour day.

The cost for the tour is \$135 which includes lunch. Handmade Tile Association members receive 10% discount. To register call Norma Hanlon at 612 824 3325 or by email to [norma@somitileworks.com](mailto:norma@somitileworks.com). You may also register by calling Josh Blanc at Clay Squared to Infinity at 612 781 6409 or by email to [Josh@claysquared.com](mailto:Josh@claysquared.com).

