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STILLWATER'S SAUNTRY MANSION RECEIVES HISTORIC RECOGNITION IN NEW BOOK

Stillwater, MN Twenty-two Minnesota homes were selected by author Larry Millet for his new book, "Minnesota's Own: Preserving Our Grand Homes," recently published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press. Honored for inclusion in this large-format coffee-table book is one of Stillwater's classic Victorian's, the William Sauntry Mansion, 626 4th Street North. This 7,000 square foot, 28-room, three-story home was completed in 1883 by lumber baron, William Sauntry. Stillwater, considered the "Birthplace of Minnesota" is home to hundreds of "painted-lady" Victorians, both large and small, built during the lumber boom of the late 1800's.

A book signing will take place at the Sauntry Mansion on December 13 at 1PM. Books will be available for purchase at the event courtesy of Valley Bookseller, a Stillwater downtown independent bookstore.

Today, the Sauntry Mansion is one of Stillwater's many Bed & Breakfast lodging options, all of which draw visitors from around the globe that are attracted to the history and romance of this St Croix river town located just a short drive from the Twin Cities. Tom and Sandy Lynum, owners, innkeepers and renovators of the Sauntry Mansion Inn, found the process of being included in the book both exciting and rewarding. Millet visited with the Lynum's several times during his selection process to learn about the history of the home which included the original attached Gymnasium, now a separate home owned by Marty and Judy Nora. The Gymnasium is considered one of the finest examples of Moorish architecture in the country. Upon selection, Matt Schmitt, the book's photographer, completed the photography for the properties over several sessions.

The Sauntry Mansion is included in Stillwater's Heirloom Homes and Landmark Sites Program. This program produced a "Historic Walking Tour of Stillwater" featuring noted Stillwater landmarks which led to the City of Stillwater winning the 2014 Commission of Excellence Award for public education from the National Alliance of Preservation Commission. Walking tour guides are provided in the 2015 Stillwater Visitors Guide which can be ordered via DiscoverStillwater.com.

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