



Red Wing Framing Gallery announces Grand Excursion 2004 special events

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(Red Wing, MN) – Red Wing Framing Gallery is excited to announce two special events taking place during the Grand Excursion 2004; (1) a reception and signing of Dan Wiemer's *Southbound Queen* painting, created just for the Grand Excursion 2004 celebration and (2) an exhibit of restored and historic photographs from the Goodhue County Historical Society collection of Mississippi River steam boats and the 1890 *Sea Wing* disaster.

The Grand Excursion 2004 flotilla celebrates the upper Mississippi River by recreating the 1854 expedition that brought worldwide attention to a largely remote and unexplored portion of the New World. The 2004 flotilla promises to be the largest inland boat flotilla in history and will journey through Red Wing from June 30, 2004 to July 3, 2004. Additional information can be located at www.grandexcursion.com.

Dan Wiemer is an established artist living in the Red Wing area. The Mississippi River has been a regular source of inspiration of Wiemer's art. He combines his river knowledge and artistic talent to create the *Southbound Queen*, an 18" x 32" bold watercolor that captures the *Mississippi Queen* paddleboat approaching Red Wing from the north. Wiemer will be signing and re-marqueing his fine art prints of the *Southbound Queen* at Red Wing Framing Gallery on Friday, July 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. More Wiemer art can be found at www.danwiemer.com.

The Goodhue County Historical Society (www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us) is the oldest historical society in Minnesota, having recently celebrated 135 years. Red Wing Framing Gallery has carefully restored and reprinted a series of Mississippi River steamboat images from the 1800's, including the *Sea Wing* disaster of 1890. These images have been reprinted in large format versions and are available for purchase in cooperation with Goodhue County Historical Society.

Red Wing Framing Gallery (www.redwingframing.com), located in the historic Boxrud Building on Main Street in Downtown Red Wing, specializes in original fine art, custom framing and digital imaging.

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