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History of Beer Brewing, Beer Tasting on Tap at WCHS Hay Lake School Museum in Scandia June 14th

Scandia, Minn. – Discover the rich history of Minnesota’s beer industry, from the first illegal brewery at Fort Snelling, to the major breweries that still thrive, at a free presentation Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Washington County Historical Society’s Hay Lake School Museum in Scandia. Beer tasting will cost \$10 per person.

Doug Hoverson, author of *Land of Amber Waters*, will chronicle Minnesota’s brew traditions. Beginning with Minnesota’s first brewery in 1849, Hoverson tells the story of the state's beer industry, from the small-town breweries that gave way to larger companies with regional and national prominence (including Hamm's, Grain Belt, and Schell's), to the vibrant culture of today led by a new wave of breweries such as Summit, Lake Superior Brewing Company, Surly, and brew pubs like Town Hall Brewery, Fitger's and Granite City Brew Pub. Hoverson will also discuss the microbreweries, home brewers, and the important support role played by the state’s beer aficionados.

The History of Beer Brewing event is sponsored in part by Summit Brewing Company, STILL-H2O Home Brewing in Stillwater, and Security State Agency in Marine and Scandia, Minnesota.

For more information, contact WCHS at 651-439-5956 or the Hay Lake School Museum at 651-433-4014.

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