In order to arrange a more seamless union with a region, close care and attention must be paid to its fragile environment and its honored past. This thesis attempts to address the need for a visitor’s center along the St. Croix River near Stillwater, MN. The river region is bare of any kind of significant built realization of importance with it’s rich history and a beautiful ecosystem. A contemporary building that is intimately tied in with its context poses a unique challenge to a place without a central built hub of interest for a major regional feature. This building will act as a beacon for the area and as a center for cultural awareness for preservation, education, and natural awe.