

VOICES

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SAVE THE DATE...MARCH 8TH IS ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL!!

It's not too late to join us and fellow arts advocates at the Minnesota History Center and State Capitol to educate our legislators about the importance of the arts to rural Minnesota. We need people from all areas of the arts to help represent Southwest Minnesota. This includes individual artists, representatives from rural theaters, choirs, orchestras, arts organizations, arts centers, galleries, museums, arts administrators, art lovers and patrons! If you would like to join us on March 8th, please call or email the office right away at 1-800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net see page 2 for Arts Advocacy Day Agenda. *Pictured at right on Advocacy Day 2006: Greta Murray of SMAHC, Dennis Hansen of the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Luanne Fondell of the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association and SMAHC Board, Paul Johnson of the Pipestone Performing Arts Center and Charles Carrera of SMAHC.*



Did you know that in 2003 the Minnesota legislature cut funding to the arts by 32%?

This year arts supporters from across Minnesota will be bringing the following message to the capitol, “**Please restore arts funding to the 2003 level of \$13 million per year.**” The cuts in 2003 effected arts activities and arts organizations across the state. SMAHC was no exception, as we had to cut staff positions and hours, newsletter productions, and program funds. As someone who supports the arts, you understand how important the arts are to the quality of life in our communities. We can restore arts funding so that the arts will thrive in our region if we all pitch in.

Here are three ways you can help :



1. Send your Senator and Representative a note...

You can congratulate them for winning the election. Tell them that the arts are important to you and your family and that legislative funding is crucial helping make arts activities available in your community. Ask them to vote to restore arts funding to the 2003 level of \$13 million a year. (Don't know who your legislators are or how to reach them? Go to Minnesota Citizens for the Arts' website and try our their “Desktop Lobbyist” at www.mtn.org/mca) It's easy and effective!

2. When there is an arts event in your community, send an invitation to your Legislators to attend. If they come, allow them to give a brief “curtain speech” to the audience about their support of the arts.

2. Sign up for Minnesota Citizens for the Arts “Arts Alert” e-mails. It will keep you informed about what's happening with our efforts to increase arts funding. When the alert asks you to send a quick note to your legislators — please do it. Legislators really pay attention when their constituents contact them! Just send MCA and email at mca@mtn.org asking to be added to the list.

ARTISTS COUNT! SURVEY TO BE RELEASED ON ADVOCACY DAY

The economic impact of the artists of our state were studied this year through a groundbreaking economic impact study conducted by Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA), Springboard for the Arts and the Minnesota Crafts Council. For the first time ever, the economic impact of individual artists, as well as a look at artists' access to health care and retirement plans, has been produced. These studies will be very useful for statewide and local arts advocacy. We will now have a regional report for Southwest Minnesota to use as we talk about the economic impact of artists in our area. Please contact us for the results of these studies!

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News

SMAHC AWARDS \$9,833 IN GRANT AWARDS TO SCHOOLS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted on January 22, 2007 to award a total of \$9,833 to schools and arts organizations under the **SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities** Grant Program and the **SMAHC Challenge** Grant Program. With funds appropriated by the State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation, the Arts in Education and Communities program provides matching grant awards of up to \$2,500 for artist residency activities, up to \$750 for pre-packaged theater residencies and up to \$600 to aid in field trips to qualified arts exhibitions and performances. The Challenge Grant Program awards up to \$500 in matching funds to organizations that increase their membership or season tickets sales.

The SMAHC staff, board of directors, and panelists would like to congratulate the following recipients and we look forward to seeing the impact of these projects on our communities! The most recent grant award recipients in the SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities program are:

Friends of the Arts, Renville, in the amount of \$750.00 for a *Nikki Bettcher Erickson Drama Residency*.

Reede Gray Elementary School, Redwood Falls, in the amount of \$2500.00 for a *Ramona Larson Music and Dance Residency*.

Red Rock Central Schools, Lamberton area, in the amount of \$2500.00 for a *Jazz Festival and Jazz Musician Residency*.

KMS Community Education, Kerkhoven, Murdock, & Sunburg, in the amount of \$433.00 for *Rumplestiltskin*.

Minnesota Elementary School, Minneota, in the amount of \$1500.00 for a *Steppingstone Theater Residency*.

DEMO, Inc., Svea, in the amount of \$1150.00 for "*Mu Daiko*" Japanese Taiko Drumming Residency.

Lakeview School District, Cottonwood, in the amount of \$500.00 for a *Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Children's Theater, and Walker Sculpture Garden Field Trip*.

The most recent grant award recipient in the SMAHC Challenge Grant program is:

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, Marshall, in the amount of \$500.00 for their *Membership Drive*.

The next grant application deadline for Arts in Education & Communities is **April 2, 2007** for projects beginning after June 1, 2007.

Schools and organizations planning Summer or Fall 2007 projects should apply at this deadline. There will not be another deadline for this program until October 2007 for projects starting December 2007 or later.

ADVOCACY DAY AGENDA FOR MARCH 8TH AT THE CAPITOL

Don't forget to please contact us at SMAHC right away if you are interested in joining our group; we need your help on this important day!!

- **7:30am** Park and meet at The Minnesota History Center in St. Paul
- **8:00 to 8:30am** History Center Auditorium Advocacy Class for new attendees
- **8:00 to 8:30am** History Center Lobby registration & coffee (if not attending the class).
- **8:30 to 9:30am** History Center Auditorium Advocacy Seminar. Presentation on **Artists Count!** And **Join Your Team** (we strongly urge you to attend this seminar for an up-to-the-minute view of the 2007 legislative session. You need to attend this session in order to join our team.)
- **9:30am to 10:00am** Walk/Ride to the State Capitol
- **9:30am to 1:00pm** Legislator appointments, and Home Base at the State Capitol

Together we can make a difference!



Pictured at left at Advocacy Day 2006: Left to right: Paul Chindvall, Luke Geiger, Allison Geiger, Legislator Aaron Peterson, Greta Murray, Luanne Fondell, and Brent Olson.

Cathy Peterson Correction from the January/February VOICES



In the last issue of Voices, we incorrectly reported that new board member, Cathy Peterson, is the director of Windom Community Education. Cathy held this post from 1990 to 2004. We apologize for this error.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

We welcome **Ardie Eckardt** to the SMAHC Board of Directors who replaces Brent Olson as the Big Stone County Representative. Ardie works with the Milan Village Arts School and comes to us with a vast experience in the arts.

We thank **Brent Olson** for his many years of service with the SMAHC Board and wish him well in his future endeavors.

News

LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER/FALL 2007 ARTS IN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES FUNDING!

The application deadline for the **SMAHC Arts in Education and Communities** is **APRIL 2, 2007 for projects starting June 1, 2007 or later**. Draft applications will be accepted before March 15, 2006 for staff review as time permits. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a draft of the application before the April deadline. The next deadline for this program will not be until October 1, 2007 for projects starting December 1, 2007 or later. So now is the time to think ahead to summer community education projects and fall artists in residencies and arts related field trips!!

Matching funds of up to \$2,500 are available for organizations and schools for professional artist residencies, up to \$750 for pre-packaged theater residencies, and up to \$600 for arts-related field trips.

Please call the SMAHC office at (507) 537-1471 or toll free at 1-800-622-5284 for information on grant guidelines or applications, or email at smahcinfo@iw.net. **Grant forms are available from the SMAHC website: www.smahc.org**

Thank you to all who completed the recent SMAHC Survey!

As those of you who filled out the survey via e-mail or by mail know, we are conducting some important strategic planning here at SMAHC. We are thankful to everyone who participated in our survey as this is an essential component to our future planning. The completed surveys will guide us as we work to continually improve our services in the region. As we embark on this strategic planning project, we realize that we rely heavily on our donating members and our strong group of volunteers who serve on our board panels. And we appreciate that our members and volunteers took the time to complete these surveys. Without your dedication, we simply could not continue to fund the arts, much less work on improving how we fund them! So thank you one and all!

“Ask Greta”

We are announcing a new article section in our newsletter and on our website called *“Ask Greta”* so that we may answer some questions, comments, and concerns that our readers and constituents have about us, the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC). As you probably know, Greta Murray is the executive director of SMAHC, and having worked here for twenty-three years is widely known as a SMAHC expert! So we decided to use her expertise, and serve you, by creating this question and answer service. We encourage you to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns that you may have about SMAHC by going to www.smahc.org.

At the bottom of each screen on the website, you will find an option to submit a question or comment. You can make your submission anonymous. If you need your questions answered specifically you may email us with your contact information as usual. But the questions and comments submitted to *“Ask Greta”* will remain anonymous.

We hope that this service will give you an even better understanding of SMAHC and what we do for the arts in the region. To kick this off, here are some answers to a few of the questions and comments submitted via the recent SMAHC Survey.

I think the newsletter should be delivered online for free and at a cost for paper delivery.

Greta says, “Good news, we just started making our newsletter available online and via e-mail in October of 2006. All you have to do is go to www.smahc.org and on the front page, click on VOICES. It gives you the option to read it online or sign up for free e-mail delivery. At the same time we are providing free online access to our newsletter, we are also cutting down on printing and postage costs by only sending the newsletter to our members.” If members would like to have it delivered electronically, please let us know.

I would like more direct help in writing grant proposals.

Greta says, “SMAHC currently offers free grant writing workshops for each of its grant programs. There is typically one workshop before each upcoming deadline. If you are not able to attend the scheduled workshop, we will be happy to meet with you in the SMAHC office at another time that works for you. We also offer staff review of draft grant applications that are submitted one month or more before the deadline. We try our best to offer assistance to our applicants so please do not hesitate to contact the office with ideas or questions you have about your grant applications.”

March / April Calendar

Gallery Listings

Fine Arts Council of Tracy Art Gallery, Etc Coffee Shop in downtown Tracy, open M-F 6:30am-5:00pm and Sat. 7:30-4:00pm; Featuring in March, art from the Tracy Elementary School, St Mary's Elementary School and Tracy Area High School and 4-H; Featuring in April, Etchings by Jesse James and photography by Marlin Meyer; 507-629-3114;

Nobles County Art Center; March features the Student Show; April features the Area Show; call 507-372-8245 to receive and entry form for the show; 407 12th St., **Worthington**.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), February 6—March 10, Paintings and Pottery by Coleen Behm; March 13—April 14, Portraits of Home; April 17—May 12; Lyon County High School Art Stars; 109 N. 3rd St., **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm.

Buffalo Fish Fine Art Gallery, 776 Business Hwy 71 North, **Willmar**. <http://www.buffalofishfineart.com>

The Barn Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**, 320.235.9500, www.thebarntheatre.com

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**; Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Current Exhibit: Works on Paper by Robert Remick; Exhibit Dates, January 21 through March 24; Contact: (507) 831-1134

Java River Café in Montevideo hosts a new art exhibit every month. They also provide a venue for musicians, poets, and performers; 210 S. 1st Street, **Montevideo**; Visit their website to read more about their exhibits and live musical performances. www.javarivercafe.com

Crow River Arts Gallery, featuring Fiber Art Exhibit, Hutchinson Mall on Highway 15, **Hutchinson**; March 6-30; Gallery hours are from noon to 3 PM, Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Call 320-587-0899 for more information or visit their website: <http://www.crowriverarts.org>

MARCH

March 1 Taste of Home Cooking School 7PM, Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**, MN 56187; \$12 - Reserved Seats; Email: fota@frontiernet.net

March 1-4. Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a comedy on the SMSU mainstage theatre, **Marshall**. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. on March 1-3 and a 2 p.m. matinee performance on March 4. Dinner Theatre on March 2-3. For tickets and information, call the SMSU Theatre Department at (507) 537-7103.

March 3 Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Concert, Schwan Performing Arts Center 7:30 PM, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; Sponsored by the United Way of Southwest Minnesota and the Schwan Food Company; at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is a freewill donation and are available at Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Southwest Minnesota, HyVee, KMHL Radio, MAFAC, County Fair, Music Street, Van's Acoustic Sound Room and via United Way board members.

March 3 Fiber Art Exhibit Opening Reception at the Historic Hotel Lobby, corner of Main Street and Washington Ave, **Hutchinson**; 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM; This exhibit will be relocated to the CRA Gallery at the Hutchinson Mall, Highway 15 S. Tuesday through Saturday, Noon to 3 PM, March 6 -March 30; see <http://www.crowriverarts.org>; Contact the Crow River Arts office at 320-587-9534 or by e-mail at cra@hutchtel.net

March 4 One Enchanted Evening featuring the Tracy Community Choir, 3:00 p.m. at the Tracy Area High School, **Tracy**; tickets are \$5.00

March 4 Proteus 7 From Bach to Bacharach, chamber music featuring brasswinds, woodwinds and percussion. Performing at 4:00 PM at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, **Marshall**. Tickets are available from MAFAC at 532-5463. For more information, email mafac@starpoint.net

March 7 SMSU Symphonic Band Concert, Schwan Performing Arts Center, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 7 pm.

March 8 Chamber Travelogue, "Vietnam - Land of Surprises" at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787; Visit their website at <http://pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/>

March 9 - 10 Dance Party, All My Favorites, variety musical revue, Marshall Golf Club, **Marshall**; 7 pm

What's Happening?...Get it in VOICES

...in the arts and/or humanities in your area that you would like to publicize?
Submit upcoming events for the May/June VOICES by **April 15, 2006**.

Date(s): _____ Times: _____
Sponsoring Organization(s): _____
Name of Event: _____ Admission: _____
Location: _____ City: _____
Contact person for inquiries: _____ Phone: _____
Name of person completing this form: _____
Phone & e-mail address: _____
Brief Description of Event: _____

March / April Calendar

March 10 Charlie Roth at the BARC Auditorium in **Windom**, part of the Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association 2006-07 concert season; 7:30 PM; for ticket information, call Bruce Boldt, President, (507) 831-3560 or email bboldt@mindspring.com; website: <http://www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html>

March 10 SMAHC Organization Grant Review Panel, 9:30 a.m. at the SMAHC Office.

March 16 The Braschler Music Show "Touch of Branson V" at the Appleton '52 Wing, **Appleton**, MN; 7:00 PM; Reserved Seating \$13 and \$15 at door; Supper optional for \$7.00 more; For more information, please call 320-289-2491.

March 17, Charlie Roth sponsored by the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association, 7:30 p.m. BARC Auditorium, 1012 5th Ave., **Windom**

March 18 Main Street Jamboree, Live Country Music Radio Show, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 4 pm, **Pipestone**.

March 23 Chris Brenne in Concert, guitarist from Sweden; 7:30 p.m. at the War Memorial Building, **Worthington**: call 507-372-8245

March 23-24 Gone Country - A Salute to the Grand Ole Opry II, 7:30 PM, Fri & Sat; Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**, MN 56187; Reserved Seating, \$10 in Advance, \$12 at the door; For more information, email: fota@frontiernet.net

March 23-24 Calumet Children's Theater presents two comic one-acts: "Archie of the Amazon" and "Comic Book Artist." at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787; Visit their website at <http://pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/>

March 24 "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; Tickets: Adults \$10, Students \$5.00; Visit the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association website at www.dawsonboydarts.org for more information.

March 24 Broadway Meets Lake Benton Musical Revue Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; 7:00 PM; The first-ever "Broadway Meets Lake Benton" musical revue. Admission: \$10.00;...Email: markw@itctel.com; Website: <http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/index.html>

March 26 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the SMAHC Office

March 27 Lamberton Jazz Festival Concert, 7:00 p.m., at the RRC Gym, **Lamberton**

March 27 Chamber Travelogue, "At Home in Austria" at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787; Visit their website at <http://pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/>

March 29 - April 1 MACT State Play Festival presented by the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT) at the Barn Theatre, 321 SW Fourth Street, **Willmar**; for more information about this event and a complete schedule, visit www.mact.net

March 30, April 1 @ 7 pm & March 31 @ 2 pm- The Invisible Man, Marshall Area Stage Company, Live Audience Radio

Drama, **Marshall**, MN. For more information, contact Bob Schwoch at schwoch@southwestmsu.edu

March 30, 31, April 1 Calumet Players "Archie of the Amazon," 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main Street, **Pipestone**.

March 31 "Sagio Tea" this third annual event is performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787; Visit their website at <http://pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/>

March 31 SMAHC Individual Artist Grant Review Panel, 9:30 a.m. at the SMAHC Office

APRIL

April 1 Daniel Rieppel, Pianist, in concert at the Appleton '52 Wing, **Appleton**, MN; 7:00 PM; Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students; tickets sold at the door; For more information, please call 320-289-2491.

April 12-14 "Fiddler on the Roof" at the BARC, 1012 5TH Ave, **Windom**; 7:30 p.m.

April 12 - 15 "Beauty and the Beast" at the Lac qui Parle Valley High School, 2860 291st Ave, **Madison**; 7:00 p.m. Thursday—Saturday, and 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

April 12-15 Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," a musical performed on the SMSU mainstage theatre, **Marshall**. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. on April 12-14 and April 20. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. on April 15, April 21-22. Dinner Theatre on April 13-14 and April 20. For tickets and information, call the SMSU Theatre Department at (507) 537-7103.

April 13 The Rose Ensemble-Reawakening the Ancient (Slavic Wonders: Feasts & Saints in Early Moscow, Krakow & Prague); Friday, April 13th at 7:30 PM: St Anastasia Catholic Church, 460 Lake St SW **Hutchinson**; \$15.00 for adults, \$10 for youth 18 and under; Tickets are available at the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce (320-587-5252) Email: cra@hutchtel.net or wd0fli@hutchtel.net for more information; See <http://www.roseensemble.org> for more information on the Rose Ensemble and to listen to excerpts from their CD's;

April 13, 14, 20, 21 8:00 PM; April 15, 22 Sunday Matinees 2:00 PM - A Gentleman and a Scoundrel; Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**, MN; An underpaid worker hires himself in disguise as his own assistant to increase his income. His sweetheart falls for his phony self and he becomes his own rival; Tickets: Adults - \$9.00, Seniors and Students - \$8.50, Dinner Theatre (Opening night only) - \$22.00; Email: markw@itctel.com; Website: <http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/index.html>

April 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22 Opland Spring Festival of Song "Encore! Encore!" performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787; Visit their website at <http://pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/>

April 14 Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; Tickets: Adults \$15, Students \$5.00; Visit the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association website at www.dawsonboydarts.org for more information.

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April 15 "Arts in the Afternoon" at the Tracy Missionary Alliance Church, **Tracy**; 2:30 p.m. featuring music, poetry, and speech performed by high school & elementary students and adults from the area. Coffee and goodies - free-will offering

April 19 "Art Fair" Community Event in conjunction with Earth Day, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Lester Prairie**

April 20 Dakota Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 PM, Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**, MN 56187; Reserved Seating \$16-Adult, \$8-Children(18 and under); For more information, email: fota@frontiernet.net

April 20-22. Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," a musical performed on the SMSU main stage theatre, **Marshall**. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. on April 12-14 and April 20. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. on April 15, April 21-22. Dinner Theatre on April 13-14 and April 20. For tickets and information, call the SMSU Theatre Department at (507) 537-7103.

April 21 Sam Baker at the BARC Auditorium in **Windom**, part of the Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association 2006-07 concert season; 7:30 PM; for ticket information, call Bruce Boldt, President, (507) 831-3560 or email bboldt@mindspring.com; website: <http://www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html>

April 23 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the SMAHC Office

April 27 Five by Design's Stay Tuned 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; Tickets: Adults \$15, Students \$5.00; Visit the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association website at www.dawsonboydarts.org for more information.

April 29 Southwest Minnesota Orchestra - "America" a celebration of American Composers of national and local fame; 4:00 p.m. at the Schwan Center for the Performing Arts, 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall**; Tickets: \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students/children; For more information, email jeanettebosveld@yahoo.com

April 29 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Young Artist Concert, 3:00 p.m. at WEAC, 611 5th St, SW, **Willmar**

April 29 Old Time Fiddlers, 2:00 PM; Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**, MN; Fans of the Fiddlers return to the Opera House each spring and fall to enjoy their favorite old-time music. The rhythm of fiddles, accordions, guitars, banjos, vocals, and a lot of good fun add up to a great show; Admission: \$5.00 straight across; Email: markw@itctel.com; Website: <http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/index.html>

CLASSES AT THE MILAN VILLAGE ARTS SCHOOL

See their website for more information - www.milanvillageartsschool.org

Timber Frame Construction (*Date to be Set*)
March 1-4. Introduction to Painting with Malena Handeen
March 12-16 Paper Marbling & Jewelry Box Making with Steve Pittelkow,
March 12-16 Acanthus Carving with Hans Sandom
April 14 and April 21 Working with Willow; Trellis and Plant Stand classes,
April 23-29 Five day class in Traditional Norwegian Scene Painting
April 28 & 29 Rosemaling classes with Karen Jenson.

Opportunities

The Barn Theatre - For more information, contact lisa@thebarntheatre.com or call Lisa Nordin-320-235-9500; The Barn Theatre PO Box 342, 321 SW 4th St. **Willmar**, MN 56201

Springboard For The Arts is a non-profit artist service organization. Their mission is to provide affordable management information, consulting and training services designed to improve the business competence and confidence of independent artists and cultural organizations in the Upper Midwest. Check them out at: www.springboardforthearts.org/Workshops/Workshop.asp or call 651-292-4381.

Milan Village Arts School Classes in Milan, MN - For a brochure call 320.734.4807 or visit: <http://www.milanvillageartsschool.org>; email mvas@fedteldirect.net

Attention Writers! The Loft Literary Center lists opportunities for writers at www.loft.org.

The Minnesota State Arts Board maintains a database for visual artists who want to locate new venues in which to exhibit and sell their work, and for art patrons and collectors who are interested in viewing or purchasing art in Minnesota. The database is available at www.mnarts.us/exhibit.cfm.

March 30—McKnight Artist Fellowships for Ceramic Artists The Northern Clay Center seeks established ceramic artists to apply for the 2007 McKnight Artist Fellowships and Residencies in ceramic arts. The program, funded by The McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis, provides two kinds of support for the awarded artists: The fellowships support Minnesota artists who are considered beyond emerging. Two \$25,000 grants are awarded annually supporting, but not limited to, examining new techniques and materials, purchasing materials and equipment, and pursuing education, exhibition or travel. All McKnight artists will present an exhibition of work, and select pieces from the exhibit will tour regionally for the year following the Northern Clay Center's exhibition. www.northernclaycenter.org Phone: (612) 339-8007, ext 302

April 25th—Open Door Exhibition | Rosalux Gallery
This is the only chance for non-member artists to showcase their work in the gallery. Juried by Diane Mullin, Associate curator at the Weisman Art Museum. Typically, the OPEN DOOR exhibition is reviewed and receives extensive press coverage. This is an excellent opportunity to exhibit artwork in one of Minneapolis's premier commercial gallery spaces. All media is accepted: there are no guidelines set for subject matter, medium or style, and the show is open to anyone throughout the world. Show dates- June 12th-30th, 2007 Opening Reception- Saturday, June 16th, 2007 | 7-10pm DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES- Postmarked by April 25th

Opportunities

Gathering of Area Theatres (GOAT)

Calling all theatres in Southwest Minnesota! Let us gather together to share schedules, information, ideas, and resources. Time again for the Gathering of Area Theatres to get our GOAT on. The next GOAT meeting will be March 3rd in Marshall. We will be meeting in the Student Services area at the new Marshall High School. Marshall High is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Highway 23. Come in the main center entrance by the flag pole and follow the signs. The Marshall Area Stage Company (MASC) will be your hosts. The agenda is below:

- 2:00 pm- Gathering, Sharing and Discussion
- 4:30 pm- Facility tour of the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts
- 5:30 pm- Supper at The Hitching Post, continue Discussion
- 7:30 pm- Attend *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* performance at SMSU Theatre or Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Concert at Schwan PAC

Please respond to Bob Schwoch by phone at (507) 865-4684 or by email, schwoch@southwestmsu.edu, if you plan to attend so that he can reserve space at the restaurant and tickets for your choice of shows. Also any suggestions for discussion topics would be greatly appreciated.

SMAHC DEADLINES

Arts in Education & Communities Grants

This program provides matching grants to schools, organizations, and communities for artist residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Awards range from \$600-\$2500

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2007

(project start date of June 1, 2007 or later)

****this is the deadline to use if you are planning summer or fall 2007 projects!**

Individual Artist Study Grants

This program provides up to \$500 to artists of all ages and disciplines for specific study opportunities.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2007

(project start date of June 1, 2007 or later)

Arts Challenge Grants

This program provides up to \$500 in matching funds for new and increased memberships and/or season tickets.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2007

(project start date of June 1, 2007 or later)

ONGOING: Arts Organization Networking and Training Grants to help with workshop fees and mileage reimbursement (due 1 week prior to planned trip).

Cultural Bank Insurance support for projects which face a possible loss of expected revenue (due 28 days prior to event.)

Membership List Continued from page 8

PEO Chapter AS, Marshall
Southwest Minnesota Weavers Guild, Marshall
Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, Marshall
Lyon County Commission, Marshall
Jane Link, Milan
Patricia Bratnober Saunders, Minneapolis
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