



# VOICES for Art

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## UPCOMING SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES

### May 1, 2012:

Art Project Planning  
Individual Artist - Round II  
*Traditional paper application*

### May 15, 2012:

Art Project - Round III  
Earliest Project Start Date: 7/1/12  
*Traditional paper application*

### June 1, 2012:

Art Project Planning



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## Skogrand Exhibit Opening

Michele Skogrand of Montevideo will exhibit her mixed media collage artworks at the SMAHC Gallery (in its new location at 114 N 3rd St, Marshall) from May 10 - June 29. Join us to visit with the artist at a reception from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 10, 2012.

### SMAHC Gallery

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - noon  
1:00 - 4:30 pm



*Michele Skogrand:  
Isis at the Pyramids  
Mixed media collage*

## Litchfield Writer Nancy Paddock Wins Minnesota Book Award

Nancy Paddock, a poet and screenwriter from Litchfield has won the 2012 Minnesota Book Award in the Memoir and Creative Nonfiction category for *A Song at Twilight: Of Alzheimer's and Love*, published by Blueroad Press.

Paddock's memoir "chronicles her parents' descent into Alzheimer's and the challenges and choices she and her sisters face while confronting this most baffling and tragic of diseases. Discovering that she cannot save them from their crumbling reality, Paddock works to rescue the details of their lives and seeks to retrieve a pattern from chaos—preserving, examining, and reliving the interwoven stories of lovers and family."

In 2007, Paddock received a SMAHC Career Artist Grant of \$2,000 to work on *A Song at Twilight*.



*Nancy Paddock (holding award) celebrates with her husband Joe and her sisters, Janet and Virginia Pearson. Photo by Romaine Scharlemann*

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## Featuring . . .

# Granite Arts Council

Since the first small meeting of interested individuals at Bootleggers Supper Club in Granite Falls five years ago, the enthusiasm of the Granite Arts Council (GAC)'s founding members - Vonnie Saquilan, Bev Tellefsen, Chris Anderson, Maureen Aakre, and Tamara Isfeld - has spread to 20 volunteers, active in organizing art classes, exhibits, events, and collaborations in the community.

The GAC is now located in the newly restored KK Berge building, a space they share with the Granite Falls Chamber and the Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) Office. Local citizens and community groups worked together over the last four years under the leadership of the Granite Falls Riverfront Revitalization (GFRR) organization to make the building - once scheduled to be torn down for flood mitigation - a usable space for the community. "It is amazing what a group of volunteers can do when they work together," said GAC executive board member Tamara Isfeld.



Following a kick-off event for the 2011 Meander Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl and a grand opening in December, the new GAC space in KK Berge building is now home to a gallery with monthly art openings and exhibits, along with another new venture, "Drop In Art Night." Isfeld and local art teacher Katie Lewandowski organized the weekly gatherings where "local community

members can connect with creative neighbors, share ideas, or just hang out." Anyone is welcome to attend the art nights on Wednesdays from 8:00 pm to midnight, and may bring their own art supplies, or use those provided.

The Granite Arts Council also puts on an Annual Art Show and Celebration with local art and live music each spring and is expanding its art class offerings for all ages. Opportunities for the summer include a youth art camp and adult watercolor classes in July. GAC is also one of many regional partners with the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD)'s Rural Arts Initiative. Coordinated by CURE, the initiative plans to connect MCAD students with area communities and artists.

Looking toward the Granite Arts Council's future, Isfeld says, "We are open to how this evolves. We want artists, students, community members, and anyone else to find a place to come together to create art, enjoy art, and discuss art. We are all about art and community connections."



### Granite Arts Council & KK Berge Gallery

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OR [tisfeld@mchsi.com](mailto:tisfeld@mchsi.com)

### Gallery Hours

9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Mon-Friday and most Saturdays

### Exhibit Schedule

#### May 2012

Claire Swanson:  
Reed Basketry

#### June 2012

Bill Van der Hagen:  
Landscape & Wildlife Photography

#### July 2012

Curt & Paula Soine:  
Hand Carved Birds/Fish & Folk Art

#### August 2012

Dale & Jo Pederson:  
Native Willow & Rustic Furniture



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**MAY CALENDAR**

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**\*\*May 1 SMAHC Grant Application Deadline: Individual Artist (Developing & Career) - Round II**

**\*\*May 4-6 Artists of MN Spring Conference**, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, **Hutchinson**. Information at [www.artistsofminnesota.org](http://www.artistsofminnesota.org).

**\*\*May 5 SMAHC Artist Retreat** on the shores of St. Andrew at "The Village", **New London**. Join the SW MN Arts Council, fellow artists and subject matter experts at a fun-filled day of learning. Register at [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org) or call the SMAHC office: 800-622-5284.

**May 5 Mark Schultz in Concert** at the Dassel-Cokato HS Performing Arts Center, **Dassel**. 7:30 pm show. \$20 Adult, \$10 Youth. Reserved Seats. [www.dc.k12.mn.us/pac](http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/pac)

**\*\*May 10 SMAHC Gallery Artist Reception** featuring the work of Michele Skogrand of Montevideo. Visit with the artist from 5 - 7 PM at the SMAHC Gallery, 114 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, **Marshall**.

**\*\*May 11-12 Hmong Spring Dance Festival**. Iny Asian Dance Theater performs "Longing for Qeej," on May 11 at 7:00 pm at the SMSU Theatre, **Marshall**. Meet the dancers and see demonstrations from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on May 12 at the Hmong Community Day Fair at the SMSU Gym. Call 507-836-1624 for more information.

**\*\*May 12 SMAHC Grant Review Panel for Arts in the Schools Grants - Round II**. SMAHC Office, 114 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, **Marshall**.

**\*\*May 15 SMAHC Grant Application Deadline: Art Project grants - Round III**

**May 17 "Bookface" exhibit by Lucy Tokheim & artist reception**. Exhibit runs at Willmar Library, 410 5th Street SW, **Willmar** from May 17 - May 31. Artist Reception May 17 from 4:30-6:30 pm.

**May 19 RiverSong Music Series featuring the music of Brothers Burn Mountain** at the new Crow River Winery, 14848 Hwy 7 East, **Hutchinson**. 1 - 3 pm. Free. [www.riversongfestival.org](http://www.riversongfestival.org)

**May 22 SMAHC Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, **Marshall**.

**May 22 "Framing the Ask" Fundraising Workshop**, 1:00 pm at Ramada Marshall, 1500 College Drive, **Marshall**. This workshop for nonprofits about using a story-telling approach for individual donor development is presented by Carlo Cuesta of CreationInCommon through the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. Details and registration at [www.minnesotanonprofits.org/events](http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/events)

**\*\*May 24 Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra Concert**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 714 13<sup>th</sup> St, **Worthington**. [www.friendsoftheauditorium.com](http://www.friendsoftheauditorium.com)

**GALLERIES**

*Call for current exhibits and gallery hours.*

**ARTmeyerson**, 105 4th St. N., **Atwater**, 320-220-0970.

**Barn Theatre Art Gallery**, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**, 320-235-9500.

**Carnegie Cultural Center**, 205 N. Freeman, **Luverne**, 507-283-8294.

**Clay Coyote Pottery**, 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**, 320-587-2599.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, 28 N Main St, **Hutchinson**, 320-587-7278.

**Kaleidoscope - An Artists' Gallery**, 326 Main St South, **New London**, 320-295-0787.

**KK Berge Gallery**, 807 Prentice Street, **Granite Falls**, 320-564-4039.

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC)**, 109 N. 3rd St, **Marshall**, 507-532-5463.

**Milan Village Arts School**, junction of Hwy 7/59 and Hwy 40, **Milan**, 320-734-4807.

**Nobles County Art Center**, 407 12th St, **Worthington**, 507-372-8245.

**Potato Eaters Gallery**, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, **Willmar**, 320-382-9951.

**Robert Remick Gallery**, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**, 507-831-1134.

**SMAHC Art Gallery**, 114 North 3rd Street, **Marshall**, 507-537-1471.

**Tokheim Pottery**, 2057 361st Ave, **Dawson**, 320-769-2142.

**William Whipple Gallery**, Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**, 507-537-6266.

**Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery**, 611 Fifth St. SW, **Willmar**, 320-231-8560.



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