

VOICES for Art

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SMAHC Gallery features the artwork of Holly DeGrote

Holly DeGrote, formerly of Worthington and now a resident of Sheldon, IA, will exhibit her acrylic paintings and mixed media paintings/collages at the SMAHC Gallery September 9 through November 1, 2013.

“While working in a library, I began to see that the choices we make (like the books we choose) can be another way we represent ourselves — objects, images, or knowledge can stand in our place. I got to know people from the choices they made about reading material or research information, and not from our interactions. During this time, I began to collect images from the books chosen by others and amassed a large index of images that served as the starting point for my work. My goal in this body of work was to create paintings that force these images together and question whether they can serve as our substitutes.

“My original collection of images inspired me to find new sources of materials in recycled illustrated encyclopedias. This, in turn, was reflected in my studio practice as I tried my hand at collage, a medium that is fairly new to me.”

DeGrote was born and raised in Worthington, Minnesota. While attending Worthington Senior High School, she found encouragement and motivation to pursue a career in art. In 2003, she graduated from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting. She continued her education at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, earning her Master of Fine Arts in Painting in 2007. DeGrote moved back to the Southwest Minnesota region in 2010 and is currently working as an Art Instructor and Librarian at Northwest Iowa Community College.

The public is invited to visit the SMAHC gallery in downtown Marshall to meet Holly DeGrote at a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2013. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.



Collection (Focus), Holly DeGrote, acrylic on paper, 2013



Andy Rennecke, Bill Gossman, and Maggie Harp perform at last year's SMAHC Annual Celebration in Milan, MN.

Gossman, Harp, & Rennecke to perform at DeGrote exhibit opening

Bill Gossman, Maggie Harp, and Andy Rennecke of New London will perform on guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and tin whistle at the SMAHC Gallery in Marshall from 5:30—6:30 pm on Thursday, September 26, during the opening reception for Holly DeGrote’s exhibit.

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UPCOMING SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES

All SMAHC grants must be applied for online. Go to www.smahc.org for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

September 1, 2013:

Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Equipment Purchase)

September 6, 2013:

Arts Organization Development/ Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round I

September 20, 2013:

Individual Artists: Development, Established Career, & Legacy

October 1, 2013:

Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Equipment Purchase)

October 15, 2013:

Arts in the Schools, Round I

October 15, 2013:

Operating Support

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Check our website, www.smahc.org, for upcoming grantwriting workshops around the region. Learn about the requirements for your application, get your questions answered, and find out about other projects going on in the area. Contact the SMAHC office (800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net) to register.



SMAHC grant programs, awards & workshops are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, and by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund.

New Operating Support Grants

In response to an identified need for operating support for arts organizations, SMAHC has developed a pilot Operating Support grant program to provide some measure of funding stability for arts organizations so that their energy can be better focused on increasing the quality and availability of the arts to their communities.

This program recognizes that organizations with an established record of programmatic service and administrative stability should have access to funds to support their organizational goals and objectives. Operating Support funding enables qualifying organizations to maintain their ongoing programs, services, and facilities without special emphasis on new initiatives as justification for funding.

Eligibility. Arts organizations in the 18 counties of the SMAHC region are eligible for this grant program if:

- the organization's purpose and mission statement is focused clearly and solely on the arts.
- the organization has produced or sponsored arts projects, events, or opportunities for the public during each of the past three years.
- the organization is a non-profit, tax-exempt arts organization with Articles of Incorporation on file with the State of Minnesota and a documented 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service for a minimum of three years.

Grant Amounts. Operating Support grants are based on the average expenses of the organization over the past two fiscal years. The grants are two-year awards; payment of the second year award is contingent upon an annual interim report.

- *Level 1* - Organizations with average annual expenses (excluding major equipment, building or facilities improvement projects) under \$25,000 may request up to 50% of their expenses for year one and 25% for year two.
- *Level 2* - Organizations with annual expenses between \$25,000 - \$160,000 may request up to 15% per year.

Program Outcomes. Every applicant supported by SMAHC's Operating Support grant program must have measurable outcomes. Grantees will be expected to evaluate their activities and must be able to demonstrate achievements related to outcomes. Applicants must be able to explain how their

proposed outcomes will help achieve one or more of the following SMAHC long-term, strategic outcomes:

- The arts are interwoven into every facet of community life
- Minnesotans believe the arts are vital to who we are
- People of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities participate in the arts
- The arts thrive in southwest Minnesota

Planning. Applicants will be required to prepare a two year business plan with a budget in order to complete the application. A plan should include what the organization’s goals are, what programs it will operate, where it will get funding, whether or not it will conduct events, have staff, volunteers, and more. It should also include a budget plan indicating where funding will come from, whether or not programs will rely on grants, individual donations, state or federal contracts, and expected expenses.

Online applications will be available at www.smahc.org, and must be submitted by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 15. For organizations awarded operating support grants, funding will begin on January 1, 2014.

OPERATING SUPPORT DATES

Application Deadline: October 15, 2013
 Panel Meeting: November 2, 2013
 Board Action: November 26, 2013
 Support goes into effect: January 1, 2014

Grantwriting Workshops

September 16, 2013

5:00-7:00 pm

The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St, Willmar

September 17, 2013

5:00-7:00 pm

Rock County Veterans Memorial Building
 204 E Brown St, Luverne

September 19, 2013

5:00-7:00 pm

SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Contact SMAHC at 800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net with questions, or to register for workshops.

2013 *Meander*
 Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl
 ~ Celebrating 10 years! ~



“Big Stone Outcrop”
 by 2013 featured artist Don Sherman

**Friday,
 Oct. 4**
 12:00-6:00 pm

**Saturday,
 Oct. 5**
 9:00 am-6:00 pm

**Sunday,
 Oct. 6**
 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Visit 35 studios featuring 45 prairie artisans!

painting | photography | jewelry | fiber arts
 sculpture | pottery | mixed media & more



Michelle Thelen



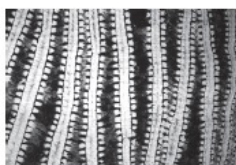
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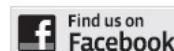


Kristi Link Fernholz

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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***September 1 SMAHC Grant Deadline:** Arts Legacy Project Planning, Arts Organization Start-up Grants, Arts Organization Development Small Grants, and Small Equipment Grants. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

***September 1 Music Event,** 7:00 pm, **Winsted** Arts Center. Performer to be determined. Information at <http://winstedartscouncil.org/>.

September 2 SMAHC Office closed for Labor Day holiday.

***September 6 SMAHC Grant Deadline:** Arts Organization Development, Equipment, & Facilities Improvement, Round I. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

***September 7 SMAHC Grant Review Panel:** Art Projects Round I, 9:00 am-2:30 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

***September 11 Artist Reception: "Getting There" Exhibit,** 5:30-7:00 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, **Willmar**. "Getting There: Modes of Transportation" is a themed invitational art exhibit organized by the Willmar Area Arts Council, coinciding with the Barn Theatre's production of "Bus Stop." Exhibit runs September 10 - November 1, 2013. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com or www.willmarareaartscouncil.org.

***September 11-14, 18-21 "Bus Stop",** 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St, **Willmar**. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com.

September 13-14 Have Fun With Your Photography! 7:00 -9:00 pm Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday, **Redwood Falls**. This course taught by Molly Schweinfurter is designed for enthusiastic digital photographers of all skill levels looking to enhance and improve their photo taking experience, while exploring the Minnesota River Valley and the "Scenic City" of Redwood Falls. Cost: \$95. To register call or email Molly at 507-828-3282 or cedigomo@gmail.com. More info at www.facebook.com/pages/Mojo-Photography/402451619822655.

***September 14 SMAHC Annual Celebration,** 2:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Key Largo Restaurant & Ballroom on Lake Shetek, 29 Valhalla Drive, **Slayton**. "Celebrate the Art &

Artists" of the SW MN Arts Council region at the 2013 Annual Celebration. Join us for a casual evening including a boat cruise, local art for sale, spirit raffle, buffet dinner and live music. Go to www.smahc.org to purchase tickets.

***September 18-21 "Bus Stop",** 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St, **Willmar**. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com.

***September 16 Grantwriting Workshop: Operating Support,** 5:00-7:00 pm, The Barn Theatre, **Willmar**. Go to www.smahc.org to register for this free workshop.

***September 17 Grantwriting Workshop: Operating Support,** 5:00-7:00 pm, Rock Co. Veterans Memorial Building, **Luverne**. Go to www.smahc.org to register for this free workshop.

***September 19 Grantwriting Workshop: Operating Support,** 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall. Go to www.smahc.org to register for this free workshop.

***September 20 Grant Deadline:** Individual Artist Development, Individual Artist Career, and Individual Artist Career with Legacy Project. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

***September 21 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!,** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, downtown **Willmar**. The 16th annual Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! festival will include a full day of arts activities - a juried art show and sale, continuous entertainment on the outdoor stage, hands-on art tents for kids both big and small, artist's demonstrations, a food court - and, of course, free coffee all day! In case of rain all activities will be moved to Kennedy School. Information at www.celebrateartcelebratecoffee.com.

***September 24 SMAHC Board Meeting,** 7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

***September 26 Artist Reception: Holly DeGrote,** 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAHC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**. Live music by Maggie Harp, Bill Gossman, and Andy Rennecke of New London from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The exhibit of paintings by DeGrote of Sheldon, IA (formerly of Worthington, MN) runs from September 9 through November 1, 2013.

September 27 Curtis & Loretta Concert, 7:30 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12st St, **Worthington**. The husband and wife duo's perform original songs and traditional pieces from the British Isles, America, and beyond. For more info, contact Jean Bunge at 507-372-8254 or noblearts@knology.net.

GALLERIES

****SMAHC Art Gallery** September 9—November 1: Holly DeGrote. Artist Reception September 26, 5:00-7:00 pm with live music by Maggie Harp, Bill Gossman, and Andy Rennecke of New London from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 am to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm at 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

ARTmeyerson, 105 4th St. N., **Atwater**. To schedule an appointment, call Sue Meyerson at 320-220-0970 or 320-974-3609.

Barn Theatre Art Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**. September 10 - November 1: "Getting There: Modes of Transportation", various artists. Artist Reception September 11, 5:30-7:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

Big Stone Arts Council Gallery, 42 NW 2nd St, **Ortonville**. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 11:00am-4:00 pm. Info at 320-487-1001.

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, **Luverne**. September: Chad Nelson, prints. Hours are Tues – Fri, 12 - 5 pm and Sat 1-4 pm. For more info, email cahrc@outlook.com or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 pm; Sunday Noon - 4 pm, or, call ahead for an appointment, 320-587-2599. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 N Main St, **Hutchinson**. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

Java River Cafe, 210 S 1st St, **Montevideo**. More information at 320-269-7106.

KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, **Granite Falls**. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm . Call 320-564-4039 for information.

****Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC)**, 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**. Aug 13 – Sept 20: Robert Schwan Memorial Photography Competition. Sept 24-Nov 22: Betty Beer, oil, pastel, charcoal with collaborative poems by area writers. Artist Reception November 10, 2:00-4:00 pm, with poetry readings from 2:30-3:30 pm. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 pm. Other times by appt. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.

Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, **Milan**. For information on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit www.milanvillageartsschool.org.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, **Worthington**. September: Permanent collection. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Potato Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, **Willmar**. Call 320-382-9951 for hours and information.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**. May 6 - September 7: David Strom: "The Search Never Ends." Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 pm & Sat 10 - 4 pm. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com

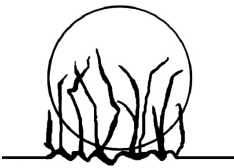
Tokheim Pottery, 2057 361st Ave, **Dawson**. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com for more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com

William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

****Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery**. August 9-September 23: Della Conroy, various media. September 23 - October 28: Carolyn Olson, quilted works. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.

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