FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: As in years past, SMAHC will host a weekend retreat for artists on the peaceful shores of Lake Shetek with tasty meals and comfortable overnight accommodations all available onsite.

Within the course of a day and a half, 12 workshop sessions will be available that meet the interest of artists of all art forms. Topics in the works include:

- Visual Arts Critique
- Writers Critique
- Performance Issues & Answers
- Bookmaking & Poetry
- Improv Theater
- Knit Bombing
- “What a Gallery Wants”
- Social Media
- New Media Art
- Public Art
- Artist Residencies
- Art Crawls: what works & what doesn’t

In addition, roundtable discussions, entertainment and lots of networking time will be a part of this “must attend” retreat. Expect to meet representatives from the Minneapolis State Arts Board, Springboard for the Arts, Forecast Public Art and many other state arts agencies.

Network with fellow artists, research resources to your artist needs and find inspiration for your art! Plan to join SMAHC at Lake Shetek on May 14-15.

Register now by calling the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471. Look for online registration coming soon to www.smahc.org.

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SAVE THE DATE!

June 8-11, 2011
Fergus Falls, MN
For details on the conference, check out:
http://racsummit.org

Go to the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org) to access a short grant application for this workshop. A limited number of grants are available for up to $500 for registration fees, hotels & mileage. For more information on this grant opportunity, call the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.

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At the March 19 meeting, the SMAHC Board of Directors voted to award **28 grants** for a total of **$106,675** under the Art Projects grant program.

The following grant applicants received funding:

**Rhythm of The River**, Jackson: $5,000 for the 5th annual Rhythm of the River festival

**Willmar Community Theatre**: $5,000 for their 2011 summer season productions

**Willmar Area Arts Council**: $4,500 for the 2011 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! festival

**Willmar Area Arts Council**: $2,600 for visual arts exhibits

**New London Music Group**: $4,625 for the New London Music Festival

**Willmar Design Center**: $3,400 for The Kaffe-Café-Kahwa Project

**Willmar Area Arts Council**: $2,400 for the 2011 Studio Hop

**Dawson-Boyd Arts Association**: $5,000 to present productions of "Heroes" & "Charlotte's Web"

**Lac qui Parle Players**, Madison: $2,430 for the production of "Seussical" The Musical

**Buffalo Ridge Chorale**, Hendricks: $4,950 for the 2011-2012 Chorale Concert Series

**Friends of the Orchestra**, Marshall: $5,000 for a Southwest Minnesota Orchestra concert featuring Mahler's First Symphony

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**: $5,000 for their 2011-2012 Visual Arts Exhibits

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**: $5,000 for their 2011-2012 Concert Series

**Marshall Area Stage Company**: $3,890 for their production of "Kiss Me Kate"

**Hutchinson Theatre Company**: $1,800 for theatre workshops & performances for area youth

**Crow River Singers**, Hutchinson: $2,080 for their 2011-2012 Concert Series

**Crow River Arts**, Hutchinson: $1,950 for their 2011 Visual Art Exhibits

**Friends of the Auditorium**, Worthington: $4,908 for their production of "Beauty & the Beast"

**Pipestone Civil War Days Committee**: $5,000 for the Pipestone Civil War Days Re-enactment

**Pipestone Performing Arts Center**: $4,500 for a Monroe Crossing Concert

**City of Walnut Grove**: $5,000 for the 2011 Art & Music Family Festival

**Prairie Arts Chorale**, Regional: $1,693 for the concert series, “Broadway...Here & Now”

**Meander Art Crawl**, Regional: $5,000 for the Meander 2011, "The Upper MN River Art Crawl"

**Blue Mound Area Theatre**, Luverne: $3,850 for the 2011 VocalEssence Chorus residency and concert

**Luverne Area Community Foundation**: $5,000 to create a documentary of the 2011 VocalEssence Highway 23 Tour

**Blue Mound Area Theatre**, Luverne: $5,000 for a Zenon Dance Residency

**Appleton 52 Wing Restoration Committee**: $2,099 for their 2011 Summer Concert in the Park series

The SMAHC Board of Directors also voted to award **6 grants** for a total of **$43,300** under the Arts Organization Development grant program.

The following grant applicants received funding:

**RCW Area Arts Council**, Renville: $15,000 to upgrade the lighting system in their community theater

**Big Stone Area Arts Council**, Ortonville: $1,500 to purchase display panels and shelving units for their gallery space

**City of Walnut Grove**: $4,800 to purchase a sound system, benches, stage and canopies for use at the Walnut Grove Family Festival

**Willmar Community Theatre**: $15,000 to purchase and install a new heating and cooling system

**Pipestone Performing Arts Center**: $5,000 to purchase a table saw, scrim, microphones, carpet and other equipment for their theater

**Winsted Area Arts Council**: $2,000 to complete the 501(c)(3) filing process, develop & implement an organizational strategic plan

These grants were made possible in part with funds appropriated by the State Legislature and/or by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.
WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR: It’s easy!

The state’s enormous deficit is a main focus this year at the capitol and neither party seems to have a road map to solve. The reality is that the arts are a tiny, tiny fraction of the state's budget. About 75% of the budget goes to fund education and health and human services. The decisions made about those areas will affect the outcome for the arts because they will dictate how much must be cut in the rest of the budget.

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA) is dedicated to empowering arts supporters throughout the state to become advocates for arts-friendly policy. Your input is important to your legislators, whether it be letters, meetings, phone calls or even a simple e-mail.

Send an e-mail to your legislators today using MCA’s Desktop Lobbyist tool (www.mncitizensforthearts.org/actnow/). It will take less than a minute and all of the information you will need is provided including your legislators’ names and contact information and optional talking points to help you compose your note!

If your arts organization got a Legacy grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board or Regional Arts Council, make sure to mention that to your legislators and talk about how important it has been to fund the arts in your area. Make sure your staff and board know how important the legacy grant has been to your organization. Make sure your local paper knows that too.

Your elected officials are your voice in government: let them know what you think!

www.mncitizensforthearts.org/actnow/

Thanks for attending Advocacy Day on March 8, 2011!

Thanks to Deb Larson, Doug Holtquist, Cheri Buzzeo, Paula Nemes, Emilie Rasmussen and SMAHC staff for attending Advocacy Day!
**Galleries and Opportunities**

The SMAHC Art Gallery **ERIK GRAN** exhibit opens April 7. Experience large scale abstract acrylic artwork by Erik Gran of Silver Lake, MN. Opening reception from 5-7 PM April 7. This exhibit runs until July 1, 2011. Visit the Gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at 1210 E College Drive in **Marshall**. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

The Carnegie Cultural Center presents the Rock County Fine Arts Juried Transparent Watercolor Show 2011, May 31 to June 27, 2012. For a prospectus contact Mary Sobolik Petersen, 211 N Freeman Luverne, MN 56156 or email marypet@iw.net or call 507-283-8154. The location of the Carnegie Cultural Center is 205 N. Freeman, **Luverne**, MN 56156. Hours are Tuesday – Friday, Noon - 5 PM and Saturday, 1 - 4 PM. The cost for the event is $10 for one entry, $20 for two entries, $25 for three entries. For more information, email marypet@iw.net or call 507-283-8294.

ARTmeyerson is proud to present Works by Acclaimed Wood Sculptor Fred Cogelow. Opening reception Friday, June 24th with music 7-10pm by Jerry Ostensoe Band. Open to public. Show open Friday, June 24th- Friday July 8th, by appt and by event. ARTmeyerson, 105 4th Street North, **Atwater**. Call ahead/Ella: (320) 212-2702 or ellam@frontier.com

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**.

Regular Hours are Monday - Saturday 10-5pm. The cost for the event is $10 for one entry, $20 for two entries, and $25 for three entries. For more information, email claypot@hutchtel.net

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC)**, 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**. April 5 - May 13 "High School Art Stars" exhibit. Opening reception April 7 from 5 - 7:00 PM. Hours: Tues - Fri 12 - 5:30 PM. Evenings and Saturdays by appointment. 507-532-5463. Visit www.mafac.net for more information.

**Milan Village Arts School** in Milan. Classes in April include Glassblowing, Power Carving, Mosaics, Timber Framing... and more. To view all the class offered throughout the year, visit their website at www.milanvillageartsschool.org/

**Nobles County Art Center**, 407 12th Street, **Worthington**. The "Annual Area Art Show 2011" exhibit opens April 3 with a reception from 1 - 4 PM and runs through April 29. Hours: M-F 2 to 4:30 PM. Free. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society**, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**. Student Art Show begins April 3. Gallery Hours: M-F 8-4 PM & Sat 10-4 PM. Free. For more information, call (507) 831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com

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

**William Whipple Gallery** in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. April 1 – April 15: Fine Arts Celebration Faculty Exhibit. Faculty exhibit reception April 2 from 6-8 PM. April 16 - 30: SMSU Seniors Exhibit. Student exhibit reception April 23 from 4-6 PM. Whipple Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 11 PM. Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM. Sunday, 1 to 11 PM. Closed Saturdays and Holidays.

**Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery** at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, **Willmar**

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**What’s Happening? ... Get it in **VOICES** ... publicize arts activities and events in your area!**

Submit upcoming dates for the May **VOICES** by **April 20, 2011**.

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APRIL CALENDAR

**Indicates** the project was funded in part with a grant from the SMAHC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the MN State Legislature, or the MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the MN State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on 11/4/08.

April 1 SMAHC DEADLINE: Arts & Learning (Round II); Legacy Grant for Established Career Artists; Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants; Prairie Disciple nominations.

April 1-3, 7-10, 14-16 "Hello Dolly!" at The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, Willmar. Thurs-Sat evenings at 7:30 PM, Sunday matinee at 2:30 PM. $15 Adults, $8 students. For more info, email: info@thebarntheatre.com

April 1-2 final two shows of "Forever Plaid" Dessert Theatre by the Hutchinson Theater Company. Doors open at 6:30 PM with dessert served first; 7 PM show held at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Tickets $17.50 available online at www.hutchtheater.org or at the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce.

April 2 IRON POUR 5: “Turn Out the Lights, the Party’s Over” featuring an iron pour, along with the music of Party Clams at SMSU, Marshall. Demonstration pours begin at 8 PM; main pour begins at 9 PM.

April 2, 3, 4 "Spring Dinner Concerts" performed by the Southwest Minnesota Men’s Chorus. April 2 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Marshall. April 3 at the Walnut Grove Community Center. April 4 at the Wabasso Community Center. All concerts begin at 7 PM.

April 5 “A Penny Saved...?” Cogelow sculpture exhibited during the Minnesota Orchestra concert at Memorial Auditorium, Dawson. Sculpture will then be moved to Minnwest Bank in Dawson through April 22.

April 5 "Calculating True Program Costs" workshop sponsored by Bremer Bank. 9 AM - 12 PM at Bremer Bank, Willmar. $35 registration fee. Register online: www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org

**April 5 Minnesota Orchestra Spring Tour of Greater Minnesota** featuring Osmo Vanska, Music Director and Courtney Lewis, conductor. Performed at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, Dawson. 7:30 PM. Reserved seating tickets: $15 adult, $5 student.

April 6 Dana Yost reading from “The Right Place”, book of essays and poems about SW MN in CH 201 at SMSU, Marshall. 7 PM. Free. For more info, contact 537-7155.

April 7 SMAHC Gallery Opening and Artist Reception for Erik Gran, abstract acrylic artist from Silver Lake, held at the SMAHC Gallery in Marshall. Reception from 5-7 PM. For more info, call 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.

April 7 MAFAC Exhibit Reception for “High School Art Stars” at MAFAC Gallery, 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. Reception from 5:30 - 7 PM.

April 7-9, 15-17 “Lucky Stiff” presented by SMSU Theatre in Marshall. 7:30 PM, except April 17 matinee at 2 PM. Dinner theatre available April 8 and 16. Tickets: $14 Adult, $12 Student. Dinner Theatre tickets: $34 Adult, $32 Student. Reservations at www.smsutickets.com or by calling 507-537-7103 or email: nadine.schmidt@smsu.edu

April 8-10, 15-16 "Don't Hug Me County Fair" hilarious musical play presented at the Renville Old Gym Theater. Evening performances at 7:30 PM; Sun afternoon at 2:30 PM. Email: fota.rcw-area@gmail.com

April 8-10, 15-17 "'Til Beth Do Us Part" family-friendly, comedy performed at the Lake Benton Opera House. Evening performances at 7:30 PM; Sun. matinees at 2:00 PM. Tickets $10 Adult, $9.50 Senior/Student. For tickets call 507-368-4620 or lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com

**April 8 & 10 Crow River Singers Spring Concert.** April 8 at St. Anastasis Church, 460 Lake St SW, Hutchinson at 7 PM. April 10 at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin Street SW, Hutchinson at 2 PM. Tickets $6, children under 12 free. For more info, contact Holly Dapper at 320-587-0710 or email: hollymd55@hotmail.com

April 9 Prudence Johnson and Dan Chouinard performing at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, Jackson. 7:00 PM. Free. For more info, call (507) 847-6627 or email nadine.schmidt@smsu.edu

**April 9 Gypsy Mania "Hot Club" Swing Jazz presented by the Tyler Arts Council performing at the Danebod Gym Hall in Tyler. 7:30 PM. Tickets $10 Adults; $5 Students. For more info, call 507-247-3811 or email rgsiemes@hotmail.com

**April 16 Visual Art Event with exhibits at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson. 10 AM - 5 PM.

April 16 Zenon Dance at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. 7:30 PM. Adults $10, Students Free. No reserved seats. For more info, call 877-722-2787 Mon-Sat, 10 am to 5 pm. Or online at: www.pipestoneminnesota.com

**April 17 Liszt Festival:** Le concert c'est moi performed by the SW MN Orchestra at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, 400 Tiger Drive, Marshall. 4 PM.
**May 1** Art Show at the Milan Village Arts School, Milan. 9:00 AM

**May 6, 7, 13, 14, 15** Prairie Arts Chorale “Broadway...Here & Now”. Concerts at Redwood Valley High School, Redwood Falls (May 6); Unity Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg (May 7); BARC, Windom (May 13); Marshall Middle School (May 14); Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer (May 15). Concerts at 7:30 PM; except for May 14 at 4 PM.

**May 7** “Monroe Crossing” Blue Grass Music at its Finest performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. 8:00 PM. Adults $15 and Students $5. Tickets reserved: call 825-2020 or 877 722-2787. Box office open 10 to 5 Monday-Saturday.

**May 7** Burning River Brass "From State to Screen" at the Willmar Education and Arts Center in Willmar. 7:30 PM. Burning River Brass presents classics from the concert stage to the big screen. For more info, email WCConcertS@gmail.com

**May 7** Legacy Grant for Established Career Artists Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 9:00 AM.

**May 14**-15 SMAHC Artist Retreat at Lake Shetek. A weekend of workshops and networking. For info or to register, call 800-622-5284 or email: smahcinfo@iw.net

**May 14** Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre “Sleeping Beauty” at Fulda Public Schools. 1 PM and 7 PM shows.

**May 14-15** Zenon Dance performance at the Historic Palace Theatre, 104 E Main St., Luverne. 7 PM May 14. 3 PM May 15. For info and tickets, contact 507-283-2765.

**May 16** SMAHC DEADLINE: Legacy Grants for Organizations & Communities

**May 17** Student Art Show at Lakeview Public Schools in Cottonwood. Free.

**May 19** “Lorie Line” The 2011 Intimate Evening Series performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. 7:30 pm. All tickets $38. To order tickets call 507 825-2020 or 877 722-2787. Box office open 10 to 5 Monday-Saturday.

**May 24** SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 7 PM.

**May 26** Worthington Area Community Orchestra performance. 7:30 PM at Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St., Worthington.
Arts Census: BE COUNTED!


SMAHC, in partnership with the Minnesota State Arts Board, invites anyone who engages in a form of creative expression to participate in the MN Arts Count census.

No matter how well or how publicly you share your talents, be proud and be counted.

Go to www.MNArtsCount.com to complete the census. If you prefer, paper surveys are available by calling 800-748-3222 ext. 225.

Whether a personal or professional interest, arts are important to you - and to the quality of life in Minnesota. The Minnesota Legacy Amendment passed in 2008 helps support creative expression through grants dispersed by the Minnesota State Arts Board.

As part of dedicating funding to the arts from the Amendment, the state legislature has called for the Minnesota State Arts Board and the state’s regional arts councils to conduct a census of artists and artistic organizations to measure the far-reaching influence of the arts in the state.

Please help us spread the word. Tell your friends to be counted, too.

Thank you!

MN Arts Count 2011

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