Regional artists receive $21,375 in SMAC grants

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council has awarded $21,375 in grants to 10 regional artists under the following programs:

**INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** provide up to $1,500 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development.

*Sima Amid-Wewetzer*, Marshall, $1,500 to create an orbit-themed collection of new works in acrylic and oil pastels, entitled “Art in Science”.

*Glen Bruns*, Marshall, $1,500 to create and frame a new series of book collage artwork.

*Jennifer Bruns*, Marshall, $1,200 to produce photo illustrations for three children’s books.

*Kristine Leuze*, Hutchinson, $1,500 for a macro photography project focusing on the diversity of wildlife in Minnesota.

*Mary Seifert*, Willmar, $1,500 to attend a publishing workshop at The Loft Literary Center and to work with a manuscript critic in preparation for publishing her novel.

*Curt Soine*, Granite Falls, $1,500 for oil painting instruction to enhance his woodcarvings.

**INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: ESTABLISHED CAREER GRANTS** provide up to $5,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career.

*Bill Gossman*, New London, $5,000 to create sculptural pottery and update his website.

*Jedd Peters*, Spicer, $5,000 to purchase a new pottery kiln.

*Bonne Van Moorlehem*, Minnetonka, $4,675 for research materials and classes to produce landscape paintings.

**INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: ESTABLISHED CAREER GRANTS FOR LEGACY PROJECTS** provide up to $7,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota.

*Craig Edwards*, New London, $7,000 to create large pottery sculptures as public art and to document the process with an online video.

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UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

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

December 1, 2014:

December 15, 2014:
  Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round II
  Earliest project start date: February 15, 2015

January 1, 2015:

February 1, 2015:

February 2, 2015:
  Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round II
  Earliest project start date: March 15, 2105

February 25, 2015:
  Individual Artists, Round II
  Earliest project start date: April 15, 2015

March 1, 2015:

March 20, 2015:
  Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round II
  Earliest project start date: May 15, 2015

Grantwriting Workshops

Plan on attending one of the following workshops to learn about the requirements for your application, get your questions answered, and find out about other projects going on in the area. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for these free workshops. Go to www.swmnarts.org for venues.

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October 24 — November 20, 2014

Dawn Hegland, Appleton • Tom Rice, Appleton • John Tanquist, Appleton • Joan Olson, Canby • Greg & Anne Isaackson, Cottonwood • Dawson-Boyd Arts Association • Luanne & Dan Fondell, Dawson • William Krinke, Echo • Ginger Homme, Granite Falls • Karen Grasmon, Hutchinson • Andrea & Steve Jensen, Litchfield • Council for Arts & Humanities in Rock County, Luverne • Dale Lien, Madison • Ross Anderson & Pamela Sanders, Marshall • Mary Kay Thomas, Marshall • Randy & Sima Wewetzer, Marshall • Judi Bohm, Milan • Bonnie VanMoorlehem, Minneota • Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin, New London • John & Rebecca White, Ortonville • Pipestone Chamber of Commerce • Mike & Nan Kaufenberg, Redwood Falls • Lance & Laurel Otto, Redwood Falls • Jerry Ostensoe, Sacred Heart • David & Karen Minge, St Paul • Spellbound Theatricals, Slayton • Linda Wing, Slayton • Bill & Tina Richards, Walnut Grove • Willmar Area Arts Council • Janet Olney, Willmar • Dennis Stelter, Wood Lake • Friends of the Auditorium, Worthington

Southwest Minnesota Council’s programs, grant awards, & workshops are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund, by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, and regional contributions.
SW MN Arts Council Gallery to feature the art of Nan Karr Kaufenberg

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery will feature the linoleum block prints of Nan Karr Kaufenberg of Redwood Falls from January 8 through February 27, 2015.

Nan Karr Kaufenberg began working with print making in 1990 while taking art classes at Southwest Minnesota State University. After experimenting with etchings, wood and linoleum block prints, linoleum block printing became her medium of choice. Kaufenberg explained that, “Linoleum works best for carving the curved lines and details that fit my drawing style and I can do my work in nearly any location with a few simple tools.”

Early on she began adding watercolor to the block prints. “The multi-step process of creating the prints is very enjoyable,” Kaufenberg continued. “Once I have the image drawn onto the linoleum block the next step is carving the image into the block. After the carving is completed, I roll oil based ink onto the block and then place the paper over the inked block and either hand rub the print with a wooden spoon or run the block and paper through my hand-cranked linoleum block print press. Each print is handmade, whether I use the press or a wooden spoon to rub the ink onto the paper. Once the ink is completely dry, I apply the watercolor to each print. An edition of prints is based on the artist’s proof; to maintain conformity.

“I enjoy simplifying scenes and images – deciding what to leave in and what to take out. The best compliment I have had on my work was at an art fair when a customer walked into my art tent and said, ‘It looks like the sun came out in here!’ She commented on the cheerful quality of my block prints. If I can bring a smile to someone’s face, that’s a bonus to me.”

Kaufenberg has art degrees from the University of Minnesota and Southwest State Minnesota University. She has received over 20 awards for her artwork at shows and art fairs in the last 23 years and is a recipient of SW MN Arts Council Individual Artist grants in 1993 and 2007. She has exhibited her work throughout Minnesota and currently resides in Redwood Falls.

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 8, 2015. Enjoy live music during the reception. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.
Slayton’s new dinner theater, Spellbound Theatricals

Spellbound Theatricals is a new dinner theater housed at The Vine in Slayton, MN. Its first production was a modern language version of Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew” in September 2014. “We aim to create entertainment that stimulates the senses as well as pushes the boundaries of the possible,” says director Tom Hudson, who began the organization to provide an opportunity for creative voices to be heard, grow, and collaborate. “We are committed to an exceptional standard of theatre and performance art. We take fun very seriously! With each show and season we are raising our level of production and performance standard. We want to provide a home for theatre artists, keeping them local instead of losing them to the coasts.”

Spellbound encourages locals with an interest in theatre to come audition. Hudson says, “We see ourselves as mentors to those beginning in the theatre world.” In addition to actors, “skills such as lighting, sound boards, set designers, costume designers, makeup artists, as well seamstress/tailors are all needed in each and every performance. We also contract with professional and established actors, technicians and designers.”

Partnering with Spellbound in the dinner theater venture, The Vine (2630 Broadway Ave, Slayton), owned and operated by Debbie Peterson, provides meals for all performances as well as a rehearsal and performance space for the group. Peterson, who is also a Spellbound Theatricals board member, is excited to combine delicious dinners with exciting performances. Full meals are offered at evening shows, with a lighter meal at matinees. Boxed lunches will be offered for participants in the youth theatre program, set to begin in the spring of 2015.

Spellbound’s youth programs will include its nonprofit Theatre Laboratory and “Page to Stage,” a national literacy outreach program established by Ann Wallace King of Seattle, Washington, who is also involved with Spellbound. “Page to Stage’ benefits all school age students by taking literature, generally classic, that has artistic or dramatic merit and bringing it to life on stage,” explains Hudson. “We provide the book to the students and then they are brought in to see the story come to life.”

The four-week summer Theater Laboratory workshop is available for students ages 8 to 18, who will work with professionals to create a full scale theatrical staging of a classic tale. Along with performing, students will also participate in hands-on workshops including: Animatronics, Stage Combat, Stage Makeup, Stage Lighting, and Costume/Set Design.

Hudson says Spellbound’s biggest goal in the near future is to expand into more space to offer even more options for local artists. He also hopes to increase the number of performances for each production. “It has been a lifelong dream of mine to bring this sort of group together. The speed at which it has grown and blossomed has made me proud to be a part of it.”
Read Local

Read Local, started by Steve Linstrom and the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), hopes to provide readers in Southwest Minnesota access to locally-related, published literature, along with a high level of reader-author intimacy.

Linstrom came up with the idea to help promote local authors when he saw many of them searching for places to sell their books, but not many local book stores. He approached MAFAC, and with the help of an advisory committee, a selection of published works is now available for sale to the public at the MAFAC Arts Center (109 N Third St, Marshall).

Presentations by the authors will enhance readers’ experiences of the works, and MAFAC will coordinate with other area organizations for additional author appearances. Read Local is also looking for other regional venues to sell its book selections, which will rotate every six months, with new books arriving in May and November each year.

The Read Local partners hope the program will expand the literature available to the public, encourage local authors to produce commercially viable writing, and provide educational opportunities about writing to young people and the general public.

Learn more about Read Local at www.mafac.net, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/readlocalswmn, or contact Steve Linstrom at stevelinstromwriter@gmail.com or 507-401-1886.

December Calendar

*Indicates the project was funded in part with a grant from SMAC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, or by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund.

*December 1 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Org Development (monthly), Legacy Project Planning (monthly), Start-up Grants (monthly). Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*December 4-7 & 11-14 "A Christmas Carol", The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, Willmar. Friday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:30 pm. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com or 320-235-9500.

*December 5 Artist Talk/Reception: Violet Dauk, 6:30-8:30 pm, KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls.

December 5-6 & 12-13 "A Christmas Carol", 7:30 pm, The Vine, 2630 Broadway, Slayton. Spellbound Theatre’s dinner theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Information at 507-393-0100.

December 5-7 & 12-14 Al Opland Singers: "Step into Christmas", 7:30 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Information at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/ or 507-825-5537.

December 6 Opera House Christmas Show, 2:00 & 7:30 pm, Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. Another holiday season will be ushered in with a joyous celebration of music by veterans of past Opera House musicals. Info at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org or 507-368-4320.

December 6 The Orange Mighty Trio, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. The Orange Mighty Trio plays their own special brand of hybrid chamber music, with fiddle, jazz, & pop-inspired elements, for a mix of humor, virtuosity and adventure. Info at www.hutchinsonarts.org or 320-587-7278.


*December 7 Handel’s Messiah, 4:00 pm, High School Auditorium, Hutchinson. Performed by The Crow River Area Youth Orchestra and The Crow River Singers.

*December 11-14 "A Christmas Carol", The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, Willmar. Friday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:30 pm. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com or 320-235-9500.


December 12-14 Al Opland Singers: "Step into Christmas", 7:30 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Information at 507-825-5537 or www.pipestoneminnesotacom/performingartscenter/.

*December 14 Willmar Area Symphony Orchestra: "Dances, Waltzes, & Sing Along", 3:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), 611 SW Fifth St SW, Willmar. Information at www.willmarorchestra.com.

*December 15 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

December 24-25 SMAC Office Closed for Christmas.

**JANUARY CALENDAR**

*January 1 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Org Development (monthly), Legacy Project Planning (monthly), Start-up Grants (monthly). Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

January 1 SMAC Office Closed for New Year’s.

January 4 Artist Reception: Nicolantonio Mucciaccia, 2:00 -4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

*January 6 SMAC Grant Workshop: Equipment & Facilities Improvement, 5:30 -7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for this free workshop.

*January 7 SMAC Grant Workshop: Equipment & Facilities Improvement, 5:30 -7:00 pm, Litchfield, venue to be determined. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for this free workshop.

*January 8 SMAC Artist Reception: Nan Karr, Kaufenberg, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music at the reception from 5:30-6:30 pm.

*January 9-11 Prairie Dance Alliance: "The Nutcracker", Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), Marshall. Friday 7:00 pm, Saturday 2:00 & 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Information at www.prairiedancealliance.org.

*January 10 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects, 9:00 am, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*January 15 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts in the Schools. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*January 18 Trio Voronezh, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Park Elementary School, Hutchinson. Trio Voronezh is a virtuosic Russian folk trio. Part of the Hutchinson Concert Association Concert Series. Information at www.hutchinsonarts.org/hutchinson-concert-association/.

*January 19 SMAC Grant Workshop: Individual Artists, 5:30-7:00 pm, Ortonville, venue to be determined. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for this free workshop.

*January 20 SMAC Grant Workshop: Individual Artists, 5:30-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for this free workshop.

*January 27 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

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**SMAC ARTS CALENDAR**

Do you or your organization have a performance, exhibit, class, or other arts event coming up? Go to www.swmnarts.org to use our event submission form or email us at info@swmnarts.org to submit your event to be posted on SMAC’s area arts events calendar online and in our newsletter. Or, mail a poster to SMAC, PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258. We’d love to hear what’s going on in your community!
GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Through December 19: Don Sherman. January 8—February 27, Nan Karr Kaufenberg. Reception January 8, 5:00-7:00 pm. Live music 5:30-6:30 pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.


Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. December: Festival of Trees. 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. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Gallery Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

*KK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. December: Violet Dauk, “Sunny Side Up.” Reception & Artist Talk December 5, 6:30-8:30 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4240 for information.


Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. Through December 29: Holiday Show, various artists. January 4-February 20: Nicolantonio Mucciaccia, photography. Reception January 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email chs@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.


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