SMAC seeks nominations for 2014 Prairie Star & Prairie Disciple awards

The SW MN Arts Council is seeking nominations of artists and arts advocates from the southwest Minnesota region for its 2014 Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple awards. Since the accomplishments these individuals are often not widely known or appreciated, SMAC hopes to raise the profile of the arts in our communities and throughout our region by recognizing them publicly.

The Prairie Star Award recognizes an artist whose body of work has made a significant contribution to the arts over an extended period of time and who has best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAC region. The work involved may have taken place within the past few years or be an accumulation of life-work.

The Prairie Disciple Award recognizes an individual whose activities and involvement have substantially contributed to the arts in southwest Minnesota. In 2014, SMAC is accepting nominations of teachers/educators only. Again, the activities involved may have taken place within the past few years or be a lifetime of contribution.

Nomination instructions and forms are available on the SW MN Arts Council website at www.swmarts.org. The nomination deadline for both awards is Monday, March 3, 2014.

Previous award recipients from the past several years are pictured here. Visit our website for a complete list of past recipients.

Counter-clockwise from top left: Past Prairie Star Award recipients: Malena Handeen, Milan, singer/songwriter; Bill Gossman, New London, potter; Robert Mattson, Willmar, visual artist; Robert Whitcomb, Marshall, composer; Daniel Rieppel, Cottonwood, pianist/conductor; Karen Jenson, Milan, rosemaler. Past Prairie Disciple Award recipients: Jerry Deuschle, Luverne; Tricia Mikle, Worthington; Nancy Geiger, Willmar; Ruth McKinney, Walnut Grove; Joe Paddock, Litchfield; Violet Risch, Appleton; Bob Whitney, New London; Carol Westberg, Montevideo.
UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

All 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.

February 1, 2014:
Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Small Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Small Equipment Purchase)

February 7, 2014:
Arts Organization Development/Equipment & Facilities Improvement
Earliest project start date: March 15, 2014

February 28, 2014:
Arts in the Schools, Round II
Earliest project start date: April 15, 2014

February 28, 2014:
Art Study Opportunity for Youth
Earliest project start date: April 15, 2014

March 1, 2014:
Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Small Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Small Equipment Purchase)

March 7, 2014:
Individual Artists, Round II
Earliest project start date: May 1, 2014

March 21, 2014:
Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round III
Earliest project start date: May 15, 2014

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Check our website, www.swmnarts.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 SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register.

Grant Workshop: Arts in the Schools & Art Study Opportunity for Youth

A grantwriting workshop on February 6, 2014 will address two grant programs, Arts in the Schools and Art Study Opportunity for Youth, which both have a February 28, 2014 deadline.

February 6, 2014
7:00—8:30 pm
Southwest Minnesota Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register for this free workshop.

Grant Workshop: Individual Artists

As we approach the March 7, 2014 application deadline for the second round of Individual Artists grants, SMAC has planned two grantwriting workshops:

February 10, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Hutchinson Center for the Arts
28 N Main St, Hutchinson

February 12, 2014
7:00—8:30 pm
Southwest Minnesota Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register for these free workshops.

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.

The SW MN Arts Council office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents’ Day.
McLean wins poetry prize

SMSU Professor of English Dr. Susan McLean of Marshall has won the 2014 Donald Justice Poetry Prize for her second poetry book manuscript, The Whetstone Misses the Knife.

The prize is given annually to one American poet for an unpublished book-length manuscript of formal poetry. The award includes publication of her book by Story Line Press in June 2014, a reading from the book at the West Chester University Poetry Conference in West Chester, Penn., in June 2014, free registration at the conference, and $1,000.

“Donald Justice is a poet who was known for writing poems in form, which is the kind I write, too,” said McLean. “He taught in a number of universities, and wound up in the creative writing program at the University of Iowa.”

McLean is on sabbatical this academic year and has been traveling as she researches and translates the work of Latin poet Catullus.

The Whetstone Misses the Knife is her second full-length book. Her first was The Best Disguise. “Mainly, the poems are in rhyme and meter. There are 60 poems, and a higher percentage of humorous poems in this book than in the last book,” she said.

McLean was able to enter the Donald Justice Poetry Prize contest with grant money obtained from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council (SMAC). Her grant was funded through the McKnight Foundation. —SMSU

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council board of directors has three new members as of January 1, 2014.

John White of Ortonville was appointed to serve as the Big Stone County representative, completing a term for Deb Larson of Ortonville. White is a photographer, retired journalist, and writer. He has served on many boards, including CURE, Chippewa County Historical Society, Entrepreneurial Assistance Network, Pioneer Public TV board, and the Upper MN Valley RDC’s tourism board, to name a few. His term runs through December 2014.

Joyce Meyer of Canby was elected as Lac qui Parle County representative, a position formerly held by Randy Meyer of Canby. Meyer is a photographer and retired art teacher, and has received two SMAC individual artist grants. She is also involved in the Canby Arts Council and the Gary Historical Association. Her term runs through December 2016.

Daniel Connolly of Renville was appointed to serve as the Renville County representative, completing a term for Tamara Isfeld of Granite Falls. Connolly is a band teacher for grades 5 through 12 at Renville County West. He has a BA in Instrumental Music from the University of Minnesota Morris, participates in plays and musicals as an actor and pit orchestra director, and is also a board member of the Renville Friends of the Arts. His term runs through December 2015.

In Memoriam: Colleen Frey

Colleen Frey died November 30, 2013 at her home near Milan, MN. Frey played with the band Queen Colleen and the Frey Daddies, and performed at the SMAC Annual Celebrations in 2006 and 2012. She was also active in the Milan Movers and the Milan Community Foundation. Frey did not want a funeral; she wanted a music party, which will be held Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm at the Hollywood Theater in downtown Montevideo. See calendar for details.
Avera Cancer Institute in Marshall requests proposals for artwork
Avera Marshall is in the process of building a new cancer institute in Marshall, MN, and is searching for appropriate artwork for the facility in prominent locations in the public lobby, chapel, waiting areas, and corridors. The facility is scheduled to open approximately December 2014.

Avera Marshall is open to all different artistic mediums; two-dimensional as well as three dimensional; teams of artists; photography; and outside sculpture. Given the effect that artwork can have on patients being served in this facility, the artwork should be realistic in design, evoking emotions of peace, comfort, hope and dignity. Specific themes identified by the Art Committee include Southwest Minnesota landscapes, heritage, healing, love, compassion, security, and hospitality.

A one-page, written statement of intent is due on or before February 11, 2014 and proposals are due March 14, 2014. An informational session for interested artists will be held on Tuesday, February 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Avera Marshall Cafeteria. A complete RFP is available on the SW MN Arts Council website at www.swmnarts.org/news-events/.

The 2014 MN Biennial series competition will be open to all Minnesota artists to offer the public a snapshot of the best art and craft being made throughout the state today. Exhibits will be at the Minnesota Museum of American Art Project Space in St Paul from May 29-July 27, 2014 and a limited selection at the Lanesboro Art Center from August 16 – October 12, 2014.

Digital submissions will be accepted from February 24 – April 4, 2014. The selections will be announced on April 23, 2014. Direct any questions, please contact Christina Chang, MMAA Curator of Engagement at cchang@mmaa.org.

Call for Art: Carnegie Cultural Center “Works on Paper”
The Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne is looking for submissions for their March 2014 open show, “Works on Paper.” Works can be of any medium on paper. Contact Jerry Deuschle at jkdeuschle@yahoo.com.

McKnight Composer Fellowship
The 2014 McKnight Composer Fellowship guidelines and application materials have been posted. These fellowships are given annually to four mid-career Minnesota composers. The award is $25,000 in unrestricted funds, plus the opportunity to spend up to one month of concentrated time working in an artist residency setting of the Fellow's choice.


Minnesota Film & TV is accepting proposals
Minnesota Film and TV is currently accepting proposals from Minnesota-based filmmakers with narrative features or long-form documentary works in progress (active pre-production or production—post has not commenced) that align with Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund priorities. $155,150 is available in reimbursement funds. Filmmakers may request up to 50% of their total budget, but must have 50% of the request available in verified funds at the time of application. Filmmakers selected to receive reimbursement must deliver 5 copies of the project rough cut by June 5, 2015. The complete Request for Proposals, application and guidelines are available at http://mnfilmtv.org/incentives/legacy-grants. The application deadline is April 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Read about more opportunities on the SW MN Arts Council website
- Artist Residency at Grand Marais Art Colony
- Call for Art: The Barn Theatre
- Franconia Sculpture Park Fellowship Program
- Jerome Foundation Travel & Study Grant Program for Dance, Film/Video, & Literature
- Minnesota Fringe Festival
Cogelow’s work featured in exhibit of contemporary sculpture

Four carvings by Fred Cogelow of Willmar will be featured in “Made in Minnesota,” an exhibition “surveying and celebrating the diverse practice” in the state’s contemporary sculpture at the University of Minnesota. The show will run January 21 through February 15, 2014 at the Katherine E. Nash Gallery in the Regis Center for Art, 405 21st Ave South on the West Bank Campus in Minneapolis. The show has been curated by Wayne Potratz, Professor of Sculpture and Gallery Director, Howard Oransky.

“As an anachronism made incarnate,” Cogelow says, “I deem it an honor to be perhaps the most traditional of the twenty-one sculptors included in the showing.” His selected works include three of the mezzo-relief portraits for which he is best known.

Gallery Hours are 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, with a panel and reception to be held on January 23, the panel running for one hour beginning at six followed by the public reception from 7:00 -9:00 pm. The gallery number is 612-624-7530. Parking is available in the 21st St. ramp.

SMAC Gallery Update

Nan Karr Kaufenberg of Redwood Falls was unable to exhibit her linoleum block prints in January and February 2014, so her show has been rescheduled for January-February 2015.

To fill in the gap, Bonnie VanMoorlehem of Minneota allowed us to extend the exhibit of her paintings (originally November—December 2013) through the end of January.

The SMAC Gallery will be empty during the month of February for repainting.

Our exhibit schedule will resume on March 6 with a reception from 5:00-7:00 pm for Eva Margaret of New London. Her exhibit of sculpture and paintings will run through May 2, 2014. The scheduled exhibits for the rest of the year are listed at right.

SMAC Memberships & Donations Received

November 25, 2013—January 24, 2014

Kristi & Brad Fernholz, Appleton • Linda & Terry Neugebauer, Bigelow • Ruth & Steve Ascher, Canby • Joan Olson, Canby • Debra & Bruce Swezey, Clinton • Greg & Anne Isaacson, Cottonwood • Dassel Area Historical Society • Tokheim Stoneware, Dawson • Peggy Crosby & David Pederson, Dawson • Larry & Deanna Burlingame, Gary, SD • Gene Stukel Photography, Granite Falls • Granite Arts Council, Granite Falls • Ginger Homme, Granite Falls • Vonnie Saquian, Granite Falls • Gary & Marcia Ellis, Hendricks • Barbara Olson, Hendricks • Hutchinson Theatre Company • Paul Jones & Lori Grote, Jackson • Ardy Palmer, Jackson • Meeker County Commission, Litchfield • Blue Mound Area Theatre, Luverne • Curt & Marilyn Bloemendaal, Luverne • Larry & Jane Lanphere, Luverne • Brian & Kristin Gruhot, Lynd • Dale Lien, Madison • Rallah Madison, Mankato • Song of the Prairie Chorus, Marshall • Dana Funk, Marshall • Marge Haaland, Marshall • Marilyn Leach, Marshall • Carol Purington, Marshall • Mary Jane Striegel, Marshall • Beth Weatherby, Marshall • Becky Wyffels, Marshall • Daren Gislason, Minneota • Gail Perrizo & Tom Guttormsson, Minneota • Karen & Craig Pfeifer, Worthington • Glen & Jackie Herfurth, Montevideo • Ruth Fairchild, New London • Robert Mattson, New London • Chuck & Pat Brown, Olivia • Big Stone County Commission, Ortonville • Pat Beyers, Pipestone • Delores Runge, Pipestone • Tim Krause & Robert Dell, Portland, OR • Redwood Falls Area School District • Bryan & Sue Nelson, Redwood Falls • Daniel Connolly, Renville • Raye McKim, Renville • Mary Jane Mardesen, Rushmore • Vy Welsand, Russell • Linda Wing, Slayton • Tyler Arts Council • Tina & Bill Richards, Walnut Grove • Cottonwood County Historical Society, Windom • Dennis Stelter, Wood Lake
March 27, 2014 is Minnesota Arts Advocacy Day

www.mncitizensforthearts.org/events/advocacyday/

FEBRUARY 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.

*February 1 SMAC Grant Deadline: Arts Legacy Project Planning & Small Grants. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

February 1 WinterFest Concert: Willson & McKee, 6:30 pm, Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium, Granite Falls. Ken Willson and Kim McKee are an internationally touring Celtic duo. For more info please email graniteareaarts@gmail.com or call 320-564-4240.

February 2 Theatreworks USA: "Teacher from the Black Lagoon & Other Story Books", 2:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Information at www.dawsonboydarts.org or 320-769-2955 ext 246.

*February 6 SMAC Grant Workshop: Arts in the Schools and Art Study Opportunity for Youth, 7:00-8:30 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register.


*February 7 SMAC Grant Deadline: Arts Organization Development Round II. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.


*February 9 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, 3:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Information at www.willmarorchestra.com/

*February 10 SMAC Grant Workshop: Individual Artists, 7:00-8:30 5:30—7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register.

February 10 Poetry Reading: Saara Myrene Raappana and R. Elena Prieto. Noon at the Marshall-Lyon County Library and 7:00 pm at SMSU, Charter Hall 201, Marshall.

*February 12 SMAC Grant Workshop: Individual Artists, 7:00-8:30 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register.

*February 13 PrairieMusic Series: Carrie Henneman Shaw, 7:30 pm, Campus Religious Center, SW MN State University, Marshall. Soprano Shaw performs “Songs of Love and Loss” by Minneapolis composers, accompanied by Daniel Rieppel on piano.


February 14-16 & 21-23 Calumet Players: "An Evening of Shorts: Six One-Act Plays", Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Information at www.pipestoneminnesotacom/performingartscenter or 507-825-2020.

*February 15 Bill & Kate Isles, 7:30 pm, Carson Meeting House, 49521 Cty Rd. 3, Delft. Part of Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association’s concert series. For more information, go to www.mnirv.com/windfolk.html or contact Bruce Boldt at (507) 831-3560 or bboldt@mindspring.com.

February 17 SMAC Office Closed.

February 19-23 "Dead Man's Cell Phone", Fine Arts Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Wed-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2:00 pm. In this dark comedy, Jean’s life is changed forever when she discovers that, at the next cafe table, the owner of an incessantly ringing cell phone is dead. Dinner theatre on February 22. Info at www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts/.
February 21 TU Dance, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Information at www.dawsonboydarts.org or 320-769-2955 ext 246.

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*February 22 SMAC Board Retreat, 9:00 am, Marshall Area YMCA, 200 S A St, Marshall.

*February 28 SMAC Grant Deadline: Art Study Opportunity for Youth. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*February 28 SMAC Grant Deadline: Arts in the Schools Round II. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.


GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. February: Gallery empty for repainting. March 6 - May 2: Eva Margaret. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

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


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

Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. 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. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.


KK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. December: Gene Stukel, landscape photography. Reception December 6, 7:00-9:00 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4039 for information.


Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. February: Permanent collection. 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 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.


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