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happy new year!

~ January – February 2007 ~

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR ANNUAL EVENT ONE TO REMEMBER!

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our annual celebration and fundraiser this year on October 28th in Montevideo! It was an excellent evening which included wonderful music, great costumes, silent auction bidding, and of course, good company! We look forward every year to hosting this event, not only as a way to raise much needed funds for SMAHC, but also as an excuse to catch up with our constituents, fellow arts advocates, artists, and friends. We were honored to have both our 2006 Prairie Disciple Carol Westberg and our 2006 Prairie Star Karen Jenson in attendance this year to accept their awards. And we would like to send out a special thank you to the musicians who performed for our event including: *The Montevideo High School Jazz Band*, *Ross Anderson and Pete Lothringer*, and *The Shoes*. Thank you also to all who purchased items at the silent auction. We made a total of \$5084 during this year's fundraiser. SMAHC is truly a grass roots organization and this community support is essential to us continuing our mission of supporting and promoting the arts in Southwest Minnesota. Each member, volunteer and attendee is important to us, so thank you one and all! We hope you will be able to join us next year as we aim to keep making this event bigger and better. So don't hesitate to let everyone know that this is a party you don't want to miss; and we have the pictures to prove it!



top: Patrick Moore and Prairie Star Karen Jenson



left: Some of the Dawson crew
bottom left: Audrey Arner with face painting by Karen Jenson

bottom right: Dan Fondell and SMAHC director Greta Murray



Above: The crew from New London

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News

SMAHC AWARDS \$9333 in ARTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES GRANTS

The SMAHC staff, board of directors, and panelists would like to congratulate the following recipients of this round of SMAHC/McKnight Arts in Education & Communities Grants. We look forward to seeing the impact of these projects on our communities! The most recent grant award recipients in the McKnight/SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities program are:

- **Lakeview School District #2167, Cottonwood**, in the amount of \$2000.00 for a *Florence Dacey Creative Writing Residency*.
- **Windom Area Chordhustler Chorus, Windom area** in the amount of \$1,102.00 for their *Youth in Harmony* event.
- **Willmar Public Schools**, in the amount of \$2500.00 for a *Larry Swenson and Ruben Flores Residency*.
- **Prairie Arts Council, Lester Prairie**, in the amount of \$1713.00 for a *Linda Moraal Ceramic Residency*.
- **Yellow Medicine East Schools, Granite Falls**, in the amount of \$2018.00 for an artist residency by *Florence Dacey and Fern Cloud*.

The next grant application deadline for Arts in Education & Communities is **April 2, 2007** for projects beginning after June 1, 2007. **Schools and organizations planning Summer or Fall 2007 projects should apply at this deadline.**

More Annual Celebration Photos...



bottom left: Cat Abbott, SMAHC assistant
bottom center: Michon and David Weeks
top right: Ann Scheltens-Gunter and Julie Scheltens
bottom right: Kristi Link Fernholz and Gene Tokheim

SMAHC Welcomes Two New Board Members

Diane Sartell of Tyler was elected to represent Lincoln County. Sartell currently serves as a SMAHC grant review panelist and is also on the board of the Tyler Arts Council. She formerly served as chair of the Grand Marais Little Theatre Board. Diane is a pianist and studied at the McPhail Center for Performing Arts.

Cathy Peterson of Windom was appointed to represent Cottonwood County. Cathy is the director of the Windom Community Education and served as the co-chair of the Cottonwood County Cultural Diversity Committee and the Annual Riverfest Committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for volunteering their time. We look forward to working with them to promote the arts in Southwest Minnesota!

We are currently seeking individuals interested in representing Jackson, Renville and Rock Counties on our SMAHC Board of directors. Please contact us.



Gallery Listings / January Calendar

Gallery Listings

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

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), Computer media artwork by emerging artist **Kim Henspeter** Jan. 2–Feb. 3, **Paintings and Pottery** by **Coleen Behm** Feb. 6–Mar. 10 at 109 N. 3rd St., **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm

The ETC Coffee Shop Gallery; Handcrafted articles during January (some for sale) **Scandinavian Art** including paintings, and various folk hand works during February. Sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of Tracy. M-F 6:30am-5:00pm and Sat. 7:30-4:00pm, 507-629-3114

Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 SW 5th St., **Willmar**, 320-231-8560

Buffalo Fish Fine Art Gallery, 776 Business Hwy 71 North, **Willmar**. <http://www.buffalofishfineart.com>

The Barn Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**, 320.235.9500, www.thebarntheatre.com

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**; Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Contact: (507) 831-1134

Java River Café in Montevideo hosts a new art exhibit every month. They also provide a venue for musicians, poets, and performers; 210 S. 1st Street, **Montevideo**; Visit their website to read more about their exhibits and live musical performances. www.javarivercafe.com

Crow River Arts Gallery, at the Hutchinson Mall on Highway 15, **Hutchinson**; Gallery hours are from noon to 3 PM, Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Call 320-587-0899 for more information or go to www.crowriverarts.org

January Calendar

January 5-7 The Nutcracker Ballet - performed by Prairie Dance Alliance, 7:30pm on Fri. and Sat. and 2:00pm on Sunday at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts at the Marshall High School, **Marshall**. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 children. Tickets available at MAFAC, 507-532-5463, mafac@starpoint.net

January 6 SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities and Individual Artist Study Opportunities Panel Meeting at 9:AM at the SMAHC office in **Marshall**.

January 7 Celebration in Song - featuring vocal, choir, and instrumental performers at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in **Tracy**. Sponsored by Fine Arts Council of Tracy, \$5 admission. 507-629-3114

January 11 Late Night Catechism, part of the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center Concert Series at Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St., **Worthington**. Admission \$16 advance, \$18 at door, \$8 18 & under 507-376-9101.

January 13 The Callen Family of Music at the Appleton '52 Wing, **Appleton**, MN; 7:00 PM Tickets are \$5.00 at the door only. For more information, please call 320-289-2491.

January 14 Music for a Winter's Afternoon, the Willmar Area Symphony Orchestra at the Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), **Willmar**. 3:00 PM, Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students and \$5.00 for children; For more information, contact Whitney Music at 320-214-9433.

January 20 East of Westerville, musical group performance at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, downtown **Pipestone**. Call 507-825-5537 or dhan-sen110@mchsi.com

January 20 Chuck Suchy, folksinger, songwriter, farmer, and performer, 7:30pm, sponsored by the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St., **Dawson**. Admission \$10 adult, \$4 student. 320-769-2955 ext.246

January 22 SMAHC Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at the SMAHC Office in **Marshall**

January 26 I Have A Dream Student Series Matinee at the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM; For more information, email: showtimenow@frontiernet.net

January 26-28 Beginning Norwegian Knife Making taught by Gene Tokheim; Registratiion by January 10; Tuition, \$120. Supplies, \$60; Milan Village Arts School, **Milan**; Contact Gene Tokheim at 320-769-2142; Email address for MVAS is mvas@fedteldirect.net

January 29 & 30 Auditions for Cinderella, a SMSU mainstage production. 15 men and 15 women will be cast. 6-9pm in the Fine Arts Theatre, 1501 State St., in **Marshall**. 507-537-7103.



We're Looking for Ideas!

Our Spring Conference is coming! We want your ideas on what topics you would like to see presented. We are also looking for organizations that would like to host the conference. If you are interested in hosting the conference at your facility or a facility in your area, please let us know here at SMAHC. Email us at smahcinfo@iw.net or call 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.

February Calendar

February 2-4 and 9-11 *Advanced Norwegian Knife Making*, taught by Gene Tokheim; Tuition \$220.00. Supplies \$90; Milan Village Arts School, **Milan**; Contact Gene Tokheim at 320-769-2142; Email address: mvas@fedteldirect.net; Website: www.milanvillageartsschool.org

February 2-4 and 9-11 *Make a Trestle*: Introduction to Timber Framing class taught by Dale Pederson sponsored by the Milan Village Arts School, **Milan**; Location: Stony Run Woods, Granite Falls; Tuition \$150. Supplies \$80; Contact Dale Pederson at 320-564-3799 to Register by January 15; Email address: mvas@fedteldirect.net; Website: www.milanvillageartsschool.org

February 4 *Minneota Community Jazz Band, directed by John Voit* - sponsored by Fine Arts Council of Tracy, 7:30pm at Shetek Bend in **Tracy**. Admission \$6, hors d'oeuvres will be served. 507-629-3114

February 8-10 *Oklahoma*, the Worthington High School Musical performing at the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; Tickets are available at the door. For more information, email fota@frontiernet.net

February 8-11 *Once Upon a Mattress*, 7:00pm Thurs-Sat and Sunday 2:30pm matinee at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**. 320-235-9500, www.thebarntheatre.com

February 9-11 *"I DO, I DO"* presented by the Calumet Players; Friday and Saturday - 7:30 PM
Sunday afternoon - 2:00 PM; Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**, MN; Ticket Prices for Adult are \$10; Check with the Box Office for Student Prices; Box Office: 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787 - 10 AM to 5 PM, Mon.-Sat; Email: dennishansen@mchsi.com;
Website: <http://www.pipestoneminnesota.com/cwd/cp/CPlayers.html>

February 15 *Gordy Pratt*, musical comedy guitarist, 7:30pm, sponsored by the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St., **Dawson**. 320-769-2955 ext.246

February 15-18 *Once Upon a Mattress*, 7:00pm Thurs-Sat and Sunday 2:30pm matinee at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. 320-235-9500, www.thebarntheatre.com

February 16-17 *SMSU Theatre Reading of Fences*, a drama by August Wilson. Fine Arts Theatre, 1501 State St., in **Marshall**. 507-537-7103 for more information.

February 17-18 *Silver Jewelry Class*: Introduction to Precious Metal Clay at the Milan Village Arts School, **Milan**; with Instructor Kim Bakken-Parr; 9 AM - 12 PM; Students will design and create a pair of earrings or pendant and incorporate a stone setting into the design. Tuition \$80.

February 19-23 (a 5 day course) or February 24- 25 (an introductory course), *Wood Turning Class*: Spindle and Bowl Turning in the Scandinavian Tradition with Phil Holtan at Milan Village Arts School, **Milan**; 5-day course; Tuition \$275. Supplies \$25-\$75 depending on supplies used; 2-day course. Tuition \$120. Supplies \$25-\$50 depending on supplies used. Contact Information-Telephone: 320-734-4807; Email address for MVAS: mvas@fedteldirect.net; Website: www.milanvillageartsschool.org (See Website for class description).

February 22-24 *Once Upon a Mattress*, 7:00pm Thurs-Sat and Sunday 2:30pm matinee at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**. 320-235-9500, www.thebarntheatre.com

February 25 *The Blackwood Gospel Singers* at the Appleton '52 Wing, **Appleton**, MN; 7:30 PM Tickets are \$15.00 reserved seating (best seats) & \$15 at the door. For more information, please call 320-289-2491.

What's Happening?...Get it in VOICES

...in the arts and/or humanities in your area that you would like to publicize?
Submit upcoming events for the March/April VOICES by **February 14, 2006**

Date(s): _____ Times: _____
Sponsoring Organization(s): _____
Name of Event: _____ Admission: _____
Location: _____ City: _____
Contact person for inquiries: _____ Phone: _____
Name of person completing this form: _____
Phone & e-mail address: _____
Brief Description of Event: _____

You can also submit events on-line through our website: www.smahc.org/calendar.htm

SMAHC SURVEY

Help us with our planning! Please fill out the short survey below and return it to SMAHC right away. We'd really like to have this information back by January 16 so we can share it with the SMAHC board at their January 22nd meeting.

Please note that this survey is also available on the SMAHC website if you prefer to complete it in that manner. Simply fill out the survey and click on the Submit button. The SMAHC website address is www.smahc.org. Click on the **SMAHC Survey** link on the homepage.

1) How would you describe your relationship to the Southwest Arts and Humanities Council? (Check all that apply.)

- Individual artist
- Director or board member of an arts organization
- Active participant in an arts organization
- Arts educator
- Resident of the SMAHC service area
- SMAHC member
- Other (*use the space below*)

2) Please rate the following SMAHC activities in terms of how much they contribute to the growth and development of the arts and humanities in southwest Minnesota? ("1" represents the lowest level of contribution and "5" the highest level.)

- ___ Grants to individual artists
- ___ Grants to arts organizations
- ___ Grants to schools
- ___ Organizational help (technical assistance) for artists, organizations and schools
- ___ Conferences/workshops on topics of interest
- ___ SMAHC website
- ___ SMAHC newsletter
- ___ Advocacy
- ___ Other (*use the space below*)

3) Now, please tell us how effectively you feel SMAHC implements each of these activities. ("1" represents the least effective implementation and "5" represents the most effective implementation.)

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- ___ Advocacy
- ___ Other (*use the space below*)

4) As SMAHC plans for the next two to three years, what new programs or services should it consider providing?

5) What programs or services should it consider discontinuing?

6) Is there any other input you'd like to give us at this time?

Thank you for completing this survey. On the reverse side of this form is the SMAHC mailing address. Please fold this sheet on the dotted lines on the reverse side to create the mailer. You will need to use a piece of tape to seal the form. Don't forget to add a postage stamp.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to help us in the planning of the our services for the next 2 years.

SMAHC Staff and Board

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Opportunities

3rd Annual Creative Writing Contest for students in grades 3-12. The theme is Creating Spaces: Rural Environment. The categories include fiction, poetry and non-fiction; The submission deadline is February 20, 2007; Contact Information: Andrea Anderson - 507-537-2257 or Sue Gorecki - 507-537-2258; Email: sue.gorecki@swsc.org

MNArtists.org is an online database of Minnesota artists and organizations from all disciplines. It offers Minnesota-based artists free space on the Web to post their work. <http://mnartists.org/>

Springboard For The Arts is a non-profit artist service organization. Their mission is to provide affordable management information, consulting and training services designed to improve the business competence and confidence of independent artists and cultural organizations in the Upper Midwest. Check them out at : www.springboardforthearts.org/Workshops/Workshop.asp or call 651-292-4381.

Milan Village Arts School Classes in Milan, MN - For a brochure call 320.734.4807 or email mvas@fedteldirect.net

Classes upcoming in January and February: Watercolor Wednesdays. Beginning Norwegian Knife Making, Figure Drawing at Milan Village Arts School with Malena Handee, Advanced Norwegian Knife Making, Make a Trestle: Introduction to Timber Framing, Silver Jewelry Class. Check their website for more information: <http://www.milanvillageartsschool.org>

Attention Writers! The Loft Literary Center lists opportunities for writers at www.loft.org.

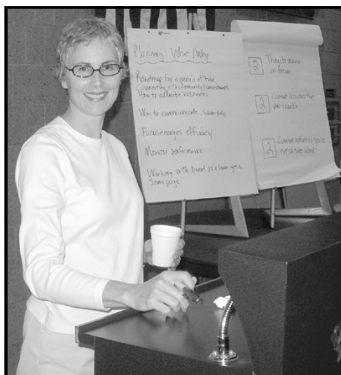
The Flower Shop Project is a Twin Cities based theatre company. They are looking for new seedlings to cultivate in their greenhouse. If you are playwright and have a script, submit it for consideration to become a full theatrical production. If interested, read more at <http://theflowershopproject.com/cms>

The Minnesota State Arts Board maintains a database for visual artists who want to locate new venues in which to exhibit and sell their work, and for art patrons and collectors who are interested in viewing or purchasing art in Minnesota. The database is available at www.mnarts.us/exhibit.cfm.

Advocate for the Arts

Be sure to contact your legislators and let them know how important the arts are to you and your community. This is a budget year and your legislators need to know how you feel about arts funding.

Arts Advocacy Day at the Capitol will be held in early March and it's always great to get as many SMAHC region advocates to the Capitol as possible, but it's even more important to talk to your elected officials throughout the year. We will post the date for Arts Advocacy Day on our website as soon as it's scheduled.



Andrea Fox Jensen

McKnight Funds SMAHC Strategic Planning

The McKnight Foundation has awarded SMAHC a grant to conduct strategic planning. We are excited to be working with **Andrea Fox Jensen** of Litchfield who will help guide us through this process. The SMAHC board will be drafting a two-year plan for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Please help us out by filling out and returning the survey in this issue of Voices – or go to www.smahc.org and fill it out on-line.

Now is the time to really make an impact on the direction of SMAHC. Have ideas for programs we should have? Programs that need to be changed or dropped altogether? A new way of doing business entirely?

Let us know what you think. We really do value your input.



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Board members are needed for Jackson and Rock Counties. Please consider serving on the SMAHC board. If interested, call Greta.

2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Big Stone.....Brent Olson	Lincoln..... Diane Sartell	Redwood..... Ramona Larson
Chippewa.....Nancy Strand	Lyon..... Linda Grong	Renville..... Chuck Brown
Cottonwood..... Cathy Peterson	McLeod.....Kurt Schulz	Rock..... open
Jackson..... open	Meeker..... Danielle Rodgers	Swift.....Pat Krebs
Kandiyohi..... Louise Mack	Murray..... Chad Felton	Yellow Medicine..... Tamara Isfeld
Lac qui Parle..... Luanne Fondell	Nobles.....Margaret Hurlbut Vosburgh	At Large..... Ruth Ascher
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STAFF

Executive Director..... Greta Murray **Administrative Assistant**...Charles Carrera **Office Assistant**.....Cat Abbott

New & Renewing Members - October 21—December 18

Pat and Richard Krebs, Appleton
Atwater State Bank, Robert Meyerson,
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Cat Abbott & Mike Meier, Balaton
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Lac qui Parle Study Club, Madison
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Mountain Lake
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Vy Welsand, Russell
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Elvera Bisbee, Tracy
Jeanne & Keith Stanton, Tracy
Peggy Southwick, Slayton
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McKinney, Walnut Grove
Patrick Gunter & Ann Scheltens-Gunter,
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Cathy Peterson, Windom
Cheryl Hanson, Windom
Mark & Kathryn Nemitz, Windom

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

Don't forget about these
upcoming SMAHC Deadlines

ART PROJECT AND LOCAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
ROUND 2 Earliest project start date:
April 15, 2007
Application Deadline:
February 1, 2007
Apply now for summer & fall projects

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST DEVELOPMENT & CAREER GRANTS:
Earliest project start date: May 1, 2007
Application Deadline:
March 1, 2007

Draft applications are a good idea!

SMAHC Membership Form

Join SMAHC today! This is really the best time to become partners in developing the arts in southwest Minnesota. Your membership is tax-deductible. Call 800-622-5284 or mail your annual membership to **SMAHC, 1210 East College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall, MN 56258.**

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____
County _____

LEVELS OF PARTNERSHIPS:	\$500.00 + Benefactor	\$99.00 - \$50.00 Supporter
	\$499.00 - \$250.00 Patron	\$49.00 - \$ 25.00 Contributor
	\$249.00 - \$100.00 Sustainer	Business & Organizational memberships starting at \$50.00

Thank You!