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SMAHC Welcomes Four New Board Members

The Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council announces the appointment of 4 new board members. **Roberta Trooien** will represent Lincoln County, **Barbara Jean Kay** will represent Meeker County, **Jerry Ostensoe** will represent Renville County and **Deborah Meyer** will represent Lac qui Parle County.

Roberta Trooien is a recently retired teacher of composition and literature in higher education and also has been very active in the arts as a performer, fundraiser, promoter, and advocate. She returned full time to the Hendricks area upon retiring and has been involved in several musical ventures. She plays bass and mandolin in the family bluegrass band, Genus, and sings in an a cappella vocal quartet, The Neighbors. She has also directed children's and high school church choirs and has served as church organist. She looks forward to gaining a better knowledge of what is going on in the arts in her area and in turn helping to promote these events. We welcome Roberta to the SMAHC Board.

Barbara Jean Kay is a retired music teacher having taught music for 30 years at the elementary, middle and high school levels. She has also been involved in the visual arts being the chairman of the district arts department and judge at the high school art show with various mediums. She is the recipient of a scholarship to attend the Minnesota Humanities Center for a week long workshop studying the Byzantium culture, literature and fine arts. She has been involved in theater and has acted in plays for the local Historical Center. And she has participated in the Dassel Leikerring (a Norwegian folk dance group) for several years. We look forward to using her experience on the SMAHC Board in the days ahead.

Jerry Ostensoe is a name that many people will recognize in Southwest Minnesota. Jerry is a long time songwriter and performing musician. His country blues and jazzy ballads have entertained audiences throughout Southwest Minnesota. Jerry has been associated with SMAHC over the years as a grant review panelist. He has also been a recipient of a SMAHC Individual Artist Career Grant. Jerry's goal as a SMAHC Board Member is to continue SMAHC's advocacy for regional artists and to give back to the area and SMAHC. Welcome to the board.

Deborah Meyer has been an advocate for the arts in Madison and Southwest Minnesota for many years. She has a strong interest in the arts community as an organizer and participant. She is on the board of the Lac qui Parle Players. She is also a choir member. She would like to see the arts continue to be an important part in the communities of SW Minnesota. She will be a great asset to SMAHC – welcome to the board of directors.

Read about our retiring SMAHC Board Members on Page 2.

Minnesota Orchestra Coming to SW Minnesota

JCC Performing Arts Center, Jackson
February 21, 2008

Schwan Community Center for the
Performing Arts, Marshall
February 22, 2008.

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THE MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA IS COMING TO SW MINNESOTA

The **Minnesota Orchestra** gave their first concert on November 5, 1903. They have in the next 104 years performed concerts throughout Minnesota, across the United States, in Canada, Australia, Europe, the Far East, Latin America, and the Middle East. They have achieved distinction as a world class orchestra. The orchestra is made up of 98 members who perform about 200 concerts a year. The musical director of the Minnesota Orchestra is Osmo Vänskä. Director Vänskä, a renowned conductor from Finland, has been praised for his intense and dynamic performances. He has developed a warm rapport with the members of the orchestra as he continues the distinction of leading one of America's best symphonic ensembles.

The Minnesota Orchestra which changed its name from the Minneapolis Orchestra in 1968, has been known for their excellent recordings and live broadcasts over Minnesota Public Radio. They were actually one of the first orchestras to be heard on recordings in the early 1920s. One of their most legendary recordings was the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky in which the Yale University's Harkness Carillon was used along with a French single muzzleloading cannon shot (dubbed in 16 times). In honor of its centennial season in 2003, the Minnesota Orchestra released *Minnesota Orchestra at One Hundred: A Collection of Recordings and Broadcasts*, an acclaimed 12-CD set featuring recordings and broadcasts dating from between 1924-2003.

Don't miss the chance to hear this magnificent orchestra in Southwest Minnesota. They will be performing at the **JCC Performing Arts Center in Jackson** on February 21, 2008. Ticket information is available at: www.jccschools.com (click on the Community Education link). They will also be performing at the **Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts in Marshall** on February 22, 2008. Ticket information is available from the MAFAC website: www.mafac.net. These concerts are made possible in part by a grant from SMAHC with funds appropriated by the State Legislature.

Retiring SMAHC Board Members

SMAHC bids a fond farewell to 3 board members who will be retiring at the end of December. **Luanne Fondell** has been on the SMAHC board for 8½ years representing Lac qui Parle County. She was elected in June, 1999 to a partial term and then re-elected to two consecutive 3-year terms. Luanne has served as president of the board twice during her tenure. Her expertise and leadership will be missed at SMAHC. She will continue her duties as the Performing Arts Director of the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association.



Chuck Brown has served on the SMAHC board for four years representing Renville County. Chuck has served on the Executive Committee as well as several other committees during his tenure as a board member. Prior to his coming to the board, he served as a panelist on the Individual Artist Grant Review Panel. Chuck is a writer having published numerous short stories and his first novel, *Barn Dance*. He will continue to pursue his writing and he continues his work on the Olivia City Council. He has been a great asset to the SMAHC board.



Danielle Rodgers has served a 3 year term representing Meeker County. Danielle brought much expertise to the SMAHC board through her extensive experience as a board member of many nonprofit organizations. She has in the past been an art teacher and today works for Brodin Studios in Litchfield. Her love and passion for the arts will be missed here at SMAHC.



We thank them for their dedicated service to SMAHC and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Amendment for the Arts

The **Outdoors and Cultural Heritage Amendment** will once again be considered when the Minnesota State Legislature meets in early 2008. This legislation will allow Minnesota voters to decide on an amendment to our state constitution which will dedicate 3/8 of 1% of the state sales tax to be used for game & fish, trails & parks, waters and **arts & arts access**.

The amendment would generate about \$291 million a year for 25 years. 19.75% of this new revenue will be used for arts, arts education, arts access and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

You can read more about the amendment at the MCA (Minnesota Citizens for the Arts) website: mncitizensforthearts.org. MCA also has an easy link for contacting your legislators.

Please consider joining other arts advocates at the annual Arts Advocacy Day at the capital on February 14th.





Pipestone Performing Arts Center

The Pipestone Performing Arts Center has been a center for the arts for 15 years in the town of Pipestone in Southwest Minnesota. They are the home of the Opland Singers, The Calumet Players, The Calumet Children's Theater, The Presenter Series of concerts, art shows and lectures, and various other meetings and get-togethers. The mission of the PPAC is to provide facilities, leadership, and encouragement of the arts through education, advancement, and presentation of a wide range of activities contributing to the enrichment of cultural life for the benefit of all in their community. They are managed by a volunteer board of directors and the managing director, Dennis Hansen.

When the task force first met in 1992, the thought was to create a new space in the community for presentations and productions. The Opland Singers needed a home base for their shows. Community theater had been tried over the years, never finding an adequate space. A presenter series was added to fill in the programming and this was the beginning of the new Pipestone Performing Arts Center.

Since that first season, the Opland Singers has produced 2 shows per year, one in the spring and one at Christmas. The Calumet Players have three productions annually. And the Calumet Player's Children's Theater is an active group with 2 productions per year. In September, 1999, Main Street Jamboree made its debut. It is their version of the popular "Prairie Home Companion". It is broadcast on KLOH Radio Sundays from 4 to 6 pm and showcases national, regional and local country and folk artists. It started broadcasting bi-monthly and now airs two or three times a year.

Several other groups have been added to the schedule of events including the Sagio Club Art Show, and the 4-H Fashion Review and Fun Fest.

Many other concerts and events have come to PPAC over the years including the Lake Wobegon Brass Band, Dino, the Ink Spots, Steel Magnolias, the Minnesota Orchestra, and many, many more.

This year is no different. There is a wonderful lineup of concerts and events the remainder of this season. You can find out what is playing at the PPAC by visiting their website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter. Visit their site and take in a concert!

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Scenes from
Crossing
Delancey

Your Input Needed at Perpich Center for Arts Education Strategic Planning Meeting in Marshall

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is undergoing its first comprehensive strategic reevaluation since its creation in the mid-1980s. This complex reexamination of the Center's mission, range, programs, partnerships and collaborations, is inviting comment at meetings across Minnesota. The Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council is hosting one of these meetings on Thursday, February 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Center, 109 Third Street, in Marshall. A light supper will be provided.

Consultants working with the Perpich Center are consolidating input from hundreds of individuals and groups who interact with the Center's professional development programs, Arts High School, campus facilities, and Library and Resource Center.

If you are a parent of an art student (attending the Perpich Center's Arts High School or elsewhere), a teacher of the arts, or just a citizen interested in promoting and expanding the reach of the arts in our society, you are invited to this session. You may also contact the Perpich Center for information on planning sessions still to be held in the east and west metro areas of the Twin Cities. To RSVP for the meeting or for more information, contact Steve Greenberg at 1-800-657-3515 or Steve.Greenberg@pcae.k12.mn.us.

Arts Advocacy Day 2008

Come to the State Capital
with the SMAHC group on
February 14, 2008.

Everyone is welcome
to join us.

Call SMAHC to register,
800-622-5284.

Or visit www.smahc.org
for more information

GALLERY LISTINGS

Nobles County Art Center: January 1-31, Paintings by Cat Abbott; Artist reception, January 6, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; 407 12th St., **Worthington**. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 2:00 to 4:30 PM; For more information, call 507-372-8245.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), Sara Runholt Photography: Dec. 4- Jan. 12th; Bonnie VanMoorlehem, Jan. 15 - Feb. 23; 109 N. 3rd St., **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. www.mafac.net

The ETC Coffee Shop Gallery: Sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of **Tracy**, 189 3rd Street. M-F 6:30am-5:00pm and Sat. 7:30-4:00pm, 507-629-3114

Java River Cafe in Montevideo hosts a new art exhibit every month. 210 S. 1st Street, **Montevideo**; Visit their website to read more about their exhibits and live musical performances. www.javarivercafe.com

The WEAC Gallery - Willmar Education and Arts Center is located at 611 Fifth Street SW, **Willmar**. For more information, Call (320) 231-8560.

Tokheim Stoneware Tokheim Stoneware has created wheel-thrown stoneware pottery and sculpture since 1973. 2057 361st Avenue, **Dawson**; visit their website at www.tokheim-stoneware.com/

Clay Coyote Pottery Normal gallery hours are Monday through Saturday 10-5 and Sundays noon to 4, 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**; for more information, email: Betsy or Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net; Website Address: www.claycoyote.com

Rob Rakow Photography Exhibit through the month of February at the Citizen's State Bank, 111 N. Tyler Street, **Tyler**. Sponsored by the Tyler Arts Council.

JANUARY

January 2 Deadline for SMAHC Challenge Grants

Read more about the Challenge Grants at www.smahc.org. For more information, email smahcinfo@iw.net

January 6 Cat Abbott opening reception at the Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St., **Worthington**; The opening reception is from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; The exhibition will be up through January 31. For more information, call 507-372-8245 .

January 6 Celebration in Song at St. Mary's Catholic Church, **Tracy**; sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of Tracy (FACT), 2:30 PM; This annual concert features choirs, groups, solos in vocal and instrumental music. The participants are from the surrounding area. Call (507) 629-3114 for more information.

January 8 Free Grant Writing Workshop for Art Projects and Local Arts Development Grants held at the SMAHC Offices in **Marshall**; 4-6 PM; Read more about these grant opportunities at www.smahc.org. For more information or to register for the grant workshop,

email smahcinfo@iw.net

January 9 Free Grant Writing Workshop for Individual Artists held at the SMAHC Offices in **Marshall**; 4-6 PM; Read more about these grant opportunities at www.smahc.org. For more information or to register for the grant workshop, email smahcinfo@iw.net

January 19 Tracy Reads at the ETC Coffee Shop, **Tracy**; sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of **Tracy** (FACT) 6:30 PM; Curt Paulsen and Karla Emerson have donated 60 books, *The Kite Runner*. The book may be picked up at the Tracy Library. You read the book and come to the ETC on January 19th to discuss it. Coffee and dessert will be served. The book is yours to keep at no cost. Call (507) 629-3114 for more information.

January 19 The Bumble Bees, Blue Grass + Folk + Jazz at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main Street, **Pipestone**; 8:00 PM; For ticket information, visit the PPAC website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter or call the Meadowlark Shop/Box Office at 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787

January 19 David Stoddard presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association at the Business Arts & Recreation Center, 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:30 PM; For more information and tickets, call (507) 831-3560; Website: www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html

January 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17 Swing Dance Lessons Tracy Dance Studio, downtown **Tracy**; sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of Tracy (FACT); 4:00 PM. Call (507) 629-3114 for more information.

January 26 Wild Goose Chase Cloggers & Yard Buzzards String Band at the Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; 7:30 PM; Visit the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association web site for more information: www.dawsonboydarts.org or call (320) 769-2955 Ext. 246

January 27 The South Dakota Symphony Chamber Orchestra, 2:00 PM, at the Historic Palace Theatre, 104 E. Main Street, **Luverne**; Call 507-283-8541 for more information

January 28, SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC offices, 1210 E. College Drive, **Marshall**; 7:00 PM; for more information, email smahcinfo@iw.net

January 28 & 29 SMSU Theatre Auditions for "Six Pack." 29 in the Fine Arts Theatre. Open auditions to the community; prepared monologues are not necessary. For more information, call Diana Holmes at (507) 537-7103

FEBRUARY

February 1, Deadline for Art Projects and Local Arts Development Grants Read more about these grants at www.smahc.org. For more information, email smahcinfo@iw.net

February 2 All-State Dance Education Summit Calling all dance educators and teaching artists! Join us for the Fifth Annual All-State Dance Education Summit on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Perpich

Center for Arts Education, **Golden Valley**. For more information, contact Derek Phillips at 763.591.7803 or email derek.phillips@pcae.k12.mn.us

February 7 Perpich Center for Arts Education comprehensive strategic reevaluation session at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Center, 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall; 5:30 - 7:30 PM. A light supper will be provided. Read more about this session on page 3 of this newsletter.

February 12 Grant Writing Workshop for Arts & Learning and Artists Study Opportunity grants held at the SMAHC Offices in **Marshall**; Read more about these opportunities at www.smahc.org. For more information or to register for the grant workshop, email smahcinfo@iw.net

February 14-17 & 21-24 Dearly Departed at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th Street SW, **Willmar**; Thurs-Sat, 7:30 PM, Sunday matinees at 2:30 PM; for tickets or information, call (320) 235-9500 or visit www.thebarntheatre.com

February 16 Joel Rafael presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association at the Business Arts & Recreation Center, 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:30 PM; For more information and tickets, call (507) 831-3560; Website: www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html

February 21 Minnesota Orchestra will perform at the JCC Performing Arts Center in **Jackson**. Reserved tickets are now available. Tickets are available by visiting www.jccschools.com and clicking on the Community Education link. Print out an order form and mail it to: Paul Grupe at the JCC Schools

February 21-23, 29 and March 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 2nd at 2 p.m. SMSU Theatre "Sky Girls" by Jenny Laird. A historical drama about six female aviators in World War II. Dinner Theatre is available. For tickets or more information, call Diana Holmes at (507) 537-7103.

February 22 Minnesota Orchestra sponsored by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council will perform at the Schwan

Community Center for the Performing Arts in **Marshall**. Tickets available by calling (507) 532-5463; Visit the MAFAC website for more information - www.mafac.net

February 23 Rusty Evans and Ring of Fire - A Tribute to Johnny Cash at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; 7:30 PM; Visit the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association; visit www.dawsonboydart.org or call (320) 769-2955 Ext. 246.

February 23 Straighten Up and Fly Right, a tribute to Nat King Cole featuring Maurice Jacox presented at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; 8:00 PM; For ticket information, visit the PPAC website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm or call the Meadowlark Shop/Box Office at 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787.

February 23 The Magic of Ireland at the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For more information, visit www.wgtn.net/Auditorium/auditorium.htm or call (507) 376-9101

February 24 Pops Concert with special guest, Grant L. Manhart, 2:00 PM at the Montevideo Fine Arts Center, **Montevideo**; call 320-269-6414.

February 24 Minneota Swing Band presents Swing Dance Music for Dancing or Listening. Shetek Band, **Tracy**; 7:30 PM; (507) 629-3114 for more information.

February 29, March 1, 2 "Wooing Wed Widing Hood" and "Twinderella" Fractured Fairy Tales, presented by the Calumet Children's Theater at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For ticket information, visit the PPAC website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm or call the Meadowlark Shop/Box Office at 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787.

*****SEE MORE Calendar Events and Opportunities on the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org**

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 15, 2007**.

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: _____

OPPORTUNITIES

Global Arts & Culture Program due Feb. 28, 2008

COMPAS is looking for artists to join its Global Arts & Culture roster with work beginning in the fall of 2008. The purpose of Global Arts & Culture is to provide education about diverse art forms and the cultures and histories from which they originate. Artists must be able to present their work as a performance/demonstration and/or conduct hands-on workshops with students, teachers, and community members in a professional and knowledgeable manner. The program is open to individual artists and groups working in all genres. Global Arts & Culture is structured for professional artists, but groups of students working at a professional or pre-professional level will be given equal consideration

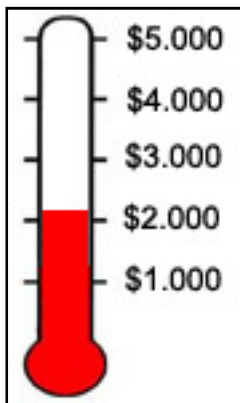
Contact: Toll-free (800) 8MN-ARTS or (800-866-2787)
E-mail: msab@arts.state.mn.us

The Jerome Foundation 2008 Travel and Study Grant Program deadline is February 13, 2008.

Funds support periods of travel for the purpose of study, exploration, and growth. In literature, writers of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and spoken word may apply. Film and video directors may apply. In dance, choreographers may apply. The program supports such activities as research leading to the creation of new work, the development of collaborations, participation in specific training programs, time for reflection and individualized study, investigating artistic work outside of Minnesota or New York City, and dialogue on aesthetic issues. This is not a program that supports the production of new work. For more information and guidelines and applications, visit the Jerome Foundation website: <http://www.jeromefdn.org>

McKnight Challenge Grant

SMAHC has received a challenge grant from the McKnight Foundation. The grant includes up to \$5,000 per year for the next 2 years to match new or increased donations to SMAHC. As of December 21, SMAHC has received \$2,141 in new memberships and increased memberships. This amount will be matched by McKnight.



We want to thank all new members for joining SMAHC and all current members who have increased their membership level.

Please consider increasing your membership during this fiscal year to take advantage of this matching grant. And, if you are not a member yet, this is the time to join!

Explore Minnesota Cultural Tourism Conference

January 22-24, 2008, Alltel Civic Center, Mankato

As a follow up to the Cultural Heritage Tourism Summit held last fall, Explore Minnesota Tourism will dedicate one full day of the annual tourism conference to focus on this growing segment of the tourism market. Topics and speakers specifically targeted to arts and culture and other smaller organizations will be offered. This is also an opportunity for arts/culture organizations to network with the Minnesota tourism industry and spread the word about your facility or program. We would like arts/culture organizations to “host” tables and decorate them in a way that will help promote your facility or program. At your table you may get people from all over the state, or from a specific city or region – here is your chance to tell your story! There is no charge to “host” the table, however there is a charge to attend the conference. A special one-day registration fee of \$100 is being offered for Wednesday only, full registration for the three-day conference starts at \$189. For more details and a link to on-line registration go to:

www.industry.exploreminnesota.com. If registering for the entire conference, please note that the reduced price of \$189 for Early Registration must be postmarked by January 10. Phone: 651-296-5205/800-657-3637 Fax: 651-296-7095.

Local Artist Pauline Matthews represents Pipestone National Monument by painting a large ornament for display in Washington D.C.



Pipestone artist Pauline Matthews painted an 18 inch ornament ball titled “A Prayer for Peace” which features an acrylic rendering of a Sacred Pipe and several other Native tribe symbols representing peace, nature, and spirituality. The ornament is hanging on the centerpiece tree in the Blue Room of the White House. The theme this year is “Holiday in the National Parks”. There are 347 ornaments on the tree representing the nation’s parks and monuments. The Pipestone National Monument Ornament will become part of the National Archives in Washington for future generations to enjoy. Matthews was honored to be selected as the artist for this project where she was able to express her passion for art, the Pipestone National Monument and her Native American spirituality and heritage. She descends from the Cowasuck Band of the Abenaki Nation.



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☆ **IMPORTANT!!! SMAHC DEADLINES** ☆

Yes, we're afraid that it really comes down to planning ahead. We know this isn't ideal for grant applicants but the grant process involves a lot of steps as they require staff review, data entry, duplication, mailing, SMAHC grant panel review, SMAHC board member review and notification. We want to remind applicants that it is never too early to apply for a SMAHC grant. Even if your project is going to take place a year or more after the application due date, you can still apply! We hope that you will contact us with any questions regarding our deadlines and we will be happy to work with you. The following are some important reminders:

ART PROJECT GRANTS: Arts Organizations & Communities are eligible to apply for matching funds up to \$4500 to produce or present high quality arts events. Applications are due FEBRUARY 1, 2008!

***Earliest project start date is April 15, 2008. Next deadline will be for projects starting Oct. 15, 2008 or later. You'll need to **apply now for projects between April and October 2008**. Free grant writing workshop on Jan. 8th, 4-6pm. Please call to register: 1-800-622-5284 or e-mail smahcinfo@iw.net. **Forms are available for download at www.smahc.org**

LOCAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT: Arts Organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$4000 in matching funds to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities. Applications are due FEBRUARY 1, 2008!

***Earliest project start date is April 15, 2008. Next deadline will be for fall 2008 projects. Free workshop on Jan. 8, 2008 4-6pm. Please call to register: 1-800-622-5284 or e-mail smahcinfo@iw.net. **Forms are available for download at www.smahc.org**

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: SMAHC Development and Career Grants ranging \$1000-\$2000 are due MARCH 3, 2008!

***Earliest project start date is May 1, 2008. Next deadline will be in spring 2009. Free workshop on Jan. 9, 2008. Please call to register: 1-800-622-5284 or e-mail smahcinfo@iw.net. **Forms are available for download at www.smahc.org**

2008 PRAIRIE DISCIPLE AND PRAIRIE STAR NOMINATIONS: SMAHC's yearly recognition of an outstanding arts advocate (\$500) and artist (\$1000) are open for nominations and due by MARCH 3, 2008!

***Next deadline will be in 2009. **Nomination forms are available for download at www.smahc.org or call the SMAHC office.**

Arts & Learning Grant Workshop: Feb. 12, 2008 4-6pm, @ SMAHC office; call to register: 1-800-622-5284.

Attention Arts Organization Volunteers and Staff

SMAHC's Arts Organization Networking and Training Grants are available to help pay costs for attending workshops, including workshop fees, mileage and lodging if needed, and mileage costs to meet with other arts organizations for networking. Grants of up to \$500 per organization are available. The simple 2 page application form is due in the SMAHC office at least one week prior to the planned trip or workshop. It's best to apply early as these grants are first come, first served. Call Greta if you have any questions. 1-800-622-5284

Take advantage of this chance to improve your organization's ability to carry out it's mission. Grant forms can be downloaded from the SMAHC website: www.smahc.org

New Ideas! Call for Artwork, Writings, and Arts Opinion Articles

We have been thinking for a long time that we'd like to do more special features and include a space for our constituents to participate in our VOICES newsletter. After all it is called VOICES! Often, however, we are strapped for time at the SMAHC office with our small staff and budget so we hope that you will be able to help us. If you are an author, visual artist, advocate or community member interested in the arts that has something you'd like to share with other SMAHC constituents, please let us know! We would like to publish artwork, poems, arts articles, etc. which showcase our local talent and opinions. Any images published in VOICES will have to be grayscale. However, we would be happy to post color images on our website, www.smahc.org. Let us know!

**Please send ideas and submissions to smahcinfo@iw.net
or call 1-800-622-5284**

**Include Name, Contact information and a description
of what you'd like to publish. Thank You!**



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SMAHC needs a Rock County board members. If you are interested or have any suggestions, call Greta.

Has your membership expired? If your address label shows that your membership has expired this will be the last issue of **VOICES** you will receive in the mail. Please use the form at the bottom of this page to **renew your membership now**. If you prefer to receive **VOICES** via email, subscribe at www.smahc.org or contact the SMAHC office.

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New & Renewing Members - October 22, 2007 to December 21, 2007

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