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SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

Grant application deadlines that arts organizations, schools, communities, and individual artists need to be aware of are quickly approaching.

✓ **The deadline for Art Projects and Local Arts Organization Development grants is February 2, 2009.** These grants have a starting date of **April 15, 2009** or later. Art Project Grants provides organizations with up to **\$4,500** in matching funds to produce or present high quality arts events and up to **\$4,500** in matching funds (Linkage) for collaborative projects between local arts organizations and schools benefiting the local arts organizations, the school, and the community. Local Arts Organization Development grants provide up to **\$4,000** to local arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities.

✓ The deadline for **Arts & Learning** grants is **April 1, 2009**. These grants have a starting of **June 1, 2009** or later. These are matching grants to schools, organizations, and communities for artist residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Up to **\$600** (field trips), **\$750** (pre-packaged theatre residencies) or **\$2,500** (residencies).

✓ The deadline for **Individual Artist Study Opportunity** grants is **April 1, 2009**. These grants have a starting date of **June 1, 2009** or later. These grants provide up to **\$500** for specific study opportunities - all ages & disciplines

✓ The deadline for the **Art Study Opportunity Grant for Educators** is **May 1, 2009**. These grants have a starting date of **June 1, 2009** or later. Teachers may apply for up to **\$500** for registration fees and/or tuition and other related costs to attend classes to study how to better deliver the arts to their students.

In addition to the above grants, SMAHC offers three other grant programs.

✓ The **Challenge Grant** program provides arts organizations up to **\$500** matching new memberships and/or season tickets. The Round 2 deadline is **January 2, 2009**. If funds are still available, the Round 3 deadline will be **April 1, 2009**.

✓ **Arts Organization Networking Grants** provides up to **\$500** in mileage reimbursement and workshop fees for members of local arts organizations to network with members of other arts organizations and/or attend arts workshops. Applications due **one (1) week** prior to the planned trip.

✓ The **Cultural Bank** program provides up to \$400 in insurance support for projects which face possible loss of expected revenue. Ongoing deadline: **28 days before** project performance date.

BE AWARE OF THE STATE FUNDING SITUATION

Because of the huge budget deficit facing our state, there is uncertainty about our funding for the next biennium. There will most likely be a cut in our funding from the state. How much it will be—we don't know. Funds from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy sales tax may not be distributed until July 2010 or even July 2011 (see article on page 7). So, you are encouraged to be thinking of projects for the next year and beyond and apply for a grant this year while funds are still available. The current SMAHC year ends June 30, 2009.

*We strongly encourage advance planning.
Apply now for projects occurring in
the next 24 months.*

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SMAHC Awards \$18,000 Through Arts & Learning Grant Program

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted to award a total of \$18,000 in grant funds for regional arts activities through the **Arts & Learning Grant Program**.

Eleven awards were made in the **SMAHC/McKnight Arts & Learning Program**. With funds appropriated by the State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation, this program provides matching grant awards of up to \$2,500 for artist residency activities, up to \$750 for pre-packaged theater residencies and up to \$600 to aid in field trips to high quality arts exhibitions and performances. The most recent grant awards in the SMAHC/McKNIGHT Arts & Learning grant program were made to the following recipients for art projects with educational components:

Lakeview School District, Cottonwood, in the amount of \$540 for a field trip to the Center for Book Art, Art Institute of Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden

Montevideo High School, Montevideo, in the amount of \$540 for a field trip to the Guthrie Theater

Red Rock Central Schools, Lamberton, in the amount of \$2025 for the Lamberton Jazz Festival

Ramsey Elementary School, Montevideo, in the amount of \$2,250 for a Florence Dacey Residency

Appleton/Milan Elementary School, Appleton, in the amount of \$1,768 for a Terrence Smith Residency on American Folk Dance

Bert Rainey Elementary School, Granite Falls, in the amount of \$2,250 for a Florence Dacey & Fern Cloud Residency

Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in the amount of \$1,624 for a Jim Snidero Jazz Residency

Reede Gray Elementary, Redwood, in the amount of \$2,062 for a Ramona Larson "Jungle Beat" Project Residency

Murray County Central, Slayton, in the amount of \$540 for a field trip to the annual SWCC Jazz Festival in Creston, Iowa

Ridgewater College, New London, in the amount of \$2,228 to create a multi-cultural Mentor/Protegee Artist Program

Glencoe Silver Lake High, Glencoe, in the amount of \$2,173 for a Christine Carlisle Mosaics Residency

"I Love Minnesota" Peer None Players



Peer None Players takes great pride and pleasure in announcing the World Premiere of "I Love Minnesota." The show will be presented as a limited engagement at The Little Theatre in New London, MN on February 11 through February 14 at 7:30 PM and a matinee on Sunday February 15 at 2:00 P.M. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$5 for 17 and under. Opening night will be 2 for 1 tickets, the Valentine's Day performance will feature an admission special for sweethearts and the Sunday matinee will be a "pay what you can afford" admission.



In an original script the authors take you through various scenes of love in Minnesota and what we love about Minnesota. A large number of zany characters, ranging from 5 to 90 years old played by a mere handful of actors adds to the hilarity you will find in this production. Authors, **Tim Miller and Christopher McAninch**, have included scenes that range from love in the fish house, to why we love hotdish so much. Some characters that are included: the chatty lady at the grocery store, the lowan college boyfriend, the twin sisters in assisted living and the neighbor with the seed cap collection. Why not take a break from winter and come out and have a good laugh? Laugh at yourself and those familiar folks and themes we all know and love so dearly.

Peer None Players is a new theater company that has rented The Little Theatre in New London, MN for this show. They have plans to present a full Summer Season there in 2009. The Summer Season includes the area premieres of three new shows.

For tickets to "I Love Minnesota," call (320) 295-3524 or 320-354-2559 or [email ginny@newlondonlittletheatre.com](mailto:ginny@newlondonlittletheatre.com). The Little Theatre is located at 24 Central Avenue East, a half a block off of Hwy 9 between the Big Store and McKales Restaurant.

2008 SMAHC ANNUAL CELEBRATION

SMAHC held its 2008 Annual Celebration on November 1st at the Jackpot Junction Conference Center. The event was attended by 120 arts supporters. The evening was filled with great entertainment, great food, and great fellowship.

The Pandemonium Steel Drum Ensemble from Redwood Falls was the opening entertainment.

After the brief annual meeting, SMAHC presented its annual awards to the Prairie Disciple Violet Risch and Prairie Star Robert Whitcomb. Gretchen Wagner played a Whitcomb violin composition, "Evocation."

Other performers included the jazz duo, Ross Anderson (saxophone) and Pete Lothringer (guitar) and singer/songwriter Jerry Ostensoe with Pete DenBlaker (harmonica).

The evening also featured a silent auction and great door prize drawings for those who came in costume and for those who joined SMAHC as new members or increased their membership.

Thanks to all who made the evening a great success. Below are some pictures from the event. More pictures are posted on the SMAHC Website (www.smahc.org).



Prairie Disciple Violet Risch (left) and Prairie Star Robert Whitcomb (above) with nominator Dan Rieppel



Entertainment: Above: Ross Anderson and Pete Lothringer; Top Left-Jerry Ostensoe and Pete DenBlaker; Bottom Left-Pandemonium Steel Drum Ensemble



Top: Gary and Jane Boraas; Middle-Steve and Chris Hettig; Bottom: Kurt Schulz, SMAHC President and Ramona Larson, Retiring Board Member

GALLERY LISTINGS

Nobles County Art Center; Derek Ahlberg, a photo essay depicting New Orleans "Ninth Ward" after Katrina showing during the month of January; the opening is Jan 4, 1:00 to 4:00 PM; February features watercolor paintings by Carolyn Johnson; the opening for this exhibit is February 1; Gallery hours are 2 pm to 4:30 pm; Admission - Free; 407 12th Street, **Worthington**. 507-372-8245 for more Information.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC) - The Sima Wewetzer (Lynd), abstract paintings exhibit continues through January 10; Nick Schleif will present an exhibit of Charcoals and Sculpture, January 13 - February 22; Galen McCarthy presents his exhibit of air-brushed rural landscapes, February 25 - April 12; 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. Free; www.mafac.net

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

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**; The Remick Art Gallery is a changing art gallery showcasing local and regional artists along with thematic shows. The gallery changes five times a year. Hours: Monday -Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Contact the museum for the yearly schedule (507) 831-1134

The Barn Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**, (320) 235-9500, www.thebarntheatre.com

Java River Cafe in Montevideo hosts art exhibits every month and hosts musicians, poets, and performers; 210 S. 1st Street, **Montevideo**; Visit www.javarivercafe.com

Tokheim Stoneware 2057 361st Avenue, **Dawson**; visit their website at www.tokheim-stoneware.com

Clay Coyote Pottery 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**; See www.claycoyote.com for gallery hours or email Betsy or

Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net;

Daily Grind Gallery, 316 W. Main St., **Marshall**, (507) 537-9565 features new artwork monthly

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 2 Deadline for Challenge Grants. Forms are available on the SMAHC website: www.smahc.org

January 2-4 Alice in Wonderland by the Prairie Dance Alliance performing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM. For ticket reservations call (507) 530-8252.

January 9-10 The Princess & The Pea presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre at the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, **Worthington**; 7:00 PM on Friday and 2:00 PM on Saturday; For ticket information, call (507) 376-9101 or email fota@frontiernet.net

January 10 Individual Artist Development and Career Grant and Prairie Disciple/Star panel meeting, 9:30 AM at the SMAHC offices in **Marshall**

January 11 Celebration in Song at the Tracy Lutheran Church, **Tracy**; 2:30 PM; from children to adults, individuals, groups, church choirs and community choir; Participants are from Tracy and the surrounding area. Admission is \$5.00; for more information, call 507-629-3114.

January 18 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra performing at the Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), **Willmar**; 2:30 PM, tickets are \$10-Adults, \$9-Seniors, \$5-children: Concert includes works by Mozart, Beethoven, and others. The guest flutist is Margaret Cornils.

*****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, 2008.**

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: _____

January 24 Hornheads, 5 extraordinarily talented horn players, presented by the Dawson Boyd Arts Association performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**. 7:30 PM; Tickets are available to the public on January 15. For ticket information call (320) 769-2955 or visit www.dawsonboydarts.org

January 26 SMAHC Board Meeting in Marshall; 7:00 PM

January 31 Jearlyn Steele in Concert at the Business Arts & Recreation Center (BARC), **Windom**; 7:30 PM; Jearlyn Steele, famous singer/actor and WCCO talk show host is a regular on the Prairie Home Companion show with Garrison Keillor and was also in his Prairie Home Companion movie. The event is being co-sponsored with MN Public Radio (MPR) as part of their Troubador Series. For more information about this even, call 507-831-2375 or email at barcwindom@windomnet.com

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 2 Art Projects and Local Arts Development Grants deadline. Grant applications must be received or postmarked by this date. Application forms and guidelines are available on the SMAHC web site at www.smahc.org. Call 1-800-622-5284 for more information on these grants.

February 7 Kevin Kling, playwright and storyteller, performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**; 7:30 PM; For ticket information call (320) 769-2955 or visit www.dawsonboydarts.org

February 11-14 "I Love Minnesota," a World Premier by Peer None Players, performing at The Little Theatre in **New London**. 7:30 PM except for the Sunday matinee which starts at 2:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 17 and under. Opening night will be 2 for 1 tickets. The Valentines Day performance will feature an admission special for sweethearts and the Sunday matinee will be a pay what you can afford admission. To order tickets, call (320) 295-3524

February 12-15 and 19-22 "Greater Tuna" at the Barn Theatre, **Willmar**; All shows are at 7:30 with the exception of the matinees which are at 2:30; For more information, email info@thebarntheatre.com or call 320-235-9500

February 14 Community Choir Concert with specialty groups under the direction of Shirley Gilmore at Shetek Bend, **Tracy**; 7:00 PM; Tickets are \$5.00 - Dessert will be served. For more information, call (507) 629-3114.

February 17 The Buddy Holly Tribute performing at Memorial Auditorium, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM ; For ticket information, call the ticket office at (507) 376-9101 or email fota@frontiernet.net

February 19-21 and February 27-March 1 "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre, 7:30 p.m. except March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Fine Arts Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. Dinner Theatre available on Friday, February 20 and Saturday, February 28. For mature audiences. For more information, call the Theatre program at (507) 537-7103.

February 21 Tonic Sol Fa presented by the Dassel-Cokato Arts Association performing at Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center in **Cokato**; 7:30 PM; For Ticket information, call (320) 286-4120 or visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter

February 21 Route 68 Big Band (formerly the Minneota Swing Band) at the Shetek Bend in **Tracy**. music for listening or dancing. 7:30 PM, admission is \$8.00, hor d' oeuvres will be served; more information, call 507-629-3114.

February 24 Fascinating Gershwin at the Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), **Willmar**; 7:30 PM. For more information, contact wccconcerts@gmail.com

February 24 FREE Grant Writing Workshops - The Individual Artist Study Opportunity grant writing workshop will be from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The **Arts & Learning** grant writing workshop will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Please note: The deadline for receiving applications for these grant opportunities is April 1, 2009. The grant writing workshops are free but pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-622-5284 to register. The workshops will be held at the SMAHC offices in **Marshall**.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS Continued from Page 8

John & Elizabeth Wanke, Milan	Richard Hamlow, Pennock	Suzanne Napgezsek, Willmar
Faith Sullivan, Minneapolis	BJ Justice-Kamp, Redwood Falls	Whitney Music, Willmar
Java River Café, Amanda & Cathy Blaseg, Montevideo	Kathy Peterson, Redwood Falls	The Glass Cutter, Eunice Buchanan, Willmar
Robert Mattson, New London	Pat Hall, Redwood Falls	Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra
Gossman Pottery, Bill & Janne Gossman, New London	Vy Welsand, Russell	Willmar Community Theatre, Inc.
Chuck & Pat Brown, Olivia	Jon and Ruth Hoyme, Slayton	Robert & Pam Lindaman, Windom
Brent & Robin Olson, Ortonville	Daniel & Mary Snobl, Tracy	Cathy & Greg Peterson, Windom
Aaron & Deborrah Larson, Ortonville	Nancy & John Utoft, Tyler	Ellen & David Copperud, Worthington
	Monica Villars, Willmar	Nobles County Art Center, Worthington
	Fred and Doris Cogelow, Willmar	

OPPORTUNITIES

Jerome Foundation offers the Travel and Study Grant Program for Music Theater and Visual Arts for 2009. The deadline to apply for these grants is February 20, 2009. Proposals must be postmarked on or before that date to be eligible. In addition, informational meetings will be held in the Twin Cities on February 2 and 3. For more information, call 1-800-995-3766, email info@jeromefdn.org, or visit www.jeromefdn.org.

VSA Arts and CVS Caremark All Kids Can invites all kids - ages 5 to 15, to submit artwork showing your creativity. All submitted artwork will be included in an online gallery. The deadline for submissions is March 6, 2009. Read more about this and other opportunity on the VSA Website - www.vsarts.org

2009 Art Contest - Water is Life art contest is open to all public, private and home schooled 9th - 12th grade students. Acceptable media for this contest are photography, sculpture, fountains, painting, drawing and short video. The deadline for submitting artwork is March 20, 2009. Read more about the details of this art contest at www.freshwater.org (click on Programs, then click on Water is Life).

The Red River Watercolor Society is seeking entries into the 16th Annual National Juried Watermedia Exhibition. The exhibition takes place at the Plains Art Museum, Fargo, North Dakota. The deadline for entries is February 20, 2009. You can download a complete prospectus from the Red River Watermedia Society website: www.redriverws.org/whats_new_1.html. Click on the National Show Prospectus link.

Brookings Arts Council Call for Entries for the 2010 Exhibition Year. The deadline for submission of entries is January 15, 2009. To learn more, call the Brookings Arts Council at (605) 692-4177 or email artscouncil@brookings.net or visit brookingsartscouncil.org.

The Milan Village Arts School offers many classes throughout the year in a wide variety of fine arts and folk arts. You can view the classes that are available on their website and you can also register for classes and pay the tuition costs on-line. Visit milanvillageartsschool.org

Minnesota Shorts Festival of Plays is taking submissions from local playwrights, Nov. 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009, Lincoln Centre Theater, 418 Fulton St., **Mankato**; Free to enter. \$100 given to winners; The MN Shorts Festival will be Sept. 11-12, 2009, at the Lincoln Centre Theater in Mankato. Playwrights can submit a play of up to 15 minutes long to mnshorts@yahoo.com. Six plays will be chosen for a "Pushing the Envelope" evening Sept. 11. And six plays will be chosen for a "Family Friendly" matinee Sept. 12. This year we are looking for

comedies. Email mnshorts@yahoo.com for more information or visit <http://mnshorts.tripod.com>.

Bush Artist Fellowships Program: Applications are now available for Bush Artist Fellowships for 2009 and 2010. For more information on the fellowships, visit www.bushfoundation.org.

The Big Read is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2009 and June 2010. Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Read more about the Big Read here: www.neabigread.org.

The American Composers Forum has a large database of on-line opportunities on their website. Visit www.composersforum.org/opportunities.cfm to view these opportunities.

The Rock County Fine Arts Association is seeking proposals for artist displays (group or individual) at the Carnegie Cultural Center for 2009-2010. Send proposals to Jerry Deuschle, 1294 131st Street, Luverne, MN 56156 or e-mail to jkdeuschle@myclearwave.net. Please include images of work proposed. Questions? Phone 507.283.8477.

Open Minnesota Percent for Art Artist Registry The registry is a collection of resumes and work samples of visual artists in all disciplines who would like to be considered for public art commissions and purchases. It is the most common way that the Percent for Art program finds artists for public art commissions and purchases in state buildings. There is no fee to join. To learn more, visit <http://www.percentforart.us/>.

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.

MNArtists.org is an online database of Minnesota artists and organizations from all disciplines. It offers to Minnesota-based artists a central gathering place on the Web, and will grow to become a marketplace and community hub. It offers the public a new way to explore art and get to know artists. In addition to providing artists and organizations with a web page containing images and information, mnartists.org provides news and features about the local arts scene from a variety of sources and a calendar of arts events in Minnesota. Visit their website and read more at: mnartists.org.

Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment Passes

We are very excited about the passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy constitutional amendment! Thank you to all who assisted with spreading the word, and voting Yes for Minnesota. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated...and, they worked! The grassroots efforts and support of so many people concerned about the environment, wildlife habitat, parks, trails and the arts working in harmony across the state over the past few months really paid off.

Now there is a lot of planning and work to be done to prepare for the distribution of these additional sales tax dollars, which will begin to be collected in July 2009. We anticipate that funds will become available beginning some time between July 2010 and July 2011. During the upcoming legislative session, the legislature will determine how the new money will be channeled. Minnesota Citizens for the Arts is advocating for 50% of the new money to be allocated to the Minnesota State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils. We will keep you informed as we learn more details in 2009.

Meanwhile, we will be seeking your input as we plan for future funding and services. The Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) and 11 Regional Arts Councils (RACs) are currently engaged in a statewide arts needs assessment process. By the time the sales tax revenues are allocated, the MSAB and RACs will have a solid strategic plan for the arts in the state. For now, the MSAB and RACs distribute about \$10 million annually. The additional sales tax revenue could increase that amount by as much as three times. A recent economic impact study shows that the return on investment in the arts is \$11 for every \$1 spent! The arts are a billion-dollar industry in Minnesota annually, which also could triple.

Keep watching our website for updates on when and how new funds will be allocated.

In the meantime, it's important to let your legislators know how important the arts are in your community and the role that the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council plays in supporting the arts throughout the region.

SMAHC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS, SAYS FAREWELL TO OTHERS

SMAHC is happy to announce the appointment of 3 new board members. **Monica Villars** lives in Willmar and has been elected to the board to represent Kandiyohi County. **Joel McKinney** lives in Walnut Grove and has been elected to represent Redwood County. **Ellen Copperud** lives in Worthington and has been elected to represent Nobles County. All of these new board members come to us with extensive experience in the arts and they will be a most valuable asset to the mission of SMAHC.

Monica Villars is an art teacher at the Willmar Area Learning Center and she is also the co-founder and board president of DEMO (www.demo-inc.org), a rural art center located in a historical building (formerly the Svea Schoolhouse) with a special passion for engaging at-risk youth in the arts and community. "DEMO Stands for Developing, Exploring & Maintaining Originality Thru the Arts." Monica has served on SMAHC grant review panels. She has also worked 12 years with the Perpich Center for Arts Education in the Quality Teaching Network. And she has organized and carried out about a dozen Artist in Residence programs over the years. We welcome her expertise and enthusiasm to the SMAHC board.

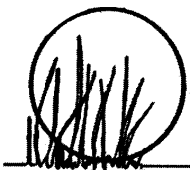
Joel McKinney is a sculpture, painter, and educator/mentor. Joel has been a teacher in the public schools as well as an educator in higher education. He is the owner of Blackhawk studios along with his wife Ruth (www.blackhawk-studios.com) and a founding member of Tatanka Arts (www.tatankaarts.org) in Redwood Falls. He has extensive expertise in teaching art, desktop publishing, multi-media, and web design classes. Joel is a long time member of SMAHC and has served on many SMAHC grant review panels. We are happy to have him on the SMAHC board and look forward to using his expertise in many areas.

Ellen Copperud is a retired teacher of language arts. She has been involved in the literary arts including coaching the speech team, directing one act and three act plays, and organizing field trips to theatre and other arts events. She is a current member of the board of directors of the Historic Dayton House and she understand the role of a board member. She is also on the Liberal Arts Advisory Board at Minnesota West Community College. We welcome her experience and insights to the SMAHC Board.

SMAHC bids a fond farewell to two retiring board members.

Ramona Larson, Red Wood Falls, served as the Redwood County representative for SMAHC for 6 years. During her tenure, Ramona also served as the President of the Board, as well as on many other committees. We will miss her expertise and enthusiasm. She will continue to be involved in the arts in Redwood Falls.

Margaret Hurlbut Vosburgh served on the SMAHC Board for 3 years as the Nobles County Representative. Margaret has contributed her expertise in many areas including being a workshop presenter at the SMAHC Conference for Performing Arts Presenters. Margaret is the Manager of the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center in Worthington.



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New & Renewing Members - October 22 - December 19, 2008

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SMAHC Membership Form

Join SMAHC today and have your money doubled! The McKnight Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar any new or increased donations to SMAHC!

Contributions are tax-deductible. Mail your membership donation to **SMAHC, 1210 East College Drive, Ste 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

Please consider making a gift to SMAHC as a memorial or in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion