New Year, New SMAHC Board Members

Four new Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council board members were elected to serve three-year terms beginning January 1, 2011.

**Jane Link** of Milan was elected to serve as the Chippewa county representative. Active in all facets of the arts, Jane was part of the group that started the Milan Village Arts School. She feels that art is an important part of every community and shared that “art in its many forms enhances our lives, soothes our spirit and allows us to find creativity.”

**Connie Feig** of Raymond was elected to serve as the Kandiyohi county representative. An advocate for the arts her entire life, Connie is a current member of the Willmar Arts Council and the Willmar Design Center and previously served on the board of The Barn Theater in Willmar. She is also serves on the board of the MN Gerontology Society and promotes arts programs for the elderly.

**Patricia Enger** of Canby was elected to serve as the Yellow Medicine county representative. Patricia is a visual artist, musician and actor. An SMSU graduate from the theater and fine art-painting programs, Patricia also spent 18 years as the William Whipple Gallery Curator and Studio Assistant in the Art Department. She is also the former owner and director of the Fallen Angel Art Gallery in Marshall.

In addition, the following people were elected to fill vacant board terms for SMAHC:

**Marilee Strom** of Windom was elected to fill a vacancy on the board for Cottonwood county. Marilee is an avid arts supporter and has taught art in grades K - 12. Her term ends Dec. 1212.

**Kelly Muldoon** of Slayton was elected to fill a vacancy on the board for Murray county. Kelly has been a Prairie Music Association board member for 18 years and a board member of the Prairie Oasis Players since its inception. She helped start the Slayton Friends of the Library and is the co-founder of the Prairie Hens Book Club. Her term ends Dec. 1211.

[Not all new board members available for photos.]

Monthly board meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise scheduled.

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SMAHC AWARDS
ARTS & LEARNING GRANTS

At the November 22 meeting, the SMAHC Board of Directors voted to award a total of $12,600 under the Arts & Learning program.

The Arts & Learning grant program offers matching grants to schools and arts organizations for artist residencies and arts-related field trips. Nine grant recipients received the following funding:

- **Southwest Minnesota State University**, Marshall, $2,500 for Whitaker Jazz Ensemble Residency
- **Windom Area Chord Hustler Chorus**, Lamberton, $860 for "Youth In Harmony" Workshops
- **Red Rock Central Schools**, Lamberton, $2,500 for Lamberton Jazz Festival
- **Lakeview School District**, Cottonwood, $850 for Florence Dacey Residency
- **Lakeview School District**, Cottonwood, $600 for field trip to MN Center for Book Art/MN Institute of Art and Sculpture Gardens
- **Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Schools**, Clinton, $1,980 for Youth Performance Company Residency
- **Prairie Arts Council**, Lester Prairie, $1,960 for Kelly Meister Photography Residency
- **Montevideo School District**, Montevideo, $600 for field trip to Park Square Theatre to see "To Kill a Mocking Bird"
- **Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Community Ed**, Graceville, $750 for Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "Sleeping Beauty"

MN ARTS & CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND: Supporting the Arts!

We’d like to take a minute to acknowledge the unique opportunity we have in Minnesota for supporting the arts. The Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council is very thankful and proud to have received funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund came into being as part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, which was overwhelmingly passed by Minnesota voters in 2008. The effects of this fund are now being seen all over the state.

However, establishing the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund did not, in itself, mean that artists and organizations would receive funding. It is because the State Legislature directed Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund dollars to the Regional Arts Council system that this funding has brought access to the arts to every corner of the state.

The State Arts Board and Regional Arts Council system was established to fund arts activities in the most efficient way possible, distributed widely and equitably throughout Minnesota. During the last fiscal year, SMAHC Region was able to fund 46 grants totaling $336,115. Our grant programs funded with ACH dollars include: Art Projects, Legacy for Individual Artists, Legacy for Organizations & Communities, Arts Organization Development and Public Art programs.

We would like to thank Minnesota State Legislature, and you, the voters of Minnesota for making our work possible!

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MARCH 8: Arts Advocacy Day @ the Capitol

Join your fellow arts advocates from the SMAHC region at the MN History Center and State Capitol to talk about the arts, make new friends, and educate our legislators about the importance of the arts in Minnesota and in our communities. Participation of arts advocates like you makes a huge difference.

Call the SMAHC office to attend: 800-622-5284
And register online by visiting www.mncitizensforthearts.org by March 4, 2011
SPRINGBOARD WORKSHOP SERIES

For the past six months, twenty artists from the SMAHC region gathered for an educational workshop series called “The Work of Art.” Led by Kathleen Richert of Springboard for the Arts, the group of artists covered ten topics including: career planning, time management, marketing, legal considerations, financial management, pricing artwork and funding their work. These workshops were sponsored by the MN State Arts Board and funded through the MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Located in Saint Paul, Springboard for the Arts is an economic development organization for artists. Their mission is to cultivate a vibrant community by connecting artists with the skills, information and services they need to make a living and life in the arts.

One attending artist commented that “all material presented was essential to making the dream into a plan.” Nearly all the workshop attendees hoped that SMAHC would provide this workshop opportunity again. SMAHC is currently in the planning stages of hosting the series in Spring 2011. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING GALLERY EXHIBIT: Deb Connolly

Starting January 10, the exhibit at the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Art Gallery will feature the work of watercolor and pastel artist, Deb Connolly. Connolly lives in the rural community of Danvers. Her home studio is surrounded by trees and prairie which provide the inspiration for her landscape and still life paintings. Working mainly in watercolor and pastel her impressionist use of color, line, and texture impresses audiences with the free-spirited and cheerful style.

The exhibit will run from January 10 through April 1, 2011. Join SMAHC at a reception for the artist from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on January 13. Regular gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM and we are located at 1210 East College Drive in Marshall.

This activity is made possible in part by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

2011 SMAHC GALLERY EXHIBITS

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GALLERY LISTINGS

The SMAHC Art Gallery begins a new exhibit by Deb Connolly on January 10, 2011 in Marshall. This exhibit will run until April 1, 2011. An artist reception will be held on January 13 from 5 to 7 PM. You may visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at 1210 E College Drive in Marshall. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th Street, Worthington. January features artist Douglas Ross. The opening reception will be Sunday, January 9 from 2 - 4 PM. February features artists John and Linda Kolb. Their opening reception is Sunday, February 6 from 2 - 4 PM. Hours: M-F 2 to 4:30 PM. Free. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. January 10 through February 18, 2011 features the faculty and staff art show. Whipple Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 11 PM. Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM. Sunday, 1 to 11 PM. Closed Saturdays and Holidays.

ARTmeyerson art space in Atwater. Current exhibit is Robert Mattson Retrospective "Avant Garage: Four Decades of Art." This exhibit is open until January 21st - by appointment. Just call Ella to arrange to view and/or for artist talks at (320) 212-2702. Then ARTmeyerson is closed for winter. The gallery is located at 105 4th St. North, Atwater. For more information, email ellam@frontier.com


The Carnegie Cultural Center located at 205 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne. Hours are Tuesday – Friday, Noon - 5 PM and Saturday, 1 - 4 PM. Call 507-283-8294 for more information.

Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. January 16 opening reception for “God’s Creation: Lester’s Observation” by photographer Lester Rupp from 2-4 PM. Gallery Hours: M-F 8- 4 PM & Sat 10-4 PM. Free. For more information, call (507) 831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com

Milan Village Arts School in Milan. Classes in January include Fine Silver with Fine China, Building a Picnic Shelter: Timber Framing, Painting - Still Life, Norwegian Knife Making ... and more. To view all the class offered throughout the year, visit their website at www.milanvillageartsschool.org/

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. Hutchinson. Regular Hours are Monday - Saturday 10-5pm - Sunday Noon to 4. You can always call ahead for an appointment. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy or Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Tokheim Pottery, 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com/ for more information about the gallery or call 320-769-2142. Email info@tokheim-stoneware.com
CALENDAR

**Indicates the project was funded in part with a grant from the SMAHC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the MN State Legislature, or the MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the MN State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on 11/4/08.

Check out the Marshall Area Arts Calendar for the latest arts events in the Marshall area: www.marshallareastagecompany.org/artscalendar.pdf

**January 7, 8 at 7:30 PM and Jan. 8, 9 at 2 pm The Nutcracker presented by the Prairie Dance Alliance at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (Marshall High School) in Marshall. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students/children. Tickets are available at HyVee and MAFAC. For more information, email info@prairiedancealliance.org

January 8 Individual Artist Development and Career panel meeting at the SMAHC Office, Marshall. 9:00 AM

January 10 Individual Artist Development and Career panel meeting for music and writing applications at the SMAHC Office, Marshall. 6:30 PM

January 13 Artist Reception for Deb Connolly at the SMAHC Gallery, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 5 - 7 PM

January 13 The Belle of Amherst (Act 2) performed by Mary Lou Peterson at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Center, Marshall. 7 pm. Free performance. For more information, call 532-5463 or email mafac@starpoint.net

January 14 Deadline for Arts Legacy for Organizations & Communities grants

January 14 - April 23 Call for Artists: 5th Annual “Horizontal Grandeur” fine art exhibition at the Stevens County Museum in Morris. Details and on-line submission form is located at http://www.stevenshistorymuseum.com

January 15 SEAN BENZ "Old Time Country & Rock 'n Roll Show" at the Business Arts and Recreation Center (BARC), 1012 5th Ave, Windom. 7:00 PM. For more information, call the BARC office at 507-831-2375, or email barcwindom@windomnet.com

January 16 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra "Young Artist Concert" at the Willmar Education & Arts Center, Willmar. 3 PM: Tickets are $10-Adults, $9-Seniors, $7-Students. The orchestra will play a wide variety of music. For tickets, contact Whitney Music or call (320)214-9433.

January 22 Ross & MacKenzie, Music, Dancing & Piping of Scotland at Memorial Auditorium presented by the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, 601 9th Street, Dawson. 7:30 PM: Adults $15 Students $5. For tickets, call the box office phone: 320.769.2955 Ext. 246.

**January 22 Happenstance presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association performing at the Cottonwood County Historical Society Museum in Windom. 7:30 PM. For ticket information, call (507) 831-3560 or email bboldt@mindspring.com

**February 10-13, 17-20 Alone Together Again, a winter comedy show presented by the Barn Theatre, Willmar. All shows are at 7:30 pm, with the exception of Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. For ticket information call the Barn Theatre office at 235-9500 or email info@thebarntheatre.com
February 11 Dueling Pianos “Deuces Wild” performing at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, Jackson. Sponsored by the JCC Community Education. 7:30 PM. Reserved Seating, Tickets $15. For more information, call (507) 847-6627 or email pam_grussing@jccschools.com

February 11, 12, 13 & 18, 19, 20 "Glorious" presented by the Calumet Players at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center in Pipestone. The hilarious comedy of the worst singer in the world. Showtimes 7:30 pm except Sunday 2PM. Tickets are available at the box office at Pipestone County Museum. Open Monday thru Saturday 10 to 5 pm, 113 South Hiawatha in Pipestone. Call for information at (507) 825-2020 or (877) 722-2787.

**February 12 Seth Glier** presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association performing at the Cottonwood County Historical Society Museum in Windom. 7:30 PM. for ticket information, call (507) 831-3560 or email bboldt@mindspring.com

**February 12 Dustin Lee** presented by the Tyler Arts Council as part of the Coffee House Series performing at the First English Lutheran Church in Tyler. 7 PM. For ticket information, call (507) 247-3811.

February 12 Arts Legacy for Organizations & Communities Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 9:30 AM.

February 20 RedHead Express at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts presented by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, Marshall. 4 PM. Tickets available at the door or at the MAFAC Arts Center: Adult $15, Student $10, Child (Under 12) $5. Call for more info: (507)-532-5463 or email mafac@starpoint.net

February 22 SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 7 PM.

February 24- Te Deum presented by the SMSU Concert Choir at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. 7:30 pm. For more information, 507-537-7103.

February 24 Free Grant Writing Workshops for Arts & Learning Grants and Art Study Opportunity for Youth at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. Pre-registration is required - call (800) 622-5284 or (507) 537-1471.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

The Big Read is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations seeking funding to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2011 and June 2012. The application deadline is Feb 1, 2011. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant ranging from $2,500 to $20,000, access to online training resources, educational and promotional materials, inclusion of your organization and activities on The Big Read Web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected by a panel of experts. To review the guidelines & application instructions visit The Big Read Web site: www.neabigread.org Questions? Call Arts Midwest at 612.238.8010 or email TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

Arts Education News from the Perpich Center - a great blog of arts education news from around the state. Visit the blog at artseducation.typepad.com:80/

MNArtists.org is an online database of Minnesota artists and organizations from all disciplines. It offers a central gathering place for MN-based artists on the web, and will grow to become a marketplace and community hub. mnaartists.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: mnaartists.org

The Minnesota State Arts Board - A Basic Guide to Grants for MN Artists, Performance and Rehearsal Spaces, and Gallery and Exhibition Spaces: www.arts.state.mn.us/guides

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SMAHC hosted workshops in Worthington and Granite Falls given by Melinda Childs of FORECAST PUBLIC ART. Nearly 50 artists and community leaders registered to find out more about public art and how it can impact communities in our region. Additional Public Art workshops will be held in the near future.

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