

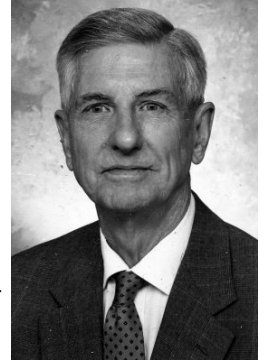
VOICES

~ JULY & AUGUST 2008 ~

THE PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL, INC.

Robert Whitcomb - SMAHC Prairie Star for 2008

We are proud to present **Dr. Robert Whitcomb** as the SMAHC **Prairie Star for 2008**. Dr. Whitcomb is a renown composer of musical compositions for orchestra, band and wind ensembles, choral music, solo piano, voice and piano, and instrumental soli for a variety of instruments. He has also taught music composition, music theory and piano throughout his career.



He was born in a small town in Southern Indiana about 70 miles from Cincinnati. When he was young his family moved to Cincinnati where he went to high school and college. His mother was a pianist and began teaching him piano early. He later studied with other piano teachers through grade school and high school. It was not until he was a junior in high school that he really became interested in music. When he graduated from high school, he received a scholarship to the College of Music of Cincinnati. Up to this point he had really never composed anything. As a college student, he took a class in music composition and it was this that peaked his interest in becoming a composer. He was encouraged by his college composition teacher. He graduated from college with degrees in piano and composition.

His study was interrupted during World War II by three years service in the Army Air Corps. He served as a Control Tower Operator and as a Navigator on a B-17 plane. When his plane was shot down on his 20th bombing mission near Cologne, he became a German Prisoner of War. After returning to the U.S.A., he graduated from college, taught music for several years, and then completed his doctorate at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. He studied composition with Felix Labunski, Bernard Rogers, and Howard Hanson.

Robert taught music at universities in Wyoming, New Mexico, South Dakota and the state of Washington. It was in Las Cruces, New Mexico where he met his wife, Lois, who was a Home Economics teacher in a junior high school. In 1968, he came to Southwest Minnesota State University to become a Professor of Piano, Theory and Composition. The university was beginning its second year of classes. He was the Chairman of the Music Department from 1972 through 1980 and again from 1985 to 1987. He retired from active teaching in 1987.

Robert has received many awards and commissions over the years. A very partial list includes a commission from Thor Johnson, then conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra to compose a piece of music about Cincinnati, a grant from Western Washington State College to compose a cello sonata, a first place award from the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors for his "Sonata-In-One-Movement" for oboe and piano, a similar award for the best composition to be submitted to the Festival of Christian Arts at Blue Cloud Abbey, SD in 1975, a commission from the Bratnaber Family Fund for the composition of a trio for flute, cello and piano, and a two-year Fellowship from the General Electric Educational and Charitable Fund for doctoral study. His recent composition, "Concert for Piano and Orchestra" was completed in 2006 and was performed on April 29, 2007 by Dr. Daniel Rieppel and the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra.

Robert has 3 sons, one living in Minnesota and the other 2 living on the west coast. He enjoys listening to music (Debussy, Stravinsky, Bach, Beethoven and many others), and enjoys art, including occasionally painting. He was influenced and encouraged by his parents throughout the years and also by his teachers. He is a musical person extraordinaire, and we are proud to have him as our Prairie Star for 2008.

In This Issue...

<i>Spotlight: Lake Benton Opera House</i>	2
<i>Farewell to Cat Abbott</i>	2
<i>Grant Writing Workshops for Organizations</i>	2
<i>July/August Calendar</i>	3
<i>Opportunities</i>	4
<i>SMAHC Programs for Organizations & Schools</i>	5
<i>SMAHC Programs for Individual Artists</i>	6
<i>Annual Celebration</i>	7
<i>New Board Member, John Radley</i>	7
<i>Conference for Performing Arts Presenters</i>	7
<i>New and Renewing Memberships</i>	8
<i>SMAHC Membership Form</i>	8

In the next issue of VOICES, we will feature Violet Risch, the Prairie Disciple for 2008. The awards for the Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple will be presented at the SMAHC Annual Celebration on November 1, at Jackpot Junction. Please plan to attend to honor these recipients



The Lake Benton Opera House

The Lake Benton Opera House is one of the premiere historic buildings in southwest Minnesota. Home to an active community theater, the Opera House has begun its second century of serving the community with a full and varied program of plays and sponsored talent. In 1977, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. There are a very few of these grand opera houses from the 19th century remaining in the State of Minnesota.



The original wood frame opera house burned to the ground in early December, 1895, and in a little more than a year, a new brick structure was constructed to take its place. It was presented as “the finest opera house in this part of the century,” which it was with its “spacious” stage, horseshoe shaped balcony and box seats for special guests. It was the site of plays, traveling troupes of musicians and actors, political rallies, graduations, Decoration Day observances, and all manner of community gatherings -- even a funeral or two -- during its first three decades. With movable seating, and a kitchen in the basement, it also accommodated dinners, dances, card parties, basketball games and more.

From the 1920’s through the early 1950’s, with the advent of movies, the opera house became, first, The Majestic Theatre and then, The Valley Theatre; and a variety of programs and community events continued to be held there.

After World War II and the coming of television, the opera house was used less and less, and the neglected building fell into a state of disrepair. In 1970, with the building already scheduled for demolition, a group of citizens united for the urgent purpose of saving this piece of the community’s history. Restoration was begun and is a continuing project. New seats, a fresh paint job, a “new” stage curtain, and some new wiring were added in February and March of 2001, while new windows, a new balcony rail and period paint colors added interest to the front exterior.

In 1976, the Opera House was incorporated as a non-profit organization to restore the historical building as a cultural center and a facility for community activities, and to promote and sponsor the arts for Lake Benton and the area.

Each year, as funds permit, physical improvements are made to the building, Additions to their production capabilities as well, enable them to provide a wide variety of entertainment and arts throughout the year.

The Lake Benton Opera House progresses and prospers thanks to the countless hours of effort put in by many volunteers. Take advantage of this great arts resource in southwest Minnesota and attend one of their excellent events.

Summer and Fall Productions at the Lake Benton Opera House

High School Musical
July 24-27, 30-31, August 1-3

Little Shop of Horrors
October 2-5, 9-12

Children’s Theatre
November 15

Opera House Christmas Show
December 6

See the *Lake Benton Opera House* website for show times and ticket information.
www.lakebentonoperahouse.org

Farewell to Cat Abbott

SMAHC bids a fond farewell to Cat Abbott who has left her position as office assistant. She was the pleasant voice you often heard when you called the SMAHC offices. Cat did an exceptional job here at SMAHC for over four and a half years. She processed all the incoming grants and helped maintain the database and she insured a smooth operation of all the other office work.



Cat is a local artist and one of her objectives in leaving SMAHC is to carve out more time in her busy life to paint and create new artwork. She will be sorely missed and we wish her the very best in her future endeavors.
Thank you Cat!

SMAHC Grant Writing Workshops for Organization Grants

July 1, 2008, 4 - 6 PM

SMAHC offices, 1210 E College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall

July 2, 2008, 11:30 AM - 1 PM,

Board Room, Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2 Main St. South, Hutchinson

Workshops are free but pre-registration is encouraged. Call the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net to register.

SMAHC Executive Director Greta Murray will walk participants through the Arts Projects and Local Arts Organization Development grant application forms and answer individual questions. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about SMAHC grants – how to fill out the forms, what the grant review panelists are looking for and tips on improving your application.

Calendar For July and August

GALLERY LISTINGS

Nobles County Art Center; Month of July, Water Color Paintings by Sebastian Pereira, Artists Reception is July 13, 2 pm to 4 pm; Month of August, selections from the Permanent Collection; 407 12th Street, **Worthington**. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 2-4:30 PM; call 507-372-8245.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), Block Prints by Nan Karr Kaufenberg, July 1 - August 9; Robert Schwan Memorial Photo Competition and Exhibit, August 12 - September 13; 109 N. 3rd St., **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. www.mafac.net

JULY

July 1 Grant Writing Workshop for Art Project and Local Arts Development, 4 - 6 PM, Free; SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Dr. Ste 600, **Marshall**; Pre-Registration Required - Call 800-622-5284 to register

July 2 Grant Writing Workshop for Art Project and Local Arts Development, 11:30 AM - 1 PM, Free Board Room, Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2 Main St. South, **Hutchinson**; Pre-Registration Required - Call 800-622-5284 to register

July 5 Gateway to the West Artfest, part of the Gary Celebration Days, in **Gary SD**; The Artfest is from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information email rmf@itctel.com

July 11 Sandor Szabo 16 string guitar at The Little Theatre, 24 Central Ave. E., **New London**; For details on show times and ticket information, visit newlondonlittletheatre.com

July 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 7:00 pm and July 20 at 2:00 pm The Pirates of Penzance, Gilbert and Sullivan comic operetta by Marshall Area Stage Company; Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, **Marshall**; For more information, email schwoch@southwestmsu.edu or visit marshallareastagecompany.org

July 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, Walnut Grove; 9:00 PM; for ticket information, call (888) 859-3102

July 12 Bill Gorcica @ ARThouse located at 117 1st Ave NE, **New London**; 5-9pm; New work by St. Cloud artist, Bill Gorcica. Interactive, multi-media work in the gallery and croquet in the front yard. Free door prizes for the first 15 visitors -- an ARThouse tradition!!! This event sponsored by the New London DAM Club. ARThouse website www.arthousenewlondon.com; For more information, email arthouse@arthousenewlondon.com

July 12 & 13 Clay Coyote Gallery & Pottery Summer Open House located at 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**; Hours are Saturday 10-6 Sunday 12-5; The

event is free and open to the public. Enjoy the fresh country air, see fine American handmade craft. For more information, call 320 587 2599 or 888 737 4014 or email: claypot@hutchtel.net; Visit their website at www.claycoyote.com

July 14 Dennis Weaver, Folk Singer, Songwriter, Author, appearing at the War Memorial Building, 407 12th Street, **Worthington**; presented by the Library Summer Reading program. 1:00 PM; For more information, call 507-372-8245.

July 18 & 19 Sioux Falls Jazz & Blues Festival at Yankton Trail Park in **Sioux Falls**; This is a free event. Visit www.jazzfestsiouxfalls.com for the schedule and more information.

July 18-19, 25-26, August 1-2 Song of Hiawatha Pageant, in **Pipestone**; Call: 507-825-4126 or toll free: 1-800-430-4126 or email: hiawathaclub@iw.net

July 19 Art in the Park held in Festival Park in downtown **Jackson**; 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Email chamber@cityofjacksonmn.com or call 507-847-3867

July 20 South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers at the Pipestone Performing Arts enter in **Pipestone**; 3:00 PM; call 507 825-2020 or 877 722-2787 or email dhansen110@mchsi.com

July 24 Prairie Arts Chorale at the Liberty Park Band Shell. **Marshall**; 7:30 PM, Free; co-sponsored by MAFAC and Marshall Community Services; email mafac@starpoint.net for more information

July 24 - 26 State Fair by Rodger's & Hammerstein, presented by the Prairie Oasis Players, at the Murray County Central High School Auditorium, 2420 28th St, **Slayton**; 7:30 PM; for Ticket Information, call (507) 393-0094 or email chad_felton@mcc.mntm

July 24-26, 27-28, 30-31, and August 2-3 High School Musical at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; For more information on show times and ticket prices, visit <http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/> for more information or call (507) 368-4620 for more information.

July 24-26, 31-August 2 The King and I, presented by the Redwood Area Theatre at the Redwood Valley High School, **Redwood Falls**; For more information, email moldand@rrcnet.org or call (507) 752-7588.

July 25 & 26 Olivia Art Show at the Olivia Armory, **Olivia**; Sponsored by Tatanka Arts; Call 320-365-3761 for more information

July 31 Ross Anderson Trio at the Liberty Park Band Shell. **Marshall**; 7:30 PM, Free; co-sponsored by MAFAC and Marshall Community Services; email mafac@starpoint.net for more information

July 31-Aug 3, Aug 6—9 The Secret Garden by the Little Theatre Crow River Players, 24 Central Ave. E., **New London**; For details on show times and ticket information, visit newlondonlittletheatre.com

Continued on Page 4

AUGUST

August 1 Deadline for Art Project Linkage and Local Arts Development Grants; Grant forms are available on the SMAHC website - www.smahc.org

August 7 Minneota Jazz Band at the Liberty Park Band Shell. **Marshall;** 7:30 PM, Free; co-sponsored by MAFAC and Marshall Community Services; email mafac@starpoint.net for more information

August 7-9 Once Upon a Mattress presented by the Hutchinson Theatre Company at the Hutchinson High School, 1200 Roberts Rd. SW, **Hutchinson;** 7:00 P.M. For more information, call 320 587 2599 or Email: info@hutchtheatre.org Website: www.hutchtheatre.org

August 14 Russ Svenningsen & Co. at the Liberty Park Band Shell. **Marshall;** 7:30 PM, Free; co-sponsored by MAFAC and Marshall Community Services; email mafac@starpoint.net for more information

August 16 - September 6 Redwood/Renville Area Arts Show at the Redwood Falls Library, **Redwood Falls;** Sponsored by Tatanka Arts; for more information, contact nkarr@newulmtel.net

August 21 Art in the Park all day art show sponsored by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council at Liberty Park, **Marshall;** There is a concert at 7:00 PM. Email mafac@starpoint.net for more information.

August 22 - 24 MASC Shakespeare in the Park presents Romeo and Juliet, or selected Shakespearean scenes at the Liberty Park Band Shell, **Marshall;** 7:00 pm, 22nd & 23rd and 2:00 pm on the 24th; Admission free - a free will donation will be taken; For more information, email schwoch@southwestmsu.edu or visit marshallareastagecompany.org

August 28 **Grant Writing Workshop** for Individual Artist Study Opportunity (2-4 PM) and Arts & Learning (4-6 PM), Free; SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Dr. Ste 600, **Marshall;** Pre-Registration Required - Call 800-622-5284 to register

OPPORTUNITIES

The next Gathering of Area Theatres (GOAT) will be held on Sunday July 20th in Marshall, MN. The agenda will be as follows:

- 11:00 am Gathering Begins
- 11:30 am Facility Tour of Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts at Marshall High School
- Noon Main Meeting- open discussion and information exchange (see topics below), Marshall High School
- 1:00 pm Break for Lunch at The Hitching Post
- 2:00 pm Matinee performance of MASC production, *The Pirates of Penzance*

Hopefully, you or some representative of your organization, can attend all or part of the Gathering on July 20th. Please bring posters, season brochures, etc. to share with the group. Come prepared to discuss the future of GOAT. Some topics to think about from our recent email exchanges: Does GOAT need a more formal Mission Statement or more formal organizational structure? Should meetings be held once or twice a year? Should we split into two geographic regions? Do you like traveling to different venues or should GOAT establish more stable meeting locations? Should we establish some kind of electronic exchange or blog to supplement GOAT? Are there other ways that we can assist each other?

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/>

*****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 September/October VOICES by **August 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: _____

SMAHC Programs for Organizations & Schools July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Contact SMAHC office for deadlines and forms for period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 – Available Spring 2009

Minnesota Counties within SMAHC region:

Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine

••• **No changes or additions to an application will be allowed after the application deadline.** •••

IMPORTANT - NEW POLICY: It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete and does not include errors. The SMAHC staff will no longer notify an applicant to offer an opportunity to make additions or adjustments to an application unless a draft application is received in the SMAHC office well in advance of the deadline. Incomplete or inaccurate materials may result in your application being deemed ineligible or reduce your request.

<p><u>ART PROJECT and LINKAGE GRANTS:</u> Provides area organizations with up to \$4,500 in matching funds (Art Project) 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.</p> <p><u>LOCAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS:</u> Provides up to \$4,000 in matching funds to local arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities</p> <p>DEADLINES FOR ART PROJECT, LINKAGE, AND LOCAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</p> <p>Round I Application Deadline: August 1, 2008 Grant writing workshop: July 1, 2008 Panel Meeting: September 6, 2008 Board Action: September 22, 2008 Earliest project start date October 15, 2008</p> <p>Round II Application Deadline: February 2, 2009 Grant writing workshop: Dec. 30, 2008 Panel Meeting: March 7, 2009 Board Action: March 23, 2009 Earliest project start date: April 15, 2009</p>	<p><u>ARTS CHALLENGE GRANTS</u> Provides arts organizations up to \$500 matching new memberships and/or season tickets.</p> <p>DEADLINES FOR ARTS CHALLENGE GRANTS</p> <p>Round I Application Deadline: September 4, 2008 Board Action: Sept. 22, 2008 Earliest project start date October 1, 2008</p> <p>Round II Application Deadline: January 2, 2009 Board Action: Jan. 26, 2009 Earliest project start date February 2, 2009</p> <p>*Round III Application Deadline: April 1, 2009 Board Action: April 27, 2009 Earliest project start date May 1, 2009</p> <p>* Round III to be added if funds remain after Round II. Please contact the SMAHC office before applying.</p>	<p><u>ARTS & LEARNING GRANTS</u> 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 up to \$2,500 for (residencies).</p> <p>DEADLINES FOR ARTS & LEARNING GRANTS</p> <p>Round I Application Deadline: October 1, 2008 Grant writing workshop: Aug. 28, 2008 Panel Meeting: Nov. 15, 2008 Board Action: Nov. 24, 2008 Earliest project start date: Dec. 1, 2008</p> <p>Round II Application Deadline: April 1, 2009 Grant writing workshop: Feb. 17, 2009 Panel Meeting: May 2, 2009 Board Action: May 26, 2009 Earliest project start date June 1, 2009</p>
<p><u>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</u> Free to all area schools, arts organizations and artists. Call the SMAHC Office</p>	<p><u>ARTS ORGANIZATION NETWORKING and TRAINING GRANTS</u> 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.</p> <p>Applications due one (1) week prior to the planned trip.</p>	<p><u>CULTURAL BANK</u> Up to \$400 in insurance support for projects which face possible loss of expected revenue</p> <p>Ongoing deadline: 28 days before project performance date.</p>

SMAHC Programs for Individual Artists July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Contact SMAHC office for deadlines and forms for period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 – Available Spring 2009

Minnesota Counties within SMAHC region:

Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine

••• **No changes or additions to an application will be allowed after the application deadline.** •••

IMPORTANT - NEW POLICY: It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete and does not include errors. The SMAHC staff will no longer notify an applicant to offer an opportunity to make additions or adjustments to an application unless a draft application is received in the SMAHC office well in advance of the deadline. Incomplete or inaccurate materials may result in your application being deemed ineligible or reduce your request.

<p><u>INDIVIDUAL ARTIST STUDY OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM</u> Up to \$500 for specific study opportunities - all ages & disciplines</p> <p>DEADLINES FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTIST STUDY OPPORTUNITY GRANTS</p> <p>Round I Application Deadline: October 1, 2008 Grant writing workshop: Aug. 28, 2008 Panel Meeting: Nov. 15, 2008 Board Action: Nov. 24, 2008 Earliest project start date: Dec. 1, 2008</p> <p>Round II Application Deadline: April 1, 2009 Grant writing workshop: Feb. 17, 2009 Panel Meeting: May 2, 2009 Board Action: May 26, 2009 Earliest project start date June 1, 2009</p>	<p><u>INDIVIDUAL ARTIST DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM</u> \$1,000 to aid emerging artists at the early stage of their career development</p> <p>DEADLINES FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTIST DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</p> <p>Application Deadline: December 1, 2008 Grant writing workshop: Oct. 21, 2008 Panel meeting: January 10, 2009 Board Action: January 26, 2009 Earliest project start date: Feb. 1, 2009</p> <p><u>INDIVIDUAL ARTIST CAREER GRANT PROGRAM</u> \$2,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development</p> <p>DEADLINES FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTIST CAREER GRANTS</p> <p>Application Deadline: December 1, 2008 Grant writing workshop: Oct. 21, 2008 Panel meeting: January 10, 2009 Board Action: January 26, 2009 Earliest project start date: Feb. 1, 2009</p>	<p><u>PRAIRIE DISCIPLE & PRAIRIE STAR AWARD</u></p> <p>Prairie Disciple This award acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota. This award is made possible with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation. (\$500)</p> <p>Prairie Star This award was established to honor a distinguished artist whose work and activities have best exemplified standing leadership and vision to the southwestern Minnesota artistic community. This award is made possible with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation. (\$1000)</p> <p>These awards made by nomination only. DEADLINES FOR PRAIRIE DISCIPLE AND PRAIRIE STAR AWARD</p> <p>Application Deadline: December 1, 2008 Panel meeting: January 10, 2009 Board Action: January 26, 2009</p>
<p><u>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:</u> Free to all area schools, arts organizations and artists. Call the SMAHC Office</p>		

Upcoming free SMAHC Grant Writing Workshops:

- Art Project and Local Arts Development: July 1, 2008, 4 - 6 PM, SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Dr. Ste 600, Marshall
- Art Project and Local Arts Development: July 2, 2008, 11:30 AM - 1 PM, Board Room, Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2 Main St. South, Hutchinson
- Individual Artist Study Opportunity, August 28, 2008, 2 - 4 PM, SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Dr. Ste 600, Marshall
- Arts & Learning, August 28, 2008, 4 - 6 PM, SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Dr. Ste 600, Marshall

Call the SMAHC office to schedule a grant workshop in your community.

SMAHC ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The Annual Celebration Committee has been hard at work planning a great evening of celebrating the arts in Southwest Minnesota. We guarantee an evening of great food, fun and festivities. There will be some outstanding entertainment, as usual. And we are, again, encouraging everyone to come in costume. There will even be a prize for the most creative costumes. More on this event in the next issue of Voices.

Awards will be presented to our 2008 Prairie Star, Robert Whitcomb and our 2008 Prairie Disciple, Violet Risch. We will also be honoring specifically all the SMAHC volunteers including our many panel members and board members. Don't miss this evening of great fun and frivolity! Mark your calendars for **November 1, 2008** - and plan now to attend!



Pictures above from the 2007 Annual Celebration in Marshall

John Radley appointed as Rock County Board Representative

John Radley of Luverne has been appointed by the SMAHC Board to represent Rock County. John is a professional piano tuner and he sings in choirs in his community and in Sioux Falls. He is enthusiastic about serving on the SMAHC Board. We welcome John to the board of directors.

SMAHC CONFERENCE FOR PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTERS

The annual SMAHC conference was held on June 17th at the Memorial Auditorium in Dawson. The conference was hosted by the Dawson Boyd Arts Association. This conference was a continuation of last year's conference and presented information for organizations that present concerts and performances. 70 people representing 16 arts organizations attended the conference including the Appleton 52 Wing Restoration, the Appleton Arts Committee, The Big Stone Writers' School, The Dassel-Cokato Arts Association, Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, Friends of the Arts - Renville County, Greater Milan Initiative, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, Hutchinson Theatre Company, Lac qui Parle Players, Lac qui Parle History Center, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, Norwegian Heritage Committee, Prairie Arts Chorale and the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. Amy Frimpong, Minnesota State Arts Board Senior Program Officer presented information on their "Arts Across Minnesota" grants and presenter's series grants. The Artist Showcase was the Prairie Arts Chorale who performed a short presentation of songs.

Topics for the evening included Developing a budget for your Arts Event and Writing a Grant for your Arts Event. There were several roundtable discussions on a variety of topics. We thank all the presenters, Luanne Fondell, Pat Schulz, Amy Frimpong and Greta Murray, and the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association for hosting the event.



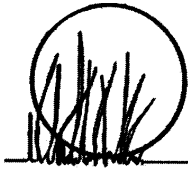
Membership List Continued

Patricia Bratnober Saunders, Minneapolis
Gail Perrizo & Tom Guttormsson, Minneota
Bonnie & Roger Van Moorlehem, Minneota
City of Minneota
Colette Powers, Montevideo
Carol Westberg, Montevideo
Glen & Jackie Herfurth, Montevideo
City of Morton
Jerry & Pam Logue, Mountain Lake
City of New London
Shelley Cords-Swanson, Odin
Ellie & Bob Ehlers, Olivia
Rural Homeopathy, Ann Herdina, Olivia
Donna Leiferman, Ortonville
Pipestone Civil War Days Committee
Pipestone Performing Arts Center
Prairie Arts Chorale, Prinsburg
John & Caroline Buckley, Sr., Redwood Falls
Tatanka Arts, Redwood Falls

Verna & Howard Patrick, Spicer
Karen and David Minge, St. Paul
City of Taunton, Taunton
Marge Robinson, Tracy
Viola Knott, Tracy
Fine Arts Council of Tracy
Jo Anne Kratzke, Wabasso
Vickie Daub, Wabasso
Susan Mattson, Willmar
Jacob & Ruth Polta, Willmar
David Moody & Mary Catherwood, Willmar
Prairie Wind Folk & Bluegrass Association,
Windom
Business, Arts & Recreation Center, Windom
Margaret Erickson, Worthington
Kathleen Kusz, Worthington
Nobles County Commission, Worthington
City of Worthington - Memorial Auditorium,
Worthington

**Become a member of
SMAHC - Help support
the arts in Southwest
Minnesota.**

**Please consider making
a gift to SMAHC as a
memorial or in honor of
a birthday, anniversary
or other special occa-
sion.**



SW MN Arts & Humanities Council
 1210 E. College Drive, Suite 600
 Marshall, MN 56258
 Phone 507-537-1471 or 800-622-5284 toll free
 www.smahc.org smahcinfo@iw.net

Address Service Requested

NON-PROFIT
 ORGANIZATION
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 MARSHALL, MN
 PERMIT NO. 140

**SMAHC needs a board members to represent
 Kandiyohi County. 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 may 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.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Big Stone.....Ardie Eckardt	Lincoln.....Roberta Trooien	Redwood.....Ramona Larson
Chippewa.....Nancy Strand	Lyon.....Linda Grong	Renville.....Jerry Ostensoe
Cottonwood.....Cathy Peterson	McLeod.....Kurt Schulz	Rock.....John Radley
Jackson.....Paul Grupe	Meeker.....Barbara Kay	Swift.....Sydney Masee
Kandiyohi.....Open	Murray.....Chad Felton	Yellow Medicine.....Tamara Isfeld
Lac qui Parle.....Deb Meyer	Nobles.....Margaret Hurlbut Vosburgh	At-Large.....Ruth Ascher
	Pipestone.....Bronwyn Jones	

STAFF

Executive DirectorGreta Murray **Administrative Assistant**...Charles Carrera **Office Assistant**.....Helen Devereaux

New & Renewing Members - April 21 - June 21, 2008

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sydney Masee, Appleton | Crow River Singers, Hutchinson | Madison Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Ralph and Norma Dove, Canby | Les & Lany Kallsen, Ihlen | Prairie Arts Chorale, Madison |
| Betsy and Dewey Tetrack, Canby | City of Lake Benton | Cathy and Joe Amato, Marshall |
| Howard & Jody Mohr, Cottonwood | Jackson County Historical Society, | Michon & David Weeks, Marshall |
| City of Cottonwood | Lakefield | Marianne & Jim Zarzana, Marshall |
| City of Currie | City of Lakefield | Barb Moore, Marshall |
| Maggie & Brad Madsen, Dawson | Andrea Fox & Steve Jensen, Litchfield | Lloyd & Rennae Petersen, Marshall |
| Tokheim Stoneware, Lucy & Gene | Jerry & Kathy Deuschle, Luverne | Wells Fargo Bank of Marshall |
| Tokheim, Dawson | Mary & Ken Petersen, Luverne | Strawberry Fields & The Orphanage, |
| Dawson Chamber of Commerce | Council for Arts & Humanities in Rock | Mary Lou & Irv Peterson, Marshall |
| City of Dawson | County, Luverne | Marshall Convention & Visitors Bureau |
| Cecilia Davis, Evansville | Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce | Southwest Minnesota Weavers Guild, |
| Greta & Michael Murray, Ghent | Rock County Fine Arts Association, | Marshall |
| Doug & Connie Peterson, Granite Falls | Luverne | PEO Chapter AS, Marshall |
| Bev Tellefsen, Granite Falls | Rock County Commission, Luverne | Marshall Area Stage Company, Marshall |
| City of Granite Falls | City of Luverne | SAMMIE, Marshall |
| Ruth Hamlow, Hutchinson | Jan and Scotty Kuehl, Madison | Jane Link, Milan |
| Paul & Barbara Otte, Hutchinson | Klein Bank, Madison | Prairie Sun Bank, Milan |

Continued on Page 7

SMAHC Membership Form

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

Thank you for your membership!