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Joe Paddock SMAHC 2009 Prairie Disciple

We proudly present Joe Paddock as the SMAHC Prairie Disciple for 2009. This award is provided awareness and recognition of one individual per year from southwest Minnesota, whose activities have best aided in the development of the arts in the SMAHC region. In the words of Jean Replinger who nominated him, "He has performed his magic in teaching and writing...and encouraged others of all ages in the written and oral arts in nearly every venue imaginable: nursing homes, grade schools, university classes, farm community gatherings, urban and city bookstores, parks, etc. He invested a lifetime of learning, writing and giving his artistic know-how and inspiration to others."

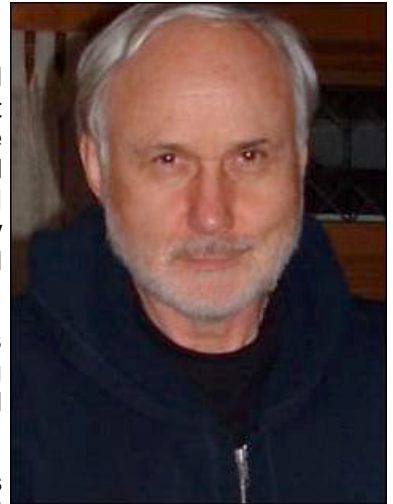
Paddock grew up in Litchfield, Minnesota, to which after a long absence, he has returned. He is living in the house in which he grew up. Litchfield was a thriving community in the 1940s and '50s. He was surrounded by grassroots storytellers and the words of those elder tellers still resonate in him and in his writings.

He attended public school in Litchfield. The teaching there was substantial, though arts education was limited. His interest in writing came early. When he was in second grade, an older neighborhood kid took him to the old Carnegie library, the first trip of many to come. Amazed by all the books in the stacks, he asked where all these books came from. "People write them", was his friend's response." He thought, what a great way to make a living. He was hooked, and he never deviated from the commitment that took hold of him on that day..

Paddock learned to love the environment through his father who was a passionate outdoorsman. He deeply loved the little lakes and hardwood hills of Meeker County. He later spent much of a six-year period living in a primitive cabin on Minnesota's wild Kettle River. His focus during those years was on nature observation, meditation, and dream-work, and it was then that he first began to regularly publish poetry. He states, "While working with environmental organizations, my approach has always been to educate by way of poetry and story." This is a strategy he used while working with the American Farm Project and the Land Stewardship Project as well as in giving programs in a great many other environmental settings. Paddock is the Vice President of the Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation and wrote the biography of wilderness preservationist Oberholtzer (*Keeper of the Wild*, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2001). As such, he sometimes functions as "keeper of the story" for the organization.

Paddock has been involved in many arts organizations, including COMPAS, SMAHC, The National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities, The Creative Writing Department of the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Rural Arts Initiative, Self Expressing Earth. He is currently facilitating the Litchfield Area Writers Group which he founded in 1990.

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SMAHC presents Artist Business Skills Workshops

**conducted by Springboard for the Arts
Friday, July 24 & Saturday July 25**

**Don't miss these valuable workshops.
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SMAHC Annual Celebration 2009

The SMAHC Annual Celebration date has been set. This event will be on **October 24, 2009** at the **Willmar Conference Center** (Holiday Inn). It promises to be a great evening of fun and festivities. We will be honoring our **2009 Prairie Star recipient, Robert Mattson** from New London and **2009 Prairie Disciple recipient, Joe Paddock** of Litchfield. We will be returning to the **Live Auction** and the **Silent Auction** again this year. Be looking for the auction items listed on our website in September. There will be some great entertainment throughout the evening. We are breaking away with the tradition of costumes optional in favor of semi-formal (or formal) dress.

This is a great opportunity to meet and greet arts advocates and artist from throughout the SMAHC region. The evening begins at **5:30** with opening entertainment. We hope you mark this date on your calendar - **and don't miss it!** Photos can be found on the SMAHC website at

www.smahc.org/08-annual_celebration.htm .



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As a long time member of SMAHC, Paddock has been an advocate for the arts in SW Minnesota. He became one of two first National Endowment for the Arts "Poets in the Community" in the town of Olivia. This was a pilot project funded by the NEA with help from SMAHC and administered by COMPAS. This new project met with some fierce resistance by many in the community. He soon found that the project couldn't be about him as poet, and that it must have to do with enhancing the creativity of people in the community and in digging into and bringing to light the greatness of the community's own story. It was then that he became an oral historian, and *The Things We Know Best*, the 140,000 work book that he collected and edited (with the help of a truly dedicated supported committee) won the day for the project. In the end, the city council which had previously been hostile, gave him the keys to the city.

Paddock worked on many other projects including two one-year SMAHC-sponsored (NEA funded) regional poetry projects which he shared with his poet wife Nancy. He remembers that during the first of these they worked in 42 different communities, providing readings and workshops and working as poets in the classroom. SMAHC published and distributed a chapbook of his poetry during each of those years. In the following years, while working with the American Farm Project and the Land Stewardship Project, he was often involved with short-term SMAHC projects and programs, including a number of oral history workshops given to communities in the region.

After he moved back to Litchfield, SMAHC helped to fund the "Recovering the Story" project which Paddock coordinated and which led to an extensive oral history collection covering much of the 20th Century, a produced play he wrote from this content, and the Litchfield Area Writers Group, the members of which have now published 13 books. He states, "COMPAS published the first, SMAHC provided a grant to publish the second, and from that time on, we've sold well enough to become self-sustaining."

Paddock has had a great impact on many people over the years. When asked about that impact, he commented, "As for my impact on other people, it may not be appropriate for me to say a lot about this. However, I will say that I have always loved to help enhance the creativity of others, less that they will become professional writers than that they will become more fully aware of and connected to the creative dimension in themselves. In a similar vein, I take real satisfaction in helping others to more fully discover the story in which they are grounded."

We congratulated Joe Paddock on receiving the SMAHC Prairie Disciple Award and thank him for his contribution to the arts in our region.

Many thanks to Joe Paddock for contributing to this story. You can read the full Q & A interview with Paddock on the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org). You can also read his bio included in his poetry book "Dark Dreaming, Global Dimming" and a Paddock essay, "Local Story and the Power of Art."

SMAHC AWARDS \$21,859 FOR ARTS & LEARNING AND EDUCATOR ARTS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted to award a total of \$21,859 in grant funds for regional arts activities through the following two SMAHC programs: ***The Arts & Learning Grant Program and the Arts Study Opportunity for Educators Grant Program.***

Twelve 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.

- **Parkside Elementary School**, Marshall, \$2,500, for a Perrin Boyd Artist Residency
- **Appleton/Milan Elementary School**, Appleton, \$2,500, for a Susan Armington Artist Residency
- **Lakeview School District**, Cottonwood, \$1,865, for a Jill Weese Artist Residency
- **Stevens Elementary School**, Dawson, \$2,500, for a Florence Dacey Artist Residency
- **Willmar Learning Center (Willmar Public School)**, Willmar, \$873, for a Japanese Taiko Drumming Residency
- **DEMO Inc**, Willmar, \$1,890, for a Mu Daiko Residency
- **Prairie Dance Alliance**, Marshall, \$2,500, for a Summer Intensive Dance Camp
- **Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg School**, Kerkhoven, \$1,531, for a children's theatre workshop and production "The Frog Prince"
- **Fine Arts Council of Tracy**, Tracy \$1,450, for children's theater workshops & production
- **Fulda Community Education**, Fulda, \$750, for Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Aladdin"
- **Lakeview School District**, Cottonwood \$750, for Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Wizard of Oz"
- **Calumet Players Children's Theater**, Pipestone, \$750, for Missoula Children's Theatre Residency

Four awards were made recently in the ***SMAHC/McKnight Arts Study Opportunity for Educators Grant Program.*** This program provides educators up to \$500 for study opportunities that will help to deliver arts education in the classrooms. The most recent recipients of this program are as follows:

- **Mary Petersen**, Luverne, \$500 for a workshop "Adventures in wheel and hand built pottery making."
- **Kayleen Parker**, Redwood Falls, \$500 for an experimental portraiture workshop for art educators.
- **Barbara Schueler**, Cottonwood, \$500 for a workshop "Adventures in wheel and hand built pottery making."
- **Ramona Larson**, Redwood Falls, \$500 to attend ballroom dancing classes at Arthur Murray dance studio.

SMAHC AWARDS \$4,990 TO INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS FOR STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted to award a total of **\$4,990 to Individual Artists** under the ***SMAHC/McKnight Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grant.*** The *Individual Artist Study Opportunity Program* awards up to \$500 to artists in all stages of their careers for specific study opportunities such as workshops, classes & mentorship. We congratulate the most recent grant award recipients in these programs:

- **Tammi Peart-Parsons**, Kandiyohi, \$500, to attend an Encaustics Workshop at Grand Marais Art Colony
- **Suzanne Napgezok**, Willmar, \$500, to attend a Watercolor Workshop with Lian Zhen in Traverse City, MI
- **Celeste Suter**, Montevideo, \$500, to attend the Midwest Weavers Conference in Grinnell, IA
- **Carol Lundeen**, Dassel, \$500, to attend Private Landscaping Oil Painting Lessons with Dr. Robert Hagberg
- **Erich Rieppel**, Cottonwood, \$500, to attend Summer Percussion Academy & Workshop in Bloomington, IN
- **Neva Foster**, Ortonville, \$490, to attend Chinese Watercolor Painting Classes with Lian Zhen in Waseca, MN
- **Susan Marco**, Dassel, \$500, to attend a 1 Week Writer's Conference at the Iowa City Writers Conference

Funds for the following **Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants** were provided through donations to SMAHC from the members of the **2008 Growing Home Circle** of the **Southwest Initiative Foundation** as well as the **McKnight Foundation**. We thank them for their interest in supporting the arts in SW Minnesota.

- **Daniel Knapper**, Renville, \$500, to attend a Young Artist Piano Camp in Duluth, MN
- **Rebekah Criquet Danielson**, Marshall, \$500, to attend Dance Classes at the Broadway Dance Center in NY
- **Samantha Mathers**, \$500, to attending Interlochen Arts Camp in MI

Check the Web! We have posted the new application deadlines and application forms for Fiscal Year 2010 on the SMAHC website. Check it out at www.smahc.org.

GALLERY LISTINGS

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th Street, Worthington; July and August - Selections from NCAC Permanent Collection. Gallery hours are 2pm to 4:30pm; Admission is FREE; Call 507-372-8245 for information

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street Marshall - June 23—July 25 Sculpture by John Sterner Exhibit. A reception for John is set for Thurs. July 9 from 5-7pm at the Art Center. August 4– September 12 , Robert Schwan Memorial Photography Competition & Exhibit. Sept 15-Oct 24, Karen Reede Watercolor Exhibits. Phone 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. Free; Visit www.mafac.net

Tatanka Arts July 24-26 Art Show and Sale at the Capitol Corn Days in Olivia at the Master's Coffee Shop on Hwy 212 in downtown Olivia. August 15-September 16 Library Case Show, Redwood Falls Library. Several Tatanka Arts artists have set up displays of art work in the empty store windows in the Redwood downtown area. For more info visit their web page www.tatankaarts.org

Milan Village Arts School in Milan classes offered in July August & September include Events at Earthrise Farm and Milan Thursday street concerts, traditional Scandinavian shrink boxes, and more. See the complete list at www.milanvillageartsschool.org

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; Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Contact the museum for the yearly schedule (507) 831-1134

The Barn Gallery, 321 SW 4th Street Willmar Poster Art Unveiling at the Barn Theater, August 6, 11:30 am at a public reception honoring Dona Larkin, well known Renville artist. Other artists work unveiled that day will include Julia Iverson,

Robert Mattson & Kim Wendlandt. (320)-235-9500 www.thebarntheatre.com

Clay Coyote Pottery 17614 240th St. Hutchinson; See www.claycoyote.com for gallery hours or email Betsy or Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net;

July

July 1 - 24 Be Creative @ Your Library - Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Plum Creek Library System with Ramona Larson, Arts Educator and Consultant. She will be presenting her program at various library sites in the Plum Creek Library region. For a brochure with the complete schedule, locations, and times go to www.smahc.org/pdf/09 Summer Reading.pdf Admission for all programs is free. For more information, email clang@plumcreeklibrary.net

July 1 Concert in the Park by the Prairie Winds Concert Band, Rice Park, 2nd St. SW & Kandiyohi Ave., Willmar; 7:30 PM, Free Admission; Concert in the Park See the website: pwcb.dennisbenenson.com

July 8-11, 15-18, 22-25 "ANNIE", at the Barn Theater, 321- 4th St SW in Willmar; Ticket prices \$15 adults and \$8 for 18 years and under. August 19-22, 25-28 For more information info@thebarntheatre.com

July 10 at 7:00 pm and July 11 at 3:00 pm Alice's Adventures in Wonderland presented by the Hutchinson Theatre Company Young Stars at New Discoveries Montessori School, 1000 5th Ave. SE, Hutchinson; Tickets are \$5; See hutchtheatre.org or email marystamps@mchsi.com

July 10 & 11 Worthington International Festival, Nobles County Government Center 315 10th Street. Worthington www.wgtn.net/Festival/schedule.htm

July 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant, Walnut Grove; 9:00pm visit the web site: www.walnutgrove.org/pageant.htm

***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 October/December VOICES by September 15, 2009.

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: _____

July 10-11, 16-18 at 7:00 pm and 19 at 2:00 pm, The Sound of Music, MASC's 10th annual Summer Musical, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts at Marshall High School, **Marshall**; \$10 for Adults (\$8 in advance), \$8 for Students and Sr. Citizens(60+)(\$6 in advance); Email nemespd@hotmail.com or visit the website: www.marshallareastagecompany.com

July 10,14,18 at 7:30pm & July 18 at 2:00pm "Little Me" at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center, 4852 Reardon Ave. S.W. **Cokato**; \$15 - Adults, Youth - \$10. for more info visit the web at www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter

July 11,18, 25 Family Festival in the Park at Walnut Grove 11:00am-6:00pm. Art Exhibit 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 3:00pm-8:00pm. Family activities, entertainment, demonstrations, craft vendors, and food. For more info visit their web at www.walnutgrove.org/festival.htm or call at 507-859-2135 / 507-380-7519 or e-mail cityclerk@walnutgrovemn.org

July 12 South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St. **Pipestone**; 3:00pm For more info visit the website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm

July 16-18 at 7:30pm "Oliver" by the Prairie Oasis Players, in the Murray County Central Auditorium. 2420 28th St., **Slayton**; Tickets \$9 Adults, \$6 Seniors/Students For more information call 507-393-0094 or e-mail prairieoasisplayers@hotmail.com

July 16-18, 22-25 "Damn Yankees" at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; For ticket information and show times, call 507-368-4620 or e-mail lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com or visit their web page at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/tickets.html

July 17 Music, Meals, & Meander in the City Park (Rain location is in the school). 709 North Kniss Ave. **Luverne**. www.luvernechamber.com/cms/

July 17-18 Rhythm of the River 3rd Annual, River Music Festival, held in Ashley Park, corner of River and State Street, **Jackson**. www.rhythmoftheriver.org/

July 17-18 "Guys & Dolls" by the Granite Falls Community Theatre, YME High School Auditorium, **Granite Falls**.

July 22,29 & Aug 5 MAFAC Summer Concert Series at the Band Shell at Liberty Park in **Marshall** 7:00pm For more info call 507-532-5463

July 23-25 & 26 "Little Abner" presented by the Litchfield Community Theater at the Bernie Aaker Auditorium, **Litchfield**; 7:30pm, except the 26th performance will be at 2:00pm; for more info call 320-693-2354.

July 24 Old Time Indian Flute at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St. **Pipestone**; 7:00pm visit www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm

July 25, Keepers of the Sacred Tradition of Pipemakers, **Pipestone**; Enjoy a day of fun, learning, sharing, and experience history.

July 25 Red Hat Extravaganza at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St. **Pipestone**; For more info visit the website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm

July 30-31 August 6-7 at 7:30pm & Aug. 8 at 2:00pm "Annie" Presented by the Redwood Area Theatre, **Redwood Falls**; Performances are held in the Esteban Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.) Admission \$10. For more information call 507-752-7588 or e-mail davidmoldan@centurytel.net

AUGUST

August 4-5 Painting Class "Color and Light" instructed by David Rickert, at the Art of the Lakes Gallery **Battle Lake**; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Admisssion is \$50 for members and \$60 for nonmembers; Call (218)-267-2099 for inquiries or visit their website at www.artofthelakes.org/

August 8 from 7-9pm Jeff Vetsch in concert at the Little Theatre in **New London**; a mix of original & cover tunes in his unique folk county style. Visit their website at www.newlondonlittletheatre.com/

August 13-15 Musical "Chicago" 7:00pm at the Hutchinson High School Auditorium. **Hutchinson**: \$15 adults \$10 Youths (12 & under). www.hutchtheatre.org/

August 14-15 8:00am-10:00pm Pipestone Civil Wars Days, Hiawatha Grounds in **Pipestone**

August 15 Garlic Festival at the McLeod County Fairgrounds, **Hutchinson**; 10:00am-7:00pm. A fun day of celebrity chefs, entertainment, magic, music & dance. More info and updates visit www.sfa-mn.org/garlicfest

August 15 National Lutheran Choir Hymn Festival at the Faith Lutheran Church, **Spicer**; 5:30 PM; Admission - Freewill Offering; For more information, email flc_simon@tds.net or call 320-796-2552.

August 31, Tryouts for Delval Divas at 7:00PM at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; need a cast of six females, contact Mark Wilmes at 507-247-3833, or markwilmes@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

September 5 Hypnotist Tom Dare at the Little Theatre in **New London**; Admission \$5; For more info visit their web at www.newlondonlittletheatre.com

September 16-19, 23-26 The Sister's Rosenxweig, at the Barn Theater, 321- 4th St SW in **Willmar**; For more information info@thebarntheatre.com

September 19 Norwegian Heritage Festival Concert at the Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**; See their website for more information <http://www.dawsonboydarts.org/>

September 19 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! Downtown Willmar 9:00am-4:00pm, demonstrations, children's activity tent, juried art exhibit & art sale, food court, free coffee. Visit their website at <http://www.dennisbenenson.com/cacc/>

OPPORTUNITIES

Wild Rice Trade, Art & Antique Expo 2009 to be held on July 17 - 19 outside the Shooting Star Casino, **Mahnomen, Minnesota**, located on the White Earth Indian Reservation, 35 miles north of Detroit Lakes. That is the weekend of the state-wide American Legion Convention, and we're trying to get all areas of the state represented with their artist's work. The smallest exhibit area (10x10') is going for \$100, other sizes available. Spaces are being reserved quickly. For more information, email wildrice-expo@live.com

Midwest Arts Conference is coming to St. Paul September 9 - 12, 2009. Plan now to attend. For more information, visit www.artsmidwest.org. Click on the Programs link.

Call For Artists & Vendors for the 3rd Annual Glacial Ridge Winery Grape Stomp at the Glacial Ridge Winery 15455 Old Mill Road, **Spicer**; This day long event features live music, art & craft vendors, food vendors, wine tastings, tours, cooking demos, kids activities, grape stomp contests and more. September 12, 2009 All Day; Vendor Booth fee is \$25. Event is free to the public; For more information, call 320-796-9463 or email lisa@glacialridgewinery.com; Website: www.glacialridgewinery.com

Horizontal Grandeur Fine Art Exhibition Stevens County Historical Society & Museum, 116 W 6th Street, **Morris**; Exhibition, July 10th - October 30th, 2009; Email: grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com; For more information, visit the web-

site: www.stevenshistorymuseum.com/grandeur/form.php

Arts Education News from the Perpich Center - here's a great blog of arts education news from around the state. There are lots of great happenings and events to take advantage of here. Visit the blog at <http://artseducation.typepad.com:80/>

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

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Joe & Cathy Amato, Marshall
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Prairie Sun Bank, Milan
Bonnie & Roger Van Moorlehem,
Minneota
Gail Perrizo & Tom Guttormsson,
Minneota
Glen & Jackie Herfurth, Montevideo
Dan & Elizabeth Hampton, Montevideo
Colette Powers, Montevideo
Carol Westberg, Montevideo
Jerry & Pam Logue, Mountain Lake
Shelley Cords-Swanson, Odin
Rural Homeopathy, Ann Herdina,
Olivia
City of Olivia

Don & Bonnie Sherman, Ortonville
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Pipestone Performing Arts Center
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Jon and Ruth Hoyme, Slayton
Prairie Oasis Players, Slayton
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Matt Entenza & Lois Quam, St. Paul
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Susan Selden, Wood Lake
Richard & Kris Besel, Worthington
Curtis & Shirley Pietz, Worthington
Kathleen Kusz, Worthington
Randy & Susan Simonson,
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Spotlight on Memorial Auditorium – Dawson, Lac qui Parle County

Submitted by Luanne Fondell, Performing Arts Director

Memorial Auditorium opened its doors for the first time with a sold out concert featuring Riders in the Sky in September of 2001. The performance was funded with a grant from SMAHC. Two months later the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra arrived for a student workshop and public concert as a partner in an Arts Across Minnesota Host Community grant. These two concerts were part of Dawson-Boyd Arts Association's premier season and demonstrate the variety of quality performances that have become standard for the venue.

Dawson-Boyd Arts Association was organized in conjunction with the school district's decision to renovate the school's gymnasium/auditorium into a space used solely for the performing arts. The formation of the Arts Association was a natural step for a community and school district with a long history of supporting the arts.

With the efforts of enthusiastic community volunteers, a ten-member board of directors and a part time performing arts director, the past eight seasons have seen notable growth in the quality of artistic performances, the wide range of artistic disciplines presented and gradually increasing audiences. The Arts Association also provides performances and workshops for students of the Dawson-Boyd School District in conjunction with selected public performances during the season. Children's theater performances are offered to neighboring school districts as an alternative to lengthy bus rides to larger venues. Additionally, local visual artists exhibit in the lobby prior to selected concerts. These exhibits provide great exposure for local artists as well as opportunities for arts patrons to view new work. Dawson-Boyd Arts Association's mission to nurture the visual and performing arts is achieved through these student and public performances.

Dawson-Boyd Arts Association has presented professional artists from a variety of artistic disciplines and cultures including folk music and classical music, dance, theater, jazz, popular "classics" and community concerts such as Handel's Messiah. Highlights of past seasons include world famous violinist Midori with pianist Robert McDonald, author Bill Holm, jazz pianist Butch Thompson, Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau, Lake Wobegon Brass Band, Mu Daiko, Kevin Kling and Peter Ostroushko.

From its beginning, the Arts Association has benefited from SMAHC grants that have provided assistance in purchasing office furniture, computer equipment and a dance floor, as well as assistance in presenting quality artists for the audiences of west-central Minnesota. This grant assistance has been critical to our organizational and artistic success.

For more information about Memorial Auditorium and for information about next season's performances, visit the website at dawsonboydarts.org.



2009-2010 Season

Sept. 19 – Norwegian Heritage Festival Concert

October 3 – Meander Weekend Concert: Chuck Suchy

November 13 – Theatreworks USA's Suessical

January – Fundraiser Concert with local artists

February 6 – Comedian Mary Rowles

March 9 – Cantus

June 28 – Straighten Up & Fly Right – Nat King Cole Tribute

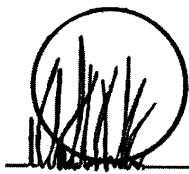
SMAHC Presents Artist Business Skills Workshops

SMAHC is offering a series of workshops for artists presented by the **Springboard for the Arts**. This new series of four workshops include: ♦♦ **Record Keeping & Financial Management for Artists**, ♦♦ **Simple Business plans for Artists**, ♦♦ **Pricing Your work-Getting paid for What You Do**, and ♦♦ **Funding Your work**.

This is the second of a series of two weekend workshops. The first series was held on June 12 & 13 and it was well received by the artists who attended. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the business of being an artist. We are sure they will be most valuable to you.

The dates of the workshops are **Friday, July 24, from 3:00 to 9:30 pm** and **Saturday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Each day begins with a free hands-on workshop on bookmaking by Monica Villars. The cost of the workshops for residents in the SMAHC region is **\$15 for each workshop**.

The workshops will be held at the **Multi Purpose Building, Upper Sioux Community**, 5 miles southeast of Granite Falls on Highway 67. Turn south on Travers Lane - watch for the water tower. You can obtain a brochure with all the descriptions for all the workshops and the registration form by calling SMAHC at 800-622-5284 or by visiting the website at www.smahc.org. You can also register for the workshops online at www.smahc.org.



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