Brian Pearson of New London receives 2016 Prairie Disciple Award

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce Brian Pearson of New London as the recipient of the 2016 Prairie Disciple Award, which acknowledges a person – this year, an arts educator – who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota.

Just retired this June, Pearson was the band director at New London-Spicer middle and high schools for 37 years, and continues to be a valuable and always willing participant in countless other music activities in the area.

Nominator Mary Pieh of Willmar said, “He works tirelessly to make music a vibrant entity at school and in the community. Brian has a consistently positive attitude, and is very responsive to helping his band students go above and beyond just their band class requirements. He commands the students' respect by being invested in their success.”

“When our daughter became part of the band experience under Mr. Pearson,” said Laura Molenaar, parent and science/5th grade teacher at New London-Spicer, “we were delighted to receive our first ‘Wildcat Gram’, a note from Mr. Pearson informing us that Emily was doing well in band, working hard, and a joy to work with. We soon realized that Mr. Pearson did this same service for all of his students. The number of encouraging messages, considering over one hundred students each year, an average of at least two encouraging messages per student per year, over thirty seven years, is an astounding feat!”

Another parent, Naomi Noeldner, said, “For over a year he has supported our oldest son and his friends in their own, extra-curricular, student-led jazz ensemble. He has helped them make connections in the community to set up gigs, generously loaned them equipment and allows them to use the band room to practice. Most importantly, he lends his expertise when they find themselves struggling with a piece of music. All this goes above and beyond his role as teacher and is graciously done on his own time.”

In addition to teaching and mentoring, Pearson has composed and arranged music for New London-Spicer Schools bands and choirs and for various programs at the elementary school. “Teachers come to him with an idea,” Pieh said, “and he takes it from there, usually spending after school time to compose and record. He composed and led music for sing-alongs at the annual 5th grade trip to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.”

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UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

SMAC grants must be applied for online. Go to www.swmnarts.org for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

July 25, 2016:
Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects, Round I
Earliest project start date: September 15, 2016

August 1, 2016:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

August 15, 2016:
Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round I
Earliest project start date: October 15, 2016

September 1, 2016:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

September 19, 2016:
Individual Artists, Round I
Earliest project start date: November 15, 2016

October 1, 2016:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

October 26, 2016:
Arts in the Schools, Round I
Earliest project start date: December 15, 2016

*Earliest project start date for monthly deadlines is the 1st of the following month

The SMAC office will be closed on Monday, July 4.
New this year for SMAC grant programs

Several changes have been made to SMAC grant application requirements for this year:

- Official community partners will no longer be required for Legacy-level grants.
- Equipment & Facilities Improvement grants (previously up to $5,000) have been combined with Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement grants (previously $5,001 - $15,000) into one program with a funding limit of $15,000. There will be two deadlines: August 15, 2016 and February 1, 2017.
- For Equipment & Facilities Improvement grants, there will be a funding limit of $50,000 per organization over a 10 year period. Funding counting toward this limit will begin with grants awarded this year (FY17).
- Applicants in all of the Individual Artist grant programs will no longer be required to submit letters of support from other qualified arts professionals. Developing artists may now ask for up to $2,000.

Grant review panelists needed for 2016-2017

Are you interested in being a part of bringing about arts funding in our Southwest Minnesota communities? If so, we’d love for you to consider being a grant review panelist for SMAC.

As a grant review panelist, you will learn about the arts activities taking place in SW MN, discuss art and its impact on individuals and communities in our region, network with other regional artists and arts volunteers, weigh in on SMAC’s grant application process, and receive free tickets to evaluate SMAC-funded arts activities.

Panelists go online to read grant applications and do preliminary scoring. Then they meet on a Saturday (panel meetings generally run from 9:00 am through mid-afternoon) to discuss the applications, finalize their scores, and make a funding recommendation to the SMAC Board of Directors. Meals and mileage reimbursement for the day are provided by SMAC. Panelists may serve on a panel for one or more grant programs, depending on expertise, interest, and availability.

Grant review panel dates for 2016-2017:

**Art Projects / Art Legacy Projects**
August 13, 2016 • January 7, 2017 • April 1, 2017

**Equipment & Facilities Improvement**
September 3, 2016 • February 18, 2017

**Individual Artists**
October 8, 2016 • March 4, 2017*

**Arts in the Schools**
November 12, 2016 • February 4, 2017

**Art Study Opportunity for Youth**
April 15, 2017

*if funds remain

Panelists are appointed by the SMAC Board of Directors and serve a one-year term. To apply, go to [http://swmnarts.org/about/become-a-grant-panelist/](http://swmnarts.org/about/become-a-grant-panelist/) for a panelist application form and our conflict of interest policy. Return both, along with your resume, to info@swmnarts.org or PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258.

Many thanks to all of SMAC’s 2015-2016 grant review panelists:
Andrea Anderson, Marshall • Cheryl Avenel-Nava, Worthington • Nikki Betcher-Erickson, Willmar • Lauren Carlson, Dawson • Ellen Copperud, Worthington • Bob Dorlac, Marshall • Thomas Flynn, Marshall • Mary Kay Frisvold, Garvin • Reggie Gorter, Pipestone • Bill Gossizer, New London • Tammy Grubbs, Pipestone • Kris Gruhot, Lynd • Beth Habicht, Worthington • Cheryl Hanson, Windom • Mike Hulsizer, Marshall • Jeff Iversen, Granite Falls • Georgette Jones, Watson • Maureen Keimig, Marshall • Deb Larson, Ortonville • Brett Lehman, Worthington • Susan Marco, Dassel • Judy Marquardt, Lake Lillian • Joyce Meyer, Canby • Kelly Muldoon, Slayton • Paula Nemes, Marshall • Marjorie Nilsson, New London • Jane Nygaard, Spicer • Anne O’Keefe-Jackson, Morton • Janet Olney, Willmar • Gretchen Otness, Willmar • Mary Pieh, Willmar • Ron Porep, Milan • Tom Rice, Appleton • Kathy Schaefer, Ghent • Lois Schmidt, Tracy • Marilee Strom, Windom • Roberta Trooien, Hendricks • John Voit, Ghent • Scott Wallace, Hendricks • Kari Weber, New London • Jesse White, Currie • John White, Ortonville • Tom Wirt, Hutchinson
SMAC Gallery features paintings by Sima Amid-Wewetzer

An exhibit of paintings by Sima Amid-Wewetzer of Marshall will be on display in the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery from July 14 through August 26, 2016.

Amid-Wewetzer is originally from Tehran, Iran. She began painting at the age of thirteen and completed her studies at the University of Arts and Design in Tehran in 1978. She then moved to the United States, where she continued her education at Macomb University in Chicago. After visiting and living in other cities including New York, Miami, and Los Angeles, Amid-Wewetzer moved to Minnesota in 2001.

She says that the natural surroundings and landscapes of Minnesota have influenced her artwork; she has recently been concentrating on abstract landscapes. This has allowed Amid-Wewetzer to become one with her surroundings, which she says creates a relaxed and joyful environment for herself and for others viewing her work.

“The ideas in my work are healing, peace, freedom, and unique creativity,” says Amid-Wewetzer. “I like to create large sizes, and that helps me to feel the freedom I am always looking for. Most of my works are happy colors with lots of movement and forms. Most of the time in my landscapes, I apply soft paint for the background, surrounding thicker paint. I paint with my soul, so I feel more comfortable and create better when I paint with my fingers, because they touch my soul before I apply them to the canvas. I want to tell stories and be able to heal people with peace.”

Amid-Wewetzer has been part of multiple exhibitions from New York, to the Iranian Culture Show in Beverly Hills, to the Sun City Museum of Art in Arizona. Her work was published in International Contemporary Masters in 2012, and she received an Honorable Mention Award in the Arta Vita International Competition in 2015. Amid-Wewetzer received an Individual Artist grant from SMAC in 2013 and 2014.

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2016. Enjoy live music by The Kaybees featuring Saara Myrene Raappana during the reception. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

The Kaybees featuring Saara Myrene Raappana to perform at SMAC gallery

The Kaybees featuring Saara Myrene Raappana will perform at Sima Amid-Wewetzer’s opening reception at the SMAC gallery on Thursday, July 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm. The group includes electronic musicians David KelseyBassett and Oak Kelsey along with poet Saara Myrene Raappana. In describing their music, KelseyBassett says to expect “adjective objectives, noun sounds, reverbed verbs, exclamation coloration, jazz & groove colored words.”
Prairie Disciple, continued

Molenaar added that “an untimely death of a fifth grade student led to the creation of an arrangement, ‘George’s Song’, performed for George's parents and classmates. It was a moving memorial at the graduation ceremony that would have been George's in 2015.”

Pearson’s influence extends well beyond the New London-Spicer schools. Bill Gossman, artist and New London mayor, said, “Brian's career as a music teacher has enriched many student lives. Brian’s career as a musician has enriched everyone else. At one time or another, nearly all of the musicians in the area have had a musical experience in some way with Brian, either rehearsing, recording, or performing. He is a vital part of the music scene in a large part of the SMAC region.”

Pearson has helped direct and play music for musicals at the Barn Theater (Willmar), Ridgewater College (Willmar), and at the Little Theater (New London); directed the New London-Spicer Community Band; helped area musicians record themselves at the recording studio in his basement; played in The Prairie Winds Concert Band, the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, the Blues Brothers Band, the Mill Pond Jazz Orchestra, and his own band that plays at weddings and other events; filled in as a last minute substitute for many groups; and played at the nursing home.

Fellow musician Mark Freitas of Willmar said, “Brian has been a great example of a versatile professional musician, teacher, church musician, composer, arranger, conductor, recording artist, and sound technician. We’ve played together in the Mill Pond Jazz Orchestra (which he founded and led for its first year) for 10 years. Brian has held the title of ‘Most Valuable Player’, having directed, performed on trumpet, flugelhorn, flute, keyboards, bass, drums, and vocals. Brian has a positive attitude that is contagious and very much appreciated in our region. When he participates in any capacity, he is known for elevating the level of quality, fun, and effectiveness.”

Pearson’s contributions have also reached area churches. “Brian has always made himself available for any and all musical needs with the local churches,” retired Pastor Duane Semmler of New London said, “not just Peace Lutheran in New London where he is a member, but also at the requests of neighboring churches in New London, Spicer, and the greater Willmar area. Several times he has also composed songs for the Vacation Bible School curriculum, used by most of the 10,000 churches affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I have no doubts that his life will continue to be filled with music in retirement, using his ability, availability, and passion to enhance music in this entire region.”

The son of music teachers, Pearson grew up in St. Cloud. He attended St. Cloud State University, where he met his wife, Sherry. A music teacher as well, Sherry has also just retired from a career at New London-Spicer Schools. They have two children.

Asked what advice he would give to other wanting to be involved in the arts in their communities, Pearson recommends, “Join a church, a choir, or band in your community and before you know it you will be way too busy!”

Please join the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council board of directors, staff, members, and volunteers in honoring Brian Pearson for his contribution to the arts in southwestern Minnesota. The award will be officially presented to Pearson at the SW MN Arts Council Annual Celebration on September 24, 2016 at the Dassel History Center & Ergot Museum, Dassel, MN.
Hutchinson Center for the Arts: Call for Exhibit Proposals

Hutchinson Center for the Arts is seeking proposals for its 2017 Exhibition Season, open to all MN residents working in any media, including installation and new media. The Center has opportunities for solo and group shows featuring both emerging and established artists.

Proposals including an artist statement/project description, resume, and five images of your work with descriptions are due via email by midnight on August 12, 2016. Submission guidelines are available at www.hutchinsonarts.org/artist-opportunities/. Email any questions to director@hutchinsonarts.org.

JULY ARTS EVENTS

*Indicates the project was funded in part with a grant from SMAC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, or by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund.

**July 1 & 2 You Can’t Take It With You**, 7:00 pm, The Little Theatre, 24 Central Ave E, New London. Crow River Players production of "You Can’t Take It With You", in which a man from a family of rich snobs becomes engaged to a woman from a good-natured but decidedly eccentric family. Information at newlondonlittletheatre.com.

*July 1 The Teddy Bear Band*, 10:30 am, Lion’s Park, Lake Ave & Lyon County Hwy 63, Balaton. Children’s concert during Balaton Fun Fest.

**July 4 SW MN Arts Council Office Closed.**

*July 5 The Wendinger Band*, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Veum & Herring, Appleton. Part of the Appleton ‘52 Wing Restoration Committee’s Summer Concert Series.

**July 6 Music at Central Park Market: Quarter to 4:30, 5:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, Cottonwood.** Central Park Market includes food and great vendors that showcase locally grown and homemade items. Information at: www.cityofcottonwoodmn.com.

*July 6 Prairie Winds Concert Band*, 7:30 pm, Rice Park, 803 3rd St SW, Willmar. Prairie Winds Concert Band’s weekly outdoor concert’s feature popular music, marches, patriotic music, and other light concert fare. Local businesses provide free popcorn and water. Local small music ensembles perform before the concert from 7:00-7:30 pm.

*July 7 Danube Concert in the Park*, 7:00 pm, Mueller Park Bandstand, 404 1st St, Danube. Organized by the Danube Historical Society.

**July 7 Artist Reception: John White**, 4:00-7:00 pm, Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St SW, Willmar.

*July 8 & 9 Worthington International Festival*, Nobles County Government Center, 315 10th St, Worthington. Friday 5:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm. The festival includes culturally diverse performers, food vendors, artisan booths, educational booths and children activities, and features a local talent showcase. More information and event schedule at www.worthingtoninternationalfestival.org.

*July 8 & 9 Rhythm of the River Music Festival*, Ashley Park, Jackson. Friday 5:30-11:00pm, Saturday 2:00-11:00 pm. Musicians include Claudia Russell & Bruce Kaplan, Erik Koskinen, Romi Mayes, Chad Elliot & J. Jeffrey Messerole, Pieta Brown, City Mouse, Chastity Brown, and The Pistol Whippin’ Party Penguins. For children: The Bazillions, Gallimaufry, and Wilderman. There will be booths of local and regional artisans set up in the park grounds and additional activities for children and adults. Schedule and more information at: www.rhythmoftheriver.org.

*July 9 Muse on the Minnesota*, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm, Riverside Plazas/Parks, Downtown Granite Falls. Arts and crafts market with food vendors. Free concert from noon to three PM features Jerry Ostensoe. Organized by Granite Falls Riverfront Revitalization.

*July 9 Artist Reception: Dan Wahl*, 2:00-4:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**July 9-11 MN Theater Alliance Statewide Conference**, St John’s University, Collegeville. Go to www.mtastc.org to register by June 30.

**July 10 Exhibit Opening Reception: A. E. Schar**, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Ste 3, Worthington.

*July 10 Spicer’s Music on the Deck*, 4:00 pm, City Park, Spicer. Concerts on Sundays from July 10- August 14 are organized by the Spicer Beautification Committee.

**July 11 Music On Mondays: Dennis Warner**, 7:00 pm, Canby Central Park, Canby. Warner performs acoustic, folk, and original music. Free to the public; however free-will donations will be welcomed. After covering the costs of the musical programs, all proceeds will be donated to the Canby Theater Renovation Project for the second
theater projection system. $7 grilled hamburger meals from Jim's Market will be available starting at 6:00 pm. In case of inclement weather performances will be held in the Canby Community Center.

*July 12 The Blue Ox Jazz Babies, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Veum & Herring, Appleton. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee’s Summer Concert Series.

*July 13 Music at Central Park Market: Jerry Ostenson, 5:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, Cottonwood. Central Park Market includes food and great vendors that showcase locally grown and homemade items. Information at: www.cityofcottonwoodmn.com.

*July 13 Grantwriting Clinic for Beginners, 1:00-4:00 pm, Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall. Presented by Minnesota Council for Nonprofits. Go to www.minnesotanonprofits.org to register.

*July 14 SMAC Art Gallery Reception: Sima Amid Wewetzer, 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music from 5:30-6:30 pm.

*July 15 Retro Revival Movie Night: Beach Blanket Bingo, 5:30 pm, Watson City Park, 503 County Road 9, Watson. Family activities, food, a talk on the culture and movies of the 50s and 60s, with a showing of "Beach Blanket Bingo" at dusk. Bring a lawn chair and bug spray. Suggested donation of $5/person or $20/family. Part of the City of Watson's "Renewing Watson: Art, Music, & Engagement" project. Rain location: Town Hall. Info at cityofwatson@mvtwireless.com or 320-269-8543.

*July 14 Dinehart Front Porch Music Series: Burlap Wolf King, 7:00 pm, Dinehart Historic House Museum, 2812 Linden Ave, Slayton.

*July 15 & 16 RiverSong Music Festival, Masonic West River Park, 1003 Les Kouba Pkwy NW, Hutchinson. Friday 5:00-11:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am – 11:00 pm. Musicians include: Buck Hutchinson and the Crow River Ramblers, Daisy Dillman Acoustic, Crankshaft and the Gear Grinders, Kat Perkins, The Lowland Lakers, The Okee Dokee Brothers, Jeremy Messersmith, Charlie Parr, Socolohix, Farewell Milwaukee, Carrie Nation & the Speakeasy, Banditos, Little Hurricane, and DMB Tribute. Crowded Streets. Schedule and more information at www.riversongfestival.org.

*July 15-17 Annie, Jr., Memorial Auditorium, Dawson-Boyd High School, 848 Chestnut, Dawson. Friday & Saturday 6:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Dawson-Boyd children’s summer musical.

July 15-16 Two-Day Photography Workshop, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. Friday 7:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Have fun with your photography and learn how to take better pictures. Special focus on composition skills. Taught by Molly Schweinfurter. Info at cedigomo@gmail.com, 507-828-3282, or www.mojo.photographyworkshops.com.

July 17 Artist Reception: Fred Cogelow, 2:00-5:00 pm, Brandenburg Gallery, 213 East Luverne St, Luverne.

*July 17 Spicer’s Music on the Deck, 4:00 pm, City Park, Spicer. Concerts on Sundays from July 10- August 14 are organized by the Spicer Beautification Committee.

*July 18 Grantwriting Workshop: Equipment & Facilities Improvement, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*July 19 The Woodpicks, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Veum & Herring, Appleton. Part of the Appleton ‘52 Wing Restoration Committee’s Summer Concert Series.


July 21 Artist Reception: Janet Olney, 7:00-9:00 pm, KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council), 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls.

July 21 Artist Reception: Anne Rynearson, 5:00-8:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson.

*July 21 Dinehart Front Porch Music Series: Jerry Ostenson, 7:00 pm, Dinehart Historic House Museum, 2812 Linden Ave, Slayton.

*July 23-24 Minnesota Pottery Festival, 17614 240th St, Hutchinson. Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday 12:00-4:00 pm. The 5th Annual Minnesota Pottery Festival takes place July 23-24th, 2016 at The Clay Coyote just outside of Hutchinson, MN. The festival includes demonstrations, Pottery Olympics, a kids’ tent, food, and 1000s of pots to choose from, by 30 potters from Minnesota and around the country. Information at www.mnpotteryfestival.com.

*July 24 Spicer’s Music on the Deck, 4:00 pm, City Park, Spicer. Concerts on Sundays from July 10- August 14 are organized by the Spicer Beautification Committee.

*July 25 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects. Applications due by 4:30 pm.
July 25: Music On Mondays: Larry Donner Acoustic Show, 7:00 pm, Canby Central Park, Canby. Donner performs country, folk, and rock music. Free to the public; however free-will donations will be welcomed. After covering the costs of the musical programs, all proceeds will be donated to the Canby Theater Renovation Project for the second theater projection system. $7 pulled pork meals from Moberg’s will be available starting at 6:00 pm. In case of inclement weather performances will be held in the Canby Community Center.

*July 26 Route 68 Big Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Veum & Herring, Appleton. Part of the Appleton ’52 Wing Restoration Committee’s Summer Concert Series.

*July 26 Danube Concert in the Park, 7:00 pm, Mueller Park Bandstand, 404 1st St, Danube. Organized by the Danube Historical Society.


*July 28 Dinehart Front Porch Music Series: Dick & Ian Kimmel, 7:00 pm, Dinehart Historic House Museum, 2812 Linden Ave, Slayton.

July 28-31: Urinetown: The Musical, Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. 7:30 pm, July 28-30 and August 3-6; 2:00 pm July 31 and August 6 & 7. Winner of three Tony Awards, Urinetown is a hilarious musical satire of the legal system, social, irresponsible, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics and musical theatre itself. For more info or to make reservations call 507-368-4620, email the ticket office at lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com, go to www.lakebentonoperahouse.org, or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lakebentonoperahouse.

*July 30 Recollections: Retelling our Story in Words and Music, 3:00-8:00 pm, Historic Watson Town Hall, 360 Central Ave, Watson. This multifaceted event will include storytelling and songwriting workshops by regional musician Charlie Roth and the Marshall Area Storytellers, as well as poetry and images by MN writer Ruth Hamlow. Part of the City of Watson’s "Renewing Watson: Art, Music, & Engagement" project. Information at cityofwatson@mvtvwireless.com or 320-269-8543.

*July 31 Spicer's Music on the Deck, 4:00 pm, City Park, Spicer. Concerts on Sundays from July 10- August 14 are organized by the Spicer Beautification Committee.

GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. July 14 through August 26: Sima Amid Wewetzer, paintings. Reception July 14, 5:00-7:00 pm, with live music by The Kaybees featuring Saara Myrene Raappana from 5:30-6:30 pm. Visit the gallery M-F from 8:00 am - noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

Barn Theatre Art Gallery. 321 4th St SW, Willmar. Through July 8, “My Favorite Things”, a themed, invitational exhibit running in conjunction with the Barn’s production of Mary Poppins. Information at 320-235-9500 or info@thebarntheater.com.

Brandenburg Gallery. 213 E Luverne St, Luverne. June 30 through August 19: Fred Cogelow, woodcarving. Reception July 17, 2:00-5:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00am - 5:00 pm. Information at 507-283-1884.

Clay Coyote Pottery. 17614 240th St, Hutchinson. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM, or, call ahead for an appointment, 320-587-2599. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email claypot@hutchtel.net.

*KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council). 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. July 1 through August 13: Janet Olney, basket weaving. Reception July 21, 5:00-7:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday – Thursday 10:00 am—5:00 pm, Friday 12:00-4:00 pm. Information at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

*KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council). 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. July 1 through August 13: Janet Olney, basket weaving. Reception July 21, 5:00-7:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday – Thursday 10:00 am—5:00 pm, Friday 12:00-4:00 pm. Information at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

*Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC). 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. July 5 through August 12: Dan Wahl, “Bird Spaces”. Reception July 9, 2:00-4:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri 12:00-5:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mfac.net.


Minnesota Machinery Museum, 100 N 1st St, Hanley Falls. Permanent collection of rural art. Hours: May 15 through September 30, M-S 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Sunday 1:00-4:30 pm. Info at 507-768-3522 or www.mnmachinerymuseum.org.
Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. July: Works by A. E. Schar from the Art Center’s permanent collection and community member collections. Reception July 10, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Information at 507-372-8245.


Ridgewater College Gallery—Hutchinson. Adjacent to Commons, 2 Century Avenue SE, Hutchinson. Info at www.ridgewater.edu or 320-234-8518.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Ave, Windom. May 1 through September 3: Jolene Wirkus, “Facets of Inner Strength”, acrylic and mixed media. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com.

A Thousand Cranes Art Gallery. 326 S Main St, New London. Open Wed - Sat 10:00 am-5:00 pm, April - December. Info at www.athousandcranesartgallery.com or 320-354-5818.

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

William Whipple Gallery. In Bellows Academic Center 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. May 9 through September 27: “Floating Ink: Contemporary Chinese Art”. Reception September 12, 6:00-8:00 pm. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

Do you or your organization have a performance, exhibit, class, or other arts event coming up?

Use our event submission form at www.swmnarts.org or email us at info@swmnarts.org to get your event posted on SMAC’s area arts events calendar online and in our newsletter.

Newsletter deadline for August events: July 20, 2016.

SMAC Board Representative Needed for Meeker County

The SW MN Arts Council seeks to fill an opening on its Board of Directors for a Meeker County representative. The Board meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday evening at the SMAC office in Marshall to set policies, make final decisions on grant awards with input from grant review panels, share ideas and information from their representative counties, and to design programs that enable SMAC to best serve our communities.

To learn more and to fill out an application, go to www.swmnarts.org/about/become-a-board-member.
Grants For Arts Organizations:

**Art Project Grants (3 rounds of funding):** Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to $5,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts (pre-packaged theatre residencies limited to $750). 20% cash match required.
- Round I deadline: July 25, 2016 (earliest start date: Sept 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline: December 15, 2016 (earliest start date: Feb. 15, 2017)
- Round III deadline: March 15, 2017 (earliest start date: May 15, 2017)

**Art Legacy Project Grants (3 rounds of funding):** Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to $20,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts through large-scale projects that will leave an arts legacy in southwest Minnesota. 20% cash match required.
- Round I deadline: July 25, 2016 (earliest start date: Sept 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline: December 15, 2016 (earliest start date: Feb. 15, 2017)
- Round III deadline: March 15, 2017 (earliest start date: May 15, 2017)

**Art Legacy Project Planning Grants (monthly):** Provides organizations with up to $2,000 to finalize the plans for a specific large-scale project or activity that will create or advance a strong arts legacy in Minnesota. 20% cash match required.
- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2016 through November 2016 and January 2017 through April 2017

**Arts Organization Development (monthly):** Provides community-based arts organizations in the SMAC region with up to $5,000 in matching funds to increase their long-term stability and capacity through organizational development and management projects. 20% cash match required.
- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2016 through November 2016 and January 2017 through April 2017

**Start Up Grants (monthly):** Provides newly formed art organizations up to $2,000 to develop articles of incorporation, by-laws, and apply for their 501(c)(3) status. NO cash match required.
- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2016 through November 2016 and January 2017 through April 2017

**Equipment/Facilities Grant (2 rounds of funding):** Provides community-based arts organizations with up to $15,000 in matching funds for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvement that will improve the organization’s capacity to serve the arts needs of the SMAC region. 20% cash match required.
- Round I deadline: August 15, 2016 (earliest start date: October 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline: February 1, 2017 (earliest start date: March 15, 2017)

**Arts Organization Operating Support Grants:** Two year grants for arts organizations that have been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) for a minimum of three years.
- Offered every other year; next deadline will be in October 2017

**Cultural Bank Insurance:** Provides up to $400 in insurance support for projects which face possible loss of expected revenue; Apply as needed. Applications are due 28 days prior to the scheduled event.
Grants for Artists:

**Individual Artist - Developing Artist Grants (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to $2,000 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development. No match requirements.
- Round I deadline: September 19, 2016 (earliest start date: November 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline [Tentative, if funds available]: February 8, 2017 (earliest start date: April 15, 2017)

**Individual Artist - Established Career Artist Grants (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to $5,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career. No match requirements.
- Round I deadline: September 19, 2016 (earliest start date: November 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline [Tentative, if funds available]: February 8, 2017 (earliest start date: April 15, 2017)

**Individual Artist - Established Career Grants with a Legacy-level project (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to $7,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota. No match requirements.
- Round I deadline: September 19, 2016 (earliest start date: November 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline [Tentative, if funds available]: February 8, 2017 (earliest start date: April 15, 2017)

**Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants:** Up to $500 to aid in the development of young artists in grades 5 – 12 for an enrichment camp or specialty study. Standard weekly lessons are allowed only for those students who qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. No match requirements.
- Deadline: March 29, 2017 (earliest start date: May 15, 2017)

Grants for Schools:

**Arts in the Schools Grant (2 rounds of funding):** Grants to schools for artist residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Up to $2000 (field trips), or $4,000 (residencies). No cash match required.
- Round I deadline: October 26, 2016 (earliest start date: December 15, 2016)
- Round II deadline: January 18, 2017 (earliest start date: March 15, 2017)

Special Awards:

**Prairie Star Award:** This award ($5,000) was established to provide awareness and recognition every other year of one artist from southwest Minnesota whose body of work best exemplifies the highest quality of art in the SMAC region.
- Nominations open every other year; consider nominating an artist in 2018

**2017 Prairie Disciple Award:** This award ($500) acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota.
- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2017
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Grant guidelines, grant applications, arts calendar, news and contact info

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