2012 Prairie Disciple: Tricia Mikle

The Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council is pleased to announce Tricia Mikle of Worthington as the recipient of the 2012 Prairie Disciple Award, which acknowledges a person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota.

Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien, Mikle’s nominator, says, “I have known Tricia Mikle for over 40 years and during those years she has never wavered from promoting the arts. A community must be shown the integrity of an art leader, and Tricia has been doing this in the SMAHC region for over 30 years.”

Tricia Mikle taught art at the Worthington High School for 27 years. She has also been involved with the Nobles County Art Center (of which she is currently board president) since 1984, organized children's art activities for the Art Center’s Art in the Courtyard and retrospective shows for elderly artists, served as a SMAHC grant review panelist, donated her artwork for fundraisers, and recently put on a joint show with Kathleen Kusz at the SMAHC Gallery, entitled “A Bird Conversation.”

Kusz says of Mikle, “Even though she has been retired for about two years now, students still come up to her in a restaurant and talk to her about the class they had with her. I think that she is someone who has profoundly influenced students, and someone who continues to be a local force in the area arts community.”

AN INTERVIEW WITH TRICIA MIKLE

Where did you grow up?
Although I was born in Cleveland, Ohio our family did not stay in one place very long. It seemed as if once I became used to where the light switches were in the dark we moved! Boston, Chapel Hill, Kalida, Lakewood, Albany, Rockville, Bethesda, Olney, Atlanta, and Washington DC are the cities that our family resided during my formative years.

When/how did you become interested in art?
My mother’s hobby was art, and although we did not create art together I am sure that her interest sparked mine. What really did the trick was my experience in my first drawing class at the University of South Dakota. I promptly switched my major from English to Art during my sophomore year. Tricia has a BFA in Painting, a K-12 art teaching certificate, and an MA in Studio Arts.

Who has encouraged you?
Many people along this path encouraged me to continue studying and practicing art. Some of the professors at the universities were a source of inspiration; however the camaraderie with other art students propelled me the most. Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien (my college roommate), Dennis Kuronen, Bob Aldern and others gave me encouragement to keep going during the early years. My brother Bruce Goddard has always been reassuring and we often exchange art ideas. Artists everywhere and throughout history also provide inspiration. There is nothing like a visit to an art gallery or perusing through art books to encourage and generate ideas.

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Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard-Lien exhibits at the SMAHC Gallery

The SMAHC Gallery will feature works by Agnes "Bobbie" Alsgaard-Lien from July 12 through August 31, 2012. Inspired by landscapes in Mexico, Ireland, Italy, South Dakota and Minnesota, this group of paintings entitled "The Places I Have Been," was created over the last ten years of Alsgaard-Lien’s travels.

A native of Sioux Falls, SD who now lives in Rushmore, MN, Bobbie considers herself lucky to have attended a school system that valued the arts and included the arts in the classroom curriculum. She remembers, “The first time my artwork was exhibited was in a traveling High School Art show. The exhibition traveled to Rapid City, Aberdeen and Pierre, South Dakota. I remember working on this piece for weeks and when it was selected for the tour I was proud, but also knew that the right hand bottom corner was not quite right! I still examine my artwork with a critical eye.”

Instead of traveling with a camera, Alsgaard-Lien brings her art supplies to record the places she’s been. “The paintings are my translations of a three dimensional space placed on a two dimensional surface. I have always visually explored shape, texture, color and space, with the purpose of creating artwork that speaks to the viewer about a space.”

Alsgaard-Lien has received many awards for her work, including SMAHC’s Prairie Star Award in 1998 and, most recently, a Legacy Grant from SMAHC in 2010 to visually record 33 county parks in Southwest Minnesota.

Additional information and images of Alsgaard-Lien's work can be found on her website at: agnesnora.com

Arts Night Out! The public is invited to visit the SMAHC art gallery at its new downtown location (114 North 3rd Street, Marshall) and talk with the artist at a reception from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 19. Then stop in at another reception on the same night for Pat Hand’s exhibit of pottery & sculpture at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), right the street from the SMAHC Gallery. Regular SMAHC Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

This activity is funded, in part, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund, and its arts and cultural heritage fund that was created by vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Leadership Idea Exchange: Hosting conversations that matter

The Leadership Idea Exchange invites artists, arts and civic leaders, educators, and arts sector advisers to join in conversations to explore significant questions and shared concerns facing our communities, and to discuss the role creativity plays in designing a healthy tomorrow. The Leadership Idea Exchange is offered by ArtsLab. A program of Arts Midwest, the 2012-2014 ArtsLab cycle is generously supported by The McKnight Foundation, F.R. Bigelow Foundation, Mardag Foundation, The Saint Paul Foundation, Bush Foundation, and United Arts Fund.

Register for as many sessions (listed below) as you wish to attend. Participation is free, but space is limited. Visit artslab.artsmidwest.org for registration information.

July 24: 8:30 am-5:00pm, Como Zoo, St Paul
September 7: 8:30 am-5:00pm, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD
October 12: 8:30 am-5:00pm, Como Zoo, St Paul
November 17: 8:30 am-5:00pm, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, Spicer
December 13: 8:30 am-5:00pm, Como Zoo, St Paul
SMAHC AWARDS $76,995 IN GRANTS

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS
SMAHC Individual Artist grants are made possible in part by the McKnight Foundation.

Bill Gossman, New London, $5,000 to research and explore pottery in Bornholm, Denmark
Kristi Link Fernholz, Appleton, $5,000 to attend a photography workshop and to purchase photo editing software
Joshua Cottle, Madison, $1,500 to purchase materials for a photography exhibit
Violet Dauk, New London, $1,500 to work on a 15-piece series entitled “Every Painting Has A Story”

ART PROJECTS
SMAHC Art Project grants are made possible in part by appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund, and its Arts and Cultural Heritage fund that was created by a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra, $5,000 for their fall concert with the Worthington High School Orchestra
Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, $3,853 for their 2012-2013 concert season
Prairie Dance Alliance, Marshall, $4,800 for a production of “The Nutcracker”

Big Stone Arts Council, Ortonville, $5,000 for street banners as public art, featuring work by local artists, and $2,120 for a writing conference by Dennis Slattery, entitled “Mythic Writing: Exploring Your Personal Story”

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, $2,669 for a children’s summer arts camp
Buffalo Ridge Chorale, Ivanhoe, $4,996 for their 2012-2013 concert series and a youth chorale workshop

Willmar Area Arts Council, $2,895 for their 2012 gallery exhibitions
Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall, $4,767 for their fall concert, “Hauntcert”
Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, $5,000 for their 2012 gallery exhibits
Crow River Singers, Hutchinson, $2,067 for their 2012-2013 concert season
Prairie Arts Chorale, Region-wide, $2,164 for their 2012-2013 concert season
Greater Milan Initiative, $2,512 for an art show featuring local artists during the Meander Art Crawl

Crow River Arts Youth Orchestra, Hutchinson, $1,995 for Alexander Sandor’s interactive piano recital and concert with the youth orchestra

Hutchinson Public Arts Commission, $4,491 for a public arts day, “Riverwalk”
Winsted Arts Council, $3,450 for their 2012-2013 events, including classes, performances, and other activities

ART PROJECT LEGACY
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, $6,216 for a dance series featuring the Continental Ballet Company and Salsabrosa

SMAHC Memberships and Donations Received May 25—June 22, 2012
Dawn Hegland, Appleton • Cat Abbott & Mike Meier, Balaton • Randy & Joyce Meyer, Canby • Carol Lundeen, Dassel • Susan & Troy Marco, Dassel • Bradley & Melanie Benson, Dawson • Luanne & Dan Fondell, Dawson • Cecilia Davis, Evansville • Greta Murray, Ghent • Ginger Homme, Granite Falls • Diane Ladner, Granite Falls • Olga Krasovska, Granite Falls • Minnesota’s Machinery Museum, Hanley Falls • Kate Aydin, Hendricks • Gary & Marcia Ellis, Hendricks • Martin & Jean Bunge, Heron Lake • Dennis & LuAnn Drzazkowski, Hutchinson • Ruth Hamlow, Hutchinson • Kathy & Craig Fransen, Jackson • Connie & Tim Connell, Luverne • Linda Dummer, Luverne • Deborah & Maynard Meyer, Madison • Dr S Todd Pushing, Madison • Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall • John & Leanna Ginochio, Marshall • Deb & Craig Maki, Marshall • Barb Moore, Marshall • Paula Nemes, Marshall • Chad Przymszyk, Marshall • Beth Steuck, Marshall • Karen Jenson, Milan • Audrey Arner & Richard Handeen, Montevideo • Steve & Chris Hettig, Morton • Jerry & Pam Logue, Mountain Lake • Shelley Cords-Swanson, Odin • Brent & Robin Olson, Ortonville • Don & Bonnie Sherman, Ortonville • John & Caroline Buckley, Redwood Falls • Bobbie Algaard-Lien, Rushmore • Karen & David Minge, St Paul • Prairie Music Concert Series, Slayton • Peggy Southwick, Slayton • Beatrice Ourada, Spicer • Eugene Hook, Tracy • Vickie Daub, Wabasso • Whitney Music, Willmar • Cheri Buzdeo, Willmar • Richard Falk, Willmar • Walt & Raeanna Gislason, Willmar • Patrick Gunter & Ann Scheltens-Gunter, Willmar • Shelley Lange, Windom • Cheryl Avenel-Navara, Worthington • Richard & Kris Besel, Worthington • Kathleen Kusz, Worthington
A new year of SMAHC grants

SMAHC starts a new fiscal year on July 1st, and that means a new grant schedule with updated programs. This year’s grant deadlines and earliest project start dates for each round are listed on the following page.

The biggest change this year is that all grant applications will be filled out and submitted online. Applicants will also be able to easily upload additional documents and work samples into their applications, and SMAHC grant review panelists will evaluate applications online, reducing paper use and postage for everyone.

Even if you have applied for SMAHC grants in the past, make sure to attend one of the grantwriting workshops offered for your program. You’ll learn about any changes in eligibility and other program requirements, and you’ll become familiar with how to fill out your online application.

The first deadline of the year, Art Projects Round I, is coming up soon on August 24. There will be a grantwriting workshop at SMAHC on July 26 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Check the SMAHC website for workshop dates for other programs.

Grant review panelists needed

SMAHC is actively looking for artists, arts administrators, arts volunteers, and arts appreciators representing multiple artistic disciplines from throughout the SMAHC geographic region to serve on one or more of these grant panels:

**Art Projects**
September 15, 2012 • February 9, 2013 • June 15, 2013

**Arts in the Schools**
November 10, 2012 • May 11, 2013

**Individual Artists/ Art Study Opportunity for Youth**
January 12, 2013 • April 13, 2013

**GRANT PANEL INFORMATION:**

**About the Panel Position:**
- Term is one year
- Appointments are by SMAHC Board decision

**About Panel Meetings:**
- Meetings are generally held on Saturdays at the SMAHC office in Marshall
- Meeting length is dependent on number of applications
- Lunch, snacks, and beverages are provided by SMAHC
- Mileage is reimbursed at .555 cents per mile
- Attendance is crucial (a quorum of five panel members is required)

**About Panel Responsibilities:**
- Responsible for understanding program goals and objectives
- Responsible for reviewing applications online prior to meeting
- Must take active role in reviewing and making recommendations with other members of the panel based on the criteria for the program
- Panel only makes grant funding recommendations - the SMAHC Board of Directors makes final decisions
- Panelists must agree not to discuss the recommendations prior to board action on those recommendations
- Panelists are asked to volunteer to conduct site evaluations of funded projects (Free passes are provided and mileage is reimbursed)

TO APPLY:

1. Download or print a copy of the Grant Review Panelist Application, available at: [www.smahc.org/smahc_panels.htm](http://www.smahc.org/smahc_panels.htm)
2. Read & sign our Conflict of Interest policy
3. Email your completed application, resume, and signed Conflict of Interest document to smahcinfo@iw.net, or mail to SMAHC, 114 North 3rd Street, Marshall, MN 56258
### Grant Deadlines & Project Start Dates

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Cultural Data Project Launches in MN

The Cultural Data Project (CDP) is an online system for arts, cultural, and historical organizations to report their organizational and financial data. Currently, 12 other states have implemented CDP, and 16 more have started conversations about bringing the project to their state.

To participate in the Minnesota CDP, your organization will fill out a yearly Cultural Data Profile online and then be able to run reports on your organization, which you can use to “analyze your organization's operations over time and inform your strategic planning; as one part of the grant application process to partnering funders; and to make your case to board members, potential donors and grantmakers, advocates and policy makers.”

Along with the MN State Arts Board and many other Minnesota foundations, SMAHC and the rest of the MN Regional Arts Councils have contributed financially to the MN Cultural Data Project.

There are several free CDP orientation sessions coming up in the SMAHC area: July 12, Webinar, 11:00 am—12:30 pm; August 6, Webinar, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm; and October 30, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, 10:00 am. Go to www.mnculturaldata.org to register for your orientation and to learn more about the Cultural Data Project.

Interview with Prairie Disciple Tricia Mikle, cont.

Tell us about your career.

My career faltered at the beginning -some of my first jobs included secretarial work, then ad layout for two different newspapers and a magazine. I still like graphic design and found my early employment in this industry to be beneficial throughout my teaching career. Although I am retired, teaching art for 27 years at the Worthington High School was a wonderful career. The other teachers and staff were an extended family and of course, the students were the highlight of each day. There was never a boring moment and I was constantly amazed and delighted watching the students discover the joy of creating art. Currently I am working on a one-to-one basis giving instruction on art techniques and materials to several people. We have fun exploring the creative process and it allows me to continue teaching and in turn inspires me to keep creating.

Tell us about your family.

My family is a constant source of joy for me. My husband Joel is very supportive of my endeavors and we enjoy photography and traveling together. I have a son Steffen who is currently an art director at NBC Universal. He is very creative and is our go to guy for anything technical with computers and art. My daughter-in-law Elizabeth is a VP in marketing and communications for PPD, Inc. and has a great sense of design and a willingness to try new things including art. My daughter Abby and her husband live in St. Cloud. She works in the payroll department at St. Cloud Hospital and Pat works as a project manager/civil engineer at MN Army National Guard. They have provided me with a grandson, Wyatt who I love hanging out with. Talk about seeing life with a new perspective!

You have obviously had an impact on many young people over the years. How would you encourage them today?

I would emphasize that the process of creating is more important than the end product, to stay true to your ideas and instincts, to imagine, to explore and play, to continue to grow by evaluation & reflection, to enjoy life each day, and to keep creating!

I am deeply moved and grateful for this recognition. Thank you. - Tricia Mikle
**JULY CALENDAR**

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**July 1 SMAHC Art Project Planning Grant Deadline.**

**July 7 Walnut Grove Music & Art Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, Walnut Grove City Park, 701 Main St, Walnut Grove.** Music, artist demonstrations, author/historian presentations, interactive children’s art, and Civil War re-enactment. Also visit the art exhibit at the Walnut Grove Community Center, 311 6th St, July 6-21. Information at http://www.walnutgrove.org/festival.htm

**July 8-14 Frederick Manfred Memorabilia & Art Show at Rock County Veterans Memorial Building, 213 East Luverne Street, Luverne. 8am-5pm (Mon-Fri) & 10am-5pm (Sat). Opening Reception July 8 from 11:00 am-3:00pm.**

**July 10 Sound Images Barbershop Quartet, 7:00 pm, Riverview Bandstand, Appleton. Presented by the ’52 Wing Restoration Committee.**

**July 12 Cultural Data Project Orientation Webinar, 11:00 am—12:30 pm. Go to www.mnculturaldata.org to register.**

**July 13-14 International Festival, Nobles County Government Center, 315 10th Ave, Worthington. Friday 5-9 PM and Sat 11 AM to 9 PM. Children’s Activities 11 AM to 3 PM, Music, artisan booths, ethnic food vendors, ethnic booths—Friday 5-9 PM and Sat 11 AM –9 PM. Information at http://www.wgtn.net/Festival/schedule.htm.**

**July 14 Walnut Grove Music & Art Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, Walnut Grove City Park, 701 Main St, Walnut Grove.** Music performances, artist demonstrations, author/historian presentations, interactive children’s art, Civil War re-enactment. Also visit the art exhibit at the Walnut Grove Community Center, 311 6th St, July 6-21. Information at http://www.walnutgrove.org/festival.htm

**July 15 South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers, 3:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Box Office: 507 825-2020. More info at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/**

**July 17 Milan Community Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Bandstand, Appleton. Presented by the ’52 Wing Restoration Committee.**

**July 19 Artist Reception for Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard-Lien, 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAHC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.**

**July 19 Artist Reception for Pat Hand, 5:00-7:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall.**

July 19-20 “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” (Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre), 7:30 pm at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center (High School/Middle School), 4852 Reardon Ave SW, Cokato. For tickets, go to www.dc.k12.mn.us/pac/index.html or call 320-286-4120.

**July 19-21 “Arsenic & Old Lace” (Redwood Area Theatre), 7:30 pm July 19 & 20, 2:00 pm July 21 at the Estebo Performing Arts Center/Redwood Valley High School, 100 George Ramseth Dr, Redwood Falls. Call 507-430-8373 for tickets. More information at www.redwoodareatheatre.org.**

**July 19-22 “Fiddler on the Roof” (Litchfield Community Theatre), 7:00 pm July 19-21 & 26-28, 2:00 pm July 22 at the Bernie Aaker Auditorium, 114 Holcombe Ave N, Litchfield. For tickets, call 320-693-2354 or go to www.ticketsicle.com/index.php?ticketing=lct77. More info at www.litchfieldcommunitytheatre.com.**

**July 20 “Connecting the Circle of Music”, Guitar and Native American Indian Flute, 8:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Box Office: 507 825-2020. More info at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/**

**July 20-21 RiverSong Music Festival at Masonic West River Park, Hutchinson. Event tickets on sale starting April 2nd at www.riversongfestival.org. Experience live acoustic music featuring music by artists and bands from all over the nation. Multiple stages will showcase performances in a number of genres, including folk, blues, roots, Americana, acoustic jazz, Celtic, and more! Visit the Riversong website for the full line-up of bands!**

**July 21 Walnut Grove Music & Art Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, Walnut Grove City Park, 701 Main St, Walnut Grove.** Music performances, artist demonstrations, author/historian presentations, interactive children’s art,
Civil War re-enactment. Also visit the art exhibit at the Walnut Grove Community Center, 311 6th St, July 6-21.

**July 21 “Little Red Riding Hood” (Missoula Children’s Theatre/Calumet Players), 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Information at http://www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/.

**July 24 Red Bull Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Bandstand, Appleton. Presented by the ’52 Wing Restoration Committee.

**July 24 Leadership Idea Exchange, 8:30 am-5:00 pm, Como Zoo, St Paul. Visit artslab.artsmidwest.org for registration information.

**July 25 Starfire (50s and 60s band), 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Bandshell, 402 E College Dr, Marshall. Part of MAFAC’s “A Little Night Music” series. www.mafac.net/a-little-night-music.html

**July 26 SMAHC Art Project Grantwriting Workshop, 4:00—6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.


**July 26-29 & Aug 1-5 “Seussical: The Musical,” 7:30 pm July 26-28 & August 1-4 2:00 pm August 4-5 at the Lake Benton Opera House, 110 E Benton St, Lake Benton. For tickets, call 507-368-4620 or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com. More info at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org.

**July 28 Sirens of the 60’s, 8:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Box Office: 507-825-2020. More info at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/

**July 28-29 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre), 7:30 pm July 28, 2:00 pm July 29 at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center (High School/Middle School), 4852 Reardon Ave SW, Cokato. Tickets: go to www.dc.k12.mn.us/pac/index.html or call 320-286-4120.

**July 31 Swift County Concert Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Bandstand, Appleton. Presented by the ’52 Wing Restoration Committee.

**August CALENDAR

**August 1 SMAHC Art Project Planning Grant Deadline.

**August 1 Smitty & the Sound (A nine-piece soul band), 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Bandshell, 402 E College Dr, Marshall. Part of MAFAC’s “A Little Night Music” series. www.mafac.net/a-little-night-music.html

**August 3-5, “The Music Man” at Memorial Auditorium, 714 - 13th St, Worthington. 7:00 pm on August 3 & 4. 2:00 pm on August 5. Call the ticket office at 507-376-9101 or email fota@frontiernet.net to purchase tickets. Visit www.friendsoftheauditorium.com for more information.

**August 6 Cultural Data Project Orientation Webinar, 1:00 — 2:30 pm. Go to www.mnculturaldata.org to register.

**August 8 Route 68 Big Band, 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Bandshell, 402 E College Dr, Marshall. Part of MAFAC’s “A Little Night Music” series.


**August 8-11 “Singin’ in the Rain” at the Hutchinson High School Auditorium, 1200 Roberts Road, Hutchinson. 7:00 pm on August 8-10. 2:00 pm on August 11. Tickets are available online at www.hutchtheatre.org and at various locations in Hutchinson.

**August 9 SMAHC Arts Organization Development/Equipment & Facilities Improvement Grantwriting Workshop, 4:00—6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**August 10-12, “The Music Man” at Memorial Auditorium, 714 – 13th St, Worthington. 7:00 pm on August 10 & 11. 2:00 pm on August 12. Call the ticket office at 507-376-9101 or email fota@frontiernet.net to purchase tickets. Visit www.friendsoftheauditorium.com for more information.


**August 15 Prairie Arts Chorale (Jazz standards from their spring concert), 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Bandshell, 402 E College Dr, Marshall. Part of MAFAC’s “A Little Night Music” series. www.mafac.net/a-little-night-music.html

August 17-19 “Hamlet” at Liberty Park, 402 E College Dr, Marshall. 7:00 pm on August 17-18. 5:00 pm on August 19. A hat will be passed for donations at the show. www.marshallareastagecompany.org/
August 17-19 Legacy Destination Weekend: Willmar Lakes Area (New London, Spicer, Pennock, Willmar), featuring arts, history, and outdoors activities to showcase projects funded through the Legacy Amendment. In 2008, Minnesota’s voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that provides funding to natural resources, arts and culture, and parks and trails projects across the state. The Legacy Destination program is a collaboration of Explore MN Tourism, Conservation MN, MN Citizens for the Arts and the host communities. The events include an eclectic mix of activities, such as art exhibits, concerts or theater performances, naturalist programs, and historic site events & exhibits. Schedule at www.willmarlakesarea.com/what-to-do/area-events/legacy-destination-weekend

**August 24 SMAHC Art Project Grant Deadline.**

**August 25 Blue Mounds Writers Series featuring Robert & Ruth Bly at Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center (former home of Frederick Manfred). 7:00 pm.**

**August 28 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.**

**GALLERIES**

**SMAHC Art Gallery.** Paintings by Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard-Lien will be shown July 12-August 31. Artist Reception July 19, 5:00-7:00 pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM at 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.


**ARTmeyerson, 105 4th St. N., Atwater.** To schedule an appointment, call Sue Meyerson at 320-220-0970 or 320-974-3609.

**Barn Theatre Art Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar.** Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more information, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

**Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne.** Hours are Tues – Fri, 1 - 5 PM and Sat 10 - 2 PM. For more info, email cahrcl@yahoo.com or call 507-283-8294.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 North Main Street, Hutchinson.** Quilt and Fiber Arts Juried Show opens July 16. More info: 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org


**KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls.** June exhibit: Curt & Paula Soine, Hand Carved Birds/Fish & Folk Art. August: Dale & Jo Pederson, Native Willow & Rustic Furniture. Gallery hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday and most Saturdays. Call 320-564-4039 for information.


**Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, Milan.** For information on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit www.milanvillageartsschool.org.


**Potato Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar.** Call 320-382-9951 for hours and information.

**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom.** May 6 - Sept. 8: Anita Skow: Through My Windows, pastels, watercolor, & collage. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com

**Terrace Mill Wheeler Gallery, 27165 Old Mill Pond Road, Terrace.** June 30-July 29: Members of the Big Stone Arts Council exhibit works paintings, photography, mosaic, fiber art, and more. Opening Reception June 30th 2-4pm. For information, call 320-278-3728 or visit www.bigstonearts.com or www.terracemill.org.

**William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.** Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

**Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar.** More info at 320-231-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.
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