SMAHC ANNOUNCES 2006 AWARD WINNERS

Prairie Star Award - Karen Jensen of Milan
Prairie Disciple - Carol Westberg of Montevideo

The **Prairie Star Award** is given to honor a distinguished artist whose work and activities have best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAHC region. Artist of all disciplines are eligible for this award. **Karen Jensen** is a most outstanding artist and is nationally recognized at one of the best rosemalers in the United States. She also serves as a mentor, guide, and friend to new and emerging artists in the region.

The **Prairie Disciple Award** is given to one individual from Southwest Minnesota for their advocacy of the arts and their activities that have aided the development of the arts in the SMAHC region. **Carol Westberg** exemplifies that person, having worked tirelessly for the advancement of the arts in the Montevideo School District. In addition, she has been involved in regional and statewide projects, as well as serving on State Arts Boards panels and SMAHC grant panels.

In the next issue of **VOICES**, we will feature these two exceptional award winners in an in-depth article and we will be honoring them at the **32nd Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser** on October 28th in Montevideo. *We hope to see you there!*

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Please Save The Date!

October 28th, 2006

We are excited to announce our **32nd Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser!** We would be honored if you joined us for this special night in October. The festivities will be held at the beautifully restored Hollywood Theater in Montevideo and will include, hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, live music, dancing, costumes (optional) and the honoring of our **2006 Prairie Disciple, Carol Westberg** of Montevideo and our **2006 Prairie Star, Karen Jensen** of Milan.

We will also be having a silent auction featuring artwork, theater tickets, food & wine, and other fine items from throughout the SMAHC region. This night is an important fundraiser for us, and we want to thank all of you who helped make our past celebrations a success! We’re hoping to see you at this year’s celebration on October 28th!

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New Grant Forms for Fiscal Year 2007

SMAHC has been busy preparing new grant forms for fiscal year 2007. There are some changes in the way the forms can be filled out. Applicants can download the forms from the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org) and then fill the form out on a computer using either Microsoft Word or any word processor that will open a rich text file (rtf). Most word processors have that capability, including Wordpad and Macintosh word processors. You can use the TAB key to move through the various fields and type in the information required on the form. Please note that grant application forms must be typed. Handwritten copies will not be accepted. When the form is completely filled out, you will be required to print the form and mail a signed copy to SMAHC. We cannot accept completed forms by email or fax. *Be sure to sign the form before sending it.*

There are new grant deadlines for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2006. See page 2 for a complete list of the new grant deadlines for Fiscal Year 2007.
SMAHC Conference for Arts and Culture Organizations

SMAHC held its annual Conference for Arts and Culture Organizations workshop on Saturday, June 17, 2006. It was a great time of learning and sharing together for the participants who attended. The morning session, Strategic Planning: What, Why, How, was presented by Andrea Fox Jensen. This informative hands-on discussion explored the elements of a classic strategic plan, the SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), the mission statement, and choosing what to do and what not to do. The afternoon presenter was Ramona Larson. She presented the always interesting session, How to Motivate Volunteers. Participants then had the opportunity to break into small groups and discuss and share ideas on volunteers and fundraising.

Following the conference, Clay Coyote Gallery hosted a reception. Many thanks to the McLeod County Arts Organizations including Crow River Arts, Hutchinson Theatre Company, Crow River Area Youth Orchestra, and Clay Coyote for hosting the conference.

On the road with Dale and Jim Ed…

Minnesota Public Radio will be on the road with The Morning Show Live broadcast from Jackson, Minnesota’s Historic State Theater. Be sure to tune in on Friday, July 14th from 6 to 9 AM and hear this live broadcast. Dale Connelly and Jim Ed Poole are the hosts of the Morning Show. This eclectic radio show is a favorite of many and will feature South Dakota prairie girl, Rachel Ries, The Pines, Rich Rue and Nikki Matteson, a blues duo from Jackson County and High Bongo. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased through Jackson Federal Savings and Loan at 507-847-4714. It will be broadcast live statewide. This event is funded in part by a grant from SMAHC.

SMAHC ANNOUNCES $12,576 IN GRANT AWARDS TO SCHOOLS & ORGANIZATIONS

The most recent grant award recipients in the SMAHC/McKnight Arts in Education & Communities program are:

Murray County Central Schools, Slayton, in the amount of $2410.00 for an Inpulse vocal music residency.

City of Walnut Grove, in the amount of $833.00 for artist workshops at the Walnut Grove Family Park Event.

Willmar Area Arts Council, Willmar area, in the amount of $2205.00 for a Minneapolis Guitar Quartet Residency.

Stevens Elementary School, Dawson, in the amount of $2500.00 for a Florence Dacey literature/poetry residency.

Calumet Players, Pipestone, in the amount of $750.00 for a Missoula Children’s Theatre Residency.

Prairie Dance Alliance, SW MN, in the amount of $2498.00 for their Summer Dance Camp 2006.

Minneota High School, Minneota, in the amount of $1380.00 for a Susan Warner Ceramic Residency.

The next grant application deadline for Arts in Education & Communities is Oct. 1, 2006 for projects beginning after Dec 1, 2006.
June 30 Marshall Area Fine Arts Center deadline to enter work in the “Robert Schwan Photography Competition and Exhibit.” Entries must be postmarked or delivered by 4:30pm to 109 N. 3rd St., Marshall. Contact MAFAC at www.mafac.net or 507.532.5463

July 5, 10-14, 18, 20, 25-27 Catch the Beat at Your Library - Summer Reading Program, Presented by Holly Vanden Berg, professional musician; These sessions take place at a variety of libraries in the Plum Creek Library System (PCLS) and at varying times of the day. Please see the PCLS website for specific times and locations: http://www.plumcreeklibrary.org/srprog.pdf. There is also a description of the sessions and contact information on this website

July 9 Old Time Fiddlers at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main St., Pipestone. Contact 507.825.5537

July 12-16 “Nunsense II” at 7:00pm each night and 2:30 matinee on Sunday at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

July 14 The Morning Show live broadcast from the Historic State Theater in Jackson. Tickets can be purchased through Jackson Federal Savings and Loan at 507-847-4714. See the article on Page 2 for more information.

July 18 - 22 Milan Village Arts School - Pottery on the Prairie, July 18-22, hosted by Earthrise Farm, Madison MN; Cost for this event is $175 plus supplies; For more information, call 320-734-4807, or email mvas@fedteldirect.net. Visit the Milan Village Arts School at www.milanvillageartschool.org

July 19-23 “Nunsense II” at 7:00pm each night and 2:30 matinee on Sunday at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

July 21-23, 28-30, Aug 4-6 Song of Hiawatha Pageant, Hiawatha Pageant Grounds - Pipestone; Tickets: $10.00 for 7 to Adult, 6 & under FREE...group rates available; visit the web site www.pipestoneminnesota.com for more information, or call 1-800-430-4126; e-mail address: pipecham@pipestoneminnesota.com

July 22 Pipestone’s Red Hat Extravaganza at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main St., Pipestone. Contact 507.825.5537

July 24 Children’s Theater Auditions for the “Pied Piper” for grades 2-8, sponsored by the Calumet Players and Missoula Children’s Theater at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main St., Pipestone. Contact 507.825.5537 or nw_it@yahoo.com

July 29 Calumet Players Children’s Theater “The Pied Piper” at 2:00pm and 7:30pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main St., Pipestone. Contact 507.825.5537

Aug 9-13 “Barefoot in the Park” at 7:00pm each night and 2:30 matinee on Sunday at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

August 1 SMAHC Arts Project Grant Deadline, Linkage Grant Deadline, & Local Arts Development Grant Deadline. Please contact the SMAHC office for more info at smahcinfo@iw.net or 800.622.5284

August 2-4 & 6 “Anything Goes” summer musical by the Redwood Area Theatre (R.A.T.). 7:30 PM Wed-Fri; 2:30 PM Sun. Matinee; Redwood Valley High School PAC, Redwood Falls; Admission $10 (reserved seating); email: moldan@rrcnet.org or call 507 752-7588.

August 3 Success for All! A workshop for art specialists, teaching artists and special education teachers! Gain strategies and techniques in developing an inclusive classroom and curriculum in the arts! 9:30 am to 3:30 pm; Perpich Center for Arts Education, Glass Box; 6125 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley; Registration fee - $15 in-

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...in the arts and/or humanities in your area that you would like to publicize? Submit upcoming events for the September/October VOICES by August 15, 2006.

Date(s):___________________________ Times:___________________________
Sponsoring Organization(s):__________________________________________
Name of Event:______________________________________________________
Admission:___________________________ Location:______________________
City:_______________________________ Contact person for inquiries:__________
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Brief Description of Event:____________________________________________
July/August Calendar

includes lunch; Call 612-332-6888 or email: amie.vsarts@bcmn.com to register or for more information.

August 7-11 Milan Village Arts School - Acanthus Class; Cost for this event is $225 plus supplies; For more information, call 320-734-4807, or email mvas@fedteldirect.net. Visit the Milan Village Arts School at www.milanvillageartsschool.org

August 12 Milan Village Arts School - Wear Your Garden; Cost for this event is $40 plus supplies; For more information, call 320-734-4807, or email mvas@fedteldirect.net. Visit the Milan Village Arts School at www.milanvillageartsschool.org

August 16 SMAHC Grant Writing Workshop, 4-6 PM, SMAHC office; Individual Artist Study Opportunity & Arts in Education and Communities. Pre-register—call 1-800 622-5284.

Aug 16-20 “Barefoot in the Park” at 7:00pm each night and 2:30 matinee on Sunday at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

Opportunities

“Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!” This is a festival to celebrate the visual, performing and literary arts with a juried art show and sale. Participation is open to all artists and fine crafts people who will exhibit and sell works of original concept, design and execution. Application deadline is June 30th. For more information and application form, call the Willmar Area Arts Council at 320-231-8560 or email arts council@willmar.k12.mn.us. The application is also on-line at www.celebrateartcelebratecoffee.com.

The Barn Theatre is accepting proposals from visual artists to exhibit in The Barn Gallery. Please submit a minimum of 5 slides/photos and a short artist statement and/or resume. For more information, contact lisa@thebarntheatre.com or call Lisa Nordin 320-235-9500; The Barn Theatre PO BOX 342 321 SW 4th St. Willmar, MN 56201

Springboard For The Arts is a non-profit artist service organization. Their mission is to provide affordable management information, consulting and training services designed to improve the business competence and confidence of independent artists and cultural organizations in the Upper Midwest. Check them out at: www.springboardforallarts.org/Workshops/Workshop.asp or call 651-292-4381.

Milan Village Arts School Class in Milan, MN Summer classes include “Wear Your Garden” and Acanthus Wood Carving. For a brochure call 320.734.4807 or email mvas@fedteldirect.net or visit: http://www.milanvillageartsschool.org/

Attention Writers! The Loft Literary Center lists opportunities for writers at www.loft.org

The Flower Shop Project is a Twin Cities based theatre company. They are looking for new seedlings to cultivate in their greenhouse. If you are playwright and have a script, submit it for consideration to become a full theatrical production. If interested, read more at http://theflowershopproject.com/cms

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.

Crow River Arts Gallery, Hutchinson Mall on Highway 15, Hutchinson; Gallery hours are from noon to 3 PM, Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Call 320-587-0899 for more information or visit their website: http://www.crowiverarts.org.

Gallery Listings

Nobles County Art Center; Works from the Permanent Collection, 407 12th St., Worthington. 507-372-8245


William Whipple Galleries I & II, People of the Mind a collection of figurative works by multiple artists including Salvador Dali and Augustine Tzen, in the new SMSU library collection of figurative works by multiple artists. 611 Fourth Avenue, Willmar. 320-235-8560


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom; Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Contact: (507) 831-1134

Java River Café in Montevideo hosts a new art exhibit every month. They also provide a venue for musicians, poets, and performers; 210 S. 1st Street, Montevideo; Visit their website to read more about their exhibits and live musical performances. www.javarivercafe.com

Check out the latest happenings in the SMAHC region - go to www.smahc.org.
Grant Deadlines for Fiscal Year 2007 Announced

There are new grant deadlines for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2006. Draft applications are strongly encouraged one month prior to the grant deadline. For more information on these grants, visit the SMAHC web site: www.smahc.org.

Local Arts Development Grants - Art Project, Linkage, and Local Arts Development programs: Round 1 Application Deadline: August 1, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, October 15, 2006; Round 2 Application Deadline: February 1, 2007 Earliest Project Start Date, April 15, 2007. Grant writing workshop: 4-6 p.m., June 15th at the SMAHC office - call (507) 537-1471 or (800) 622-5284 to pre-register;

Arts in Education & Communities Grants: Round 1 Application Deadline: October 2, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, December 1, 2006; Round 2 Application Deadline: December 1, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, February 15, 2007; Round 3 Application Deadline: April 2, 2007, Earliest Project Start Date, June 1, 2007;

Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants: Round 1 Application Deadline: October 2, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, December 15, 2006; Round 2 Application Deadline: December 1, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, February 15, 2007; Round 3 Application Deadline: April 2, 2007, Earliest Project Start Date, June 1, 2007;

Individual Artist Development and Individual Artist Career Grants: Application Deadline: March 1, 2007; Earliest Project Start Date: May 1, 2007;

Arts Challenge Grants: Round 1 Application Deadline: September 1, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, October 1, 2006; Round 2 Application Deadline: December 2, 2006, Earliest Project Start Date, February 1, 2007; Round 3 Application Deadline: April 2, 2007, Earliest Project Start Date, May 1, 2007;

Prairie Disciple & Prairie Star Award: Nominations must be received before March 1, 2007.

Arts Organization Networking Grants: Ongoing deadlines – applications due one (1) week prior to the planned trip.

Cultural Bank: Ongoing deadlines – applications due 28 days before project performance date.

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SMAHC, 1210 East College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall, MN 56258.

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