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Ruth McKinney named SMAHC 2010 Prairie Disciple

The Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council is proud to present Ruth McKinney as Prairie Disciple for 2010. The Prairie Disciple is being awarded posthumously. Ruth passed away on March 18, 2009. Ruth was nominated by Ramona Larson on behalf of Tatanka Arts. Ruth was a founding member of Tatanka Arts (www.tatankaarts.org/) and she became the first president of this newly created arts organization.

In her nomination, Larson said of Ruth McKinney: "Ruth was the first President of Tatanka Arts and helped to develop and teach a series of Tatanka Arts summer arts classes for children in 2007 and 2008. Working with Ruth the last few years reminded me of my first introduction to her. Ruth's creativity and generosity had only increased. She was passionate about bringing quality arts experiences to all and in doing so, touched many lives." Nan Karr Kaufenberg stated, "She had such an enthusiasm for arts activities, art education and the work of individual artists. She really lived her art and inspired artists, students and an appreciation of the importance of the arts." Constance Geier, ED.D., Professor and Interim Dean of Education at Northern State University, wrote, "I am overwhelmed by the positive influence she has had on hundreds of lives as an artist, a teacher, a mentor, and a friend."



Ruth was a longtime volunteer and grant panelist for SMAHC going back to the 1980s. She served on all 3 of SMAHC's grant panels over many of those years. She was instrumental in developing the SMAHC Rubric for Grant Panelists for the Arts & Learning program and the Art Projects program. This tool has greatly helped SMAHC grant panelists in their task of reviewing and rating the various grants. She was a wonderful artist in her own right, a painter and a sculptor, and together with her husband Joel, operated Blackhawk Studios (www.blackhawk-studios.org/).

Ruth earned a B.A Art degree from Augsburg College in Minneapolis and a M.F.A in Studio Art from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She taught art in both public education and higher education. Over the years she also conducted many arts and arts enrichment classes both individually and with her husband. And she received many grants and awards including Blandin Foundation Community Leadership Program, Award for Excellence in Electronic Portfolio Production, Governors Technology Grant for Virtual Gallery for New Media, Star School Project for HTML Storybooks Project for Elementary Teachers and SMAHC/McKnight Individual Artist grants.

Ruth was an arts supporter and arts booster for nearly thirty years and we are most proud to have had her as a supporter of the arts at SMAHC and in the SMAHC region. Please join us in honoring her legacy at the SMAHC Annual Celebration on October 30, 2010 to be held at the Crow River Golf Club in Hutchinson.

SAVE THE DATE!

SMAHC Annual Celebration
Will be held on
October 30, 2010
At the Crow River Golf Club
In Hutchinson.

We will be honoring the 2010 Prairie Star and
the 2010 Prairie Disciple.
PLEASE JOIN US!!!

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SMAHC Panels Play an Important Part in SMAHC's Mission

On any given Saturday, a group of individuals rises up early in the morning and begins their drive to the SMAHC office. They are headed to yet another **SMAHC Grant Panel Meeting**. This group of dedicated individuals is a very important cog in the important work of SMAHC. On this particular Saturday, they will decide the merits of the many grant applications that have been submitted to SMAHC. The panelists have received the applications they are to consider in the mail - usually a couple of weeks prior to the panel meeting, so they have read the grants and they come to the panel meeting prepared to discuss the merits of the proposed art projects. Depending on the number of applications to consider, the panel meeting usually takes 6 to 8 hours to complete the task. After completing their work and scoring the applications based on the criteria, the notes from their meeting and the ranking score sheets will be given to the SMAHC Board who will make the final determination on who will be awarded a grant.



We want to thank all of our **2009-2010 SMAHC Grant Panelists** who participated in our various grant panels this year. We at SMAHC are so thankful for their service to the arts in our region.

Art Project Panel: Duane Penske, Sydney Masee, Ramona Larson, Mary Kay Frisvold, Ardie Eckardt, Bob Dorlac, Jennifer Danielson, Ross Anderson, Craig Edwards, Tom Wirt, Reggie Gorter

Arts & Learning Panel: Pam Kyllingstad, Carol Purrington, Tom Wirt, Betty McAllister, Verna Patrick, Barbara Kay, Raye McKim, Carole Wendt, Jeanne Whitney, Mary Jane Mardesen, Joel McKinney

Individual Artist Panel: Jim Swartz, Jerry Schaefer, Tom Wirt, Kathryn Reese, Michon Weeks, Marjorie Nilssen, Robert Mattson and Sharon Schuetze, Tamara Isfeld, Deb Larson

Legacy Grants for Organizations & Communities: Sydney Masee, Margaret Hurlbut Vosburgh, Luanne Fondell, Jean Replinger, Tom Wirt, Ellen Copperud, Ross Anderson, Craig Edwards, Verna Patrick, Deb Larson, Jennifer Danielson, Carol Purrington

Legacy Grants for Established Career Artists: Sharon Schuetze, Jim Swartz, Michon Weeks, Robert Mattson, Deb Larson

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SMAHC GRANT PANELISTS!

Fish Gone Wild

The Spicer Beautification Committee created a new public art project called "Fish Gone Wild." 22 wooden fish were given to area artists to finish in their own unique way. The unveiling of the fish on May 27th at the city park Green Lake drew a large crowd of onlookers. The fish will be placed throughout Spicer all summer as a tourist attraction. The City of Spicer received a SMAHC Art Project Grant this project. To see these photos and more *in color*, visit the SMAHC web-site:

www.smahc.org/fish.htm.

Thanks to Monica Villars for submitting these photos.



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GALLERY LISTINGS

Open Call For Art Cars: Glacial Ridge Winery, in conjunction with the 2010 Studio Hop, is seeking art cars for public display on Sat, June 19. Glacial Ridge Winery, 15455 Old Mill Road, **Spicer**. Interested owners/artists should contact Lisa Bergh Nordin @ 320-796-9463 or email lisa@glacialridgewinery.com.

***Nobles County Art Center**, 407 12th Street, **Worthington**. May 16 - June 11: Sandra Dowie & Marcella Slater. Hours: M-F 2:00 to 4:30 PM. Free. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

***Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC)**, 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**. May 18 - June 26: MAFAC Members Present "Travels Around the World", artistic photographs of the places and cultures of countries visited. June 29 - July 31: Michon Weeks exhibit. Aug 3 - 28: Robert Schwan Memorial Photography Competition and Exhibit. Free. Hours: Tues - Fri 11 - 4:30 PM & Sat 11 - 2. 507-532-5463. Visit www.mafac.net for more information.

***Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society**, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**. Free. Hours: M-F 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4. May 2 - September 4 "From Forest & Studio: Art by Marget Floyd". For more information, call (507) 831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com.

32nd Annual Music in the Park Concert Series in Library Square, **Hutchinson**. Free Mon night concerts at 7 PM each week. Bring chairs. For complete concert listings, visit www.explorehutchinson.com/MIP.htm.

Summer Outdoor Concert Series sponsored by the Glacial Ridge Winery, 15455 Old Mill Road, **Spicer**, every Thursday, 6:30-8:30, June – August, Free Admission, live music. Visit their website for more information on each concert: www.glacialridgewinery.com/

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

The Barn Gallery, 321 SW 4th Street, **Willmar**; (320)-235-9500 www.thebarntheatre.com

Daily Grind Gallery, 316 W. Main St., **Marshall**, (507) 537-9565 features new artwork monthly; www.gomarshall.net/dailygrind.html

Marshall Area Arts Calendar for the latest arts events in the **Marshall** area: www.marshallareastagecompany.org/artscalendar.pdf

JUNE CALENDAR

June 3, 10, 17, 24, The Glacial Ridge Winery's 2010 Summer Concert Series in Spicer; Visit their website for details on their concert series: www.glacialridgewinery.com

***June 4: "Arts in the Park"** presented by the Winsted Arts Council at Mill Reserve Park, **Winsted**. 5 - 9 PM. Free entertainment. For more information, email juliekg@tds.net.

June 4 - 6 2010 The Spoon Gathering at the Milan Village Arts School, **Milan**; Visit their website for more information at www.milanvillageartsschool.org or for questions, please call 320-734-4807 or email mvas@fedteldirect.net

June 5: SMAHC Legacy Grants for Organizations and Communities grant review panel meeting at the SMAHC Offices, 9:00 AM

June 9 Prairie Winds Summer Band Concert in the Park, Rice Park, 2nd St. SW & Kandiyohi, **Willmar**. Free; For more information, visit www.prairiewindsconcertband.com or email georgeovertton@charter.net

***June 9-12, 16-19, 23-26: "The Music Man"**, at the Barn Theatre, **Willmar**. All shows 7:30 PM except matinees which are 2:30 PM. For ticket info, call 320-235-9500 or visit www.thebarntheatre.com.

June 10: "Twin Cities Art Tour" sponsored by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Center, **Marshall**. Bus trip to Twin Cities. Cost is \$45. Call (507) 532-5463.

***June 11-12: "Arts on the Shore"**, 11th Annual Windsurfing Regatta & Unvarnished Music Festival in **Worthington**. Contact the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce at 507-372-2919 or email wcofc@frontiernet.net www.wgtn.net/SpecialEvents/specialEvents.htm

***June 14-18: "Make a Splash at the Library in the Arts"**, a music summer program, at the **Willmar** Public Library. Sessions from 2 - 3 PM and 3:15 - 4:15 PM. Doug Wood Concert at 5:30 PM. Call for info: (320) 235-3162 or email ktork@hotmail.com.

June 14 - July 8 Young Stars Youth Theatre Program sponsored by the Hutchinson Theatre Company, **Hutchinson**; The HTC Young Stars Theatre Workshop is a four week immersion into live theatre. More about this at their website, www.hutchtheatre.org/ or email marystamps@mchsi.com

June 16 Prairie Winds Summer Band Concert in the Park, Rice Park, 2nd St. SW & Kandiyohi, **Willmar**. Free; For more information, visit www.prairiewindsconcertband.com or email georgeovertton@charter.net

***June 19-20: Studio Hop** sponsored by the **Willmar** Area Arts Council. June 19, 10 AM - 5 PM; June 20, 12 PM - 5 PM. Local artists open their creative

workspaces to the wandering public. For more information, visit <http://studiohop.wordpress.com/>

June 20 Prairie Winds Summer Band Concert in the Park, Rice Park, 2nd St. SW & Kandiyohi, **Willmar**. Free; For more information, visit www.prairiewindsconcertband.com or email georgeoverton@charter.net

June 23 Prairie Winds Summer Band Concert in the Park, Rice Park, 2nd St. SW & Kandiyohi, **Willmar**. Free; For more information, Visit www.prairiewindsconcertband.com or email georgeoverton@charter.net

June 25 (7:00 pm) & 26 (2:00 pm): "Hansel and Gretel", Children's Theatre presented by the Marshall Area Stage Company, at the **Marshall** Middle School Theatre. Tickets \$3.00 or food shelf item. For more information, email robert.schwoch@smsu.edu or visit www.marshallareastagecompany.org.

***June 22: Swift County Concert Band** presented by the '52 Wind Restoration Committee at the Riverview Band Stand, **Appleton**. 7PM. Free. For more information, email tomr@sytekcom.com.

June 27: "Straighten up and Fly Right" an unforgettable Tribute to Nat King Cole at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**. 7 PM. For tickets or info, call: 320.769.2955 ext. 246 or www.dawsonboydarts.org/.

June 28: SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Offices, 7:00 PM

June 29: "The Work of Art" workshop sponsored by Springboard for the Arts, SMAHC office, 1210 E College Dr. Suite 600, **Marshall**. 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Free. Register: www.springboardforthearts.org/Workshops/ADP.asp.

***June 29: Carucci Jazz Quartet** presented by the '52 Wind Restoration Committee at the Riverview Band Stand, **Appleton**. 7 PM. Free. For more information, email tomr@sytekcom.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

DEMO inc offers a variety classes for youth and adults. You can see their class offerings on their new website at www.demo-inc.org/. DEMO is located in the former Svea School located at Minnesota State Hwy 71 & Kandiyohi County Road 3 (200 120th Avenue SW), **Svea**, MN 56216. For more information, call business phone: 320-231-2696 or on-site phone: 320-995-6300.

Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! in Willmar will feature an Emerging Artists tent again this year. Participation will be free but based on a recommendation of an art instructor or mentor. The emerging artists may sell or just display their art at the festival which will be held in downtown Willmar on Saturday, September 18, from 9 am to 4 pm. The application deadline is July 1. Contact Willmar Area Arts Council for more information: 320-231-8560 or artscouncil@willmar.k12.mn.us.

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. Visit their website and read more at: mnartists.org.

The Minnesota State Arts Board - A Basic Guide to Grants for MN Artists, Performance and Rehearsal Spaces, and Gallery and Exhibition Spaces in Minnesota: www.arts.state.mn.us/guides.

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See the latest Calendar items and Opportunities on the SMAHC Website: 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 July VOICES by **June 15, 2010**.

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: _____

SMAHC Awards \$12,408 Through Arts & Learning Grants

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted to award a total of \$12,408 in grant funds for regional arts activities through the **Arts & Learning Grant Program**.

Eight 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 for art projects with educational components:

- **Ortonville Public School**, Ortonville, \$2,500 for an a capella group "InPulse" residency
- **Prairie Dance Alliance**, Marshall, \$2,500 for the Summer Intensive Dance Camp
- **Calumet Players**, Pipestone, \$750 for the Missoula Children's Theatre "The Princess and the Pea"
- **Worthington High School AOK Club**, , Worthington, \$2,500 to construct a mosaic mural
- **Lakeview Public School**, Cottonwood, \$750 for the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Pinocchio"
- **Appleton/Milan Elementary School**, Appleton, \$1,908 for a Susan Swanson COMPAS residency
- **Fulda Community Education**, Fulda, \$750 for the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Pinocchio"
- **Friends of Fort Ridgely**, Fairfax, \$750 for the Prairie Fire Theater "Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs"

SMAHC Awards Artist Study Opportunity Grants

The Board of Directors voted to award a total of **\$2,500 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:

- **Douglas Holtquist**, Ortonville, \$500 to attend a fused glass workshop
- **Dempsey Schroeder**, Pennock, \$500 to attend Algoma Traditional Music & Dance Family Camp
- **Joanne Meierhofer**, Willmar, \$500 to attend a Richard McKinley workshop "Extreme Plein Air in Pastel"
- **Shayann Hoffer**, New London, \$500 to attend a Dave Gilsvik painting workshop
- **Shantelle Des Marais**, Pipestone, \$500 for dance lessons at Main Stage Ballet & Dance Academy

SMAHC Awards Arts Legacy Grants for Established Career Artists

The Board of Directors voted to award a total of \$62,510 to local artists under the **Arts Legacy Grants for Established Career Artists** grant program. This program is designed to provide funds to aid in career development and arts activities of established professional artists for projects that incorporate a community component which would provide an opportunity for the community to benefit as a result of the project. This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

- **Agnes Alsgaard-Lien**, Rushmore, \$7,000 for on site landscape painting in 6 SW Minnesota county parks
- **Florence Dacey**, Cottonwood, \$7,000 to complete a manuscript of poems & present readings & workshops
- **Duane Penske**, Vesta, \$7,000 for the restoration & transformation of a 1941 Farmall H Tractor into a traveling art tractor
- **Bill Karl Gossman**, New London, \$7,000 to reconstruct a wood kiln and work with a mentee
- **Fred Cogelow**, Willmar, \$7,000 to create a life size sculpture in butternut wood
- **Craig Edwards**, New London, \$7,000 to create a work that pursues primal creationism
- **Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin**, New London, \$6,550 to create a video kiosk and a video called "Inheritance of Location"
- **Karen Jenson**, Milan, \$6,960 to purchase equipment for presentations
- **Douglas Holtquist**, Ortonville, \$7,000 to create a "Farm Family Portrait" sculpture

Congratulations to all the artists and organizations who received grants in these latest grant rounds.



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New & Renewing Members - May 1 - May 31, 2010

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 ory of Trudy Anderson

Grant Deadlines and Dates

The new **2010/2011 application deadlines** for all SMAHC grant programs will be posted around the middle of June. Also, grant guidelines and grant forms are being revised for the new fiscal year. They will also be posted on the website and available for downloading. If you need help downloading forms or if you have any questions, please call the SMAHC office at 1-800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.
 SMAHC Website: www.smahc.org

SMAHC Membership Form

Join SMAHC today and have your money doubled! The McKnight Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar any new or increased donations to SMAHC! Help us earn our match.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Mail your membership donation to **SMAHC, 1210 East College Drive, Ste 600, Marshall, MN 56258.**

Name/Organization _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail _____ County _____

LEVELS OF PARTNERSHIPS:	\$500.00 + Benefactor	\$99.00 - \$50.00 Supporter
	\$499.00 - \$250.00 Patron	\$49.00 - \$ 25.00 Contributor
	\$249.00 - \$100.00 Sustainer	Business & Organizational memberships starting at \$50.00

Please consider making a gift to SMAHC as a memorial or in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. You can also contribute on line through GiveMN.org. You can find the link on our website (www.smahc.org).