ARTS ADVOCACY DAY

March 9, 2006 - Join us at the Capital!

Local arts advocates will be going to St. Paul to meet with legislators and to share the importance of the arts in our society. You can sign up to be a part of the action at the Minnesota Citizen’s for the Arts (MCA) website at www.mtn.org/mca or contact them at mca@mtn.org. MCA will set up appointments with our representatives and senators. We will meet with them in groups.

You can also contact SMAHC at smahcinfo@iw.net or call us at 800-622-5284 (or 537-1471) and we’ll sign you up. Let the staff know if you’re interested in carpooling to the Capitol.

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Artist Feature: Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard-Lien

Works from Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien’s accordion series are on exhibit in the Remick Gallery at the Cottonwood County Historical Society in Windom through March 31, 2006. Bobbie has been a professional artist and teacher for over thirty years. Her work has been exhibited throughout the United States. She has received numerous awards and honors for her work, including the 1998 SMAHC Prairie Star Award. You can see more of her colorful work at http://mnartists.org. Type “Bobbie Alsgaard Lien” in the search box and press the Go button.

“I grew up in what some would call a Backwoods kind of environment. We hunted, fished and trapped for food and spending money. Grandpa was a fiddler, supporting his family by playing at dances. Uncle Herb took tree trunks and made them into finely crafted fiddles. It was my family’s desire that I use my long fingers to also play the fiddle. But one day I saw an ad in the local newspaper, the Argus Leader, that said, “You can play the Accordion too!” My mother was excited at the idea of her daughter being another Lawrence Welk accordion playing band member and made arrangements with the accordion dealership to clean the owner’s house every Friday to pay for this beautiful instrument. I practiced and became a mediocre player and eventually put the instrument in the closet, much to my family’s disappointment.

Over the years I have contemplated this instrument and its beauty. So with brush in hand I am now “playing” the accordion once again, but this time I am “playing” it with visual virtuosity.” – Bobbie

SMAHC Spring Workshop

The Annual SMAHC Spring Workshop is coming! The Conference Planning Committee is planning the event and details will be released soon. The date is yet to be determined. More information will be posted on our web site soon. If you would like to be notified by email of the details of the workshop, go to the SMAHC website and click on the SMAHC Spring Workshop link. Then fill out the form with your name and email address and we will send you the details as soon as they become available.

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**SMAHC ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NEW AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER**

Louise Olson of Appleton was elected by the SMAHC board at their January board meeting to serve as an at-large board representative for SMAHC, serving a three year term. Olson is an active community member and retired teacher. She pursues painting and has a long history of attending arts events of all kinds. She is a volunteer for the 52 Wing Restoration Committee and serves as the chairperson of their Arts Committee. The board and staff of SMAHC are excited to work with Louise and welcome her to our mission of encouraging the growth and development of the arts and humanities in Southwest Minnesota.

The SMAHC nominating committee is seeking applications for Murray County and Lyon County representatives on the SMAHC board. Nomination forms and the description of board member responsibilities are available by contacting the SMAHC office or can be downloaded from our website: www.smahc.org

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You can learn more about Arts Advocacy day by going to the MCA website (www.mtn.org/mca) and clicking on the Get More Information link. There is also a link to the Advocacy Day 2005 Photo Gallery—be sure to check out the photos from last year.

We have a great time getting together with arts advocates from our region on the evening before and then spending the day together talking up the arts with our legislators on Advocacy Day.

Don’t miss the fun! Be sure to join us!

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The results of a statewide and regional economic impact study conducted by Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA), and the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) will be revealed at Arts Advocacy Day, March 9, 2006, at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. *(See the cover story, Arts Advocacy Day)* The project, which will produce eleven regional economic impact studies as well as a statewide study, measures the economic impact of arts and culture organizations and audiences both locally and across Minnesota. Many local people and arts organizations were involved in collecting the data for this study, so we are very interested in hearing the results. The study was funded by the Forum of Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota with financial support from the McKnight Foundation.

In addition, you are also invited to join us at the Southwest Minnesota Foundation’s Annual Banquet Education Workshops at the Jackpot Junction Convention Center & Exposition Center on Thursday, April 27th at 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM. The results of our regional study will be discussed in detail at a workshop titled “Asset Based Economic Advancement.” A panel will discuss utilizing existing southwest Minnesota assets, including the arts, tourism, renewable energy and bio-agricultural businesses to help advance the local economy.

Please call SMAHC if you want any more information about these events. We hope to see some SMAHC supporters at Advocacy Day on March 9th and at the SW MN Foundation event on April 27th.
LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER/FALL 2006
ARTS IN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES FUNDING!

The application deadline for the SMAHC Arts in Education and Communities is APRIL 1, 2006 for projects starting June 1, 2006 or later. Draft applications will be accepted before March 15, 2006 for staff review as time permits. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a draft of the application before the April deadline. No additions or changes to an application are allowed after April 1. The next deadline for this program will not be until October 1, 2006 for projects starting December 1, 2006 or later. So now is the time to think ahead to summer community education projects and fall artists in residencies and arts related field trips!!

Matching funds of up to $2,500 are available for organizations and schools for professional artist residencies, up to $750 for pre-packaged theater residencies, and up to $600 for arts-related field trips.

SMAHC is the designated regional arts council for eighteen counties in southwestern Minnesota. (Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift and Yellow Medicine) The organization provides financial and technical assistance to non-profit organizations and schools interested in sponsoring or producing arts activities, as well as offering grants to individual artists. Please call the SMAHC office at (507) 537-1471 or toll free at 1-800-622-5284 for information on grant guidelines or applications, or email at smahcinfo@iw.net. Grant forms are also available from the SMAHC website: www.smahc.org

SMAHC ANNOUNCES $14,467 IN GRANT AWARDS TO SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND ARTISTS

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted on January 23, 2006 to award a total of $14,467 in grant money for regional arts activities through the following three SMAHC programs: The Arts in Education and Communities Grant Program, The Challenge Grant Program, and The Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grant Program.

Seven awards were made in the SMAHC/McKnight Arts in Education & Communities Program with funds appropriated by the State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation. The most recent grant award recipients in this program are:
- Kerkoven-Murdock-Sunburg Community Education, Kerkhoven in the amount of $750 for Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre Residency.
- Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in the amount of $1667 for a Charlene Buescher Painting Residency
- Willmar Area Learning Center, Willmar, in the amount of $1982 for a Taiko Drumming Residency.
- Renville County HRA/EDA, Renville area, in the amount of $2500 for a Charlie Maguire Residency.
- Red Rock Central Schools, Lamberton, in the amount of $2220 for jazz musician residencies and the Jazz Festival
- Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Community Education, Clinton, in the amount of $750 for a Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre Residency.
- DEMO, Inc., Svea in the amount of $2098 for a Taiko Drumming Residency.

Three awards were made in the SMAHC Challenge Grant Program. With funds appropriated by the McKnight foundation, this program provides arts organizations up to $500 in matching funds for any new or increased memberships earned during a fund drive. The most recent recipients of a SMAHC Challenge Grant are:
- Prairie Dance Alliance, Marshall, in the amount of up to $500 for a membership drive.
- Nobles County Art Center, Worthington, in the amount of up to $500 for a membership drive.
- Milan Village Arts School, Milan, in the amount of up to $500 for a membership drive.

Two awards were made in the SMAHC/McKnight Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grant Program. With funds appropriated by the McKnight foundation, this program provides up to $500 for specific study opportunities for artists of all ages from all disciplines at any stage of their career. The two recipients in the SMAHC/McKnight Individual Artist Study Program are:
- Jennifer Hillger of Redwood Falls, $500 to attend the Music Educators National Conference.
- Wesley Arentson of Redwood Falls, $500 to attend the Music Educators National Conference.

Contact the SMAHC office at (507) 537-1471 or toll free at 1-800-622-5284 for information on grant guidelines or applications, or email at @iw.net. Grant forms are also available from the SMAHC website: www.smahc.org
March/April Calendar

March 4 Open Stage Poetry Slam - Writer and author Florence Dacey, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Java River Fireside Room, Montevideo; 320-235-9500 for info. Or go to: www.javarivercafe.com

March 4 SMAHC Organization Grant Panel Meeting, 9 AM, SMAHC Office, Marshall

March 4 Opening Reception for Cat Abbott Exhibit, Java River, 210 S. 1st Street, Montevideo, 4-6 PM;

March 4 Don Giovanni by Wolfgang Mozart; This opera is sung in Italian with English translations projected above the stage; Opens March 4-5, 7-12; Ordway Theatre, 345 Washington Street, St. Paul; Call the Ordway Center Box Office at (651) 224-4222 for times and ticket prices.

March 11 Still on the Hill, 7:30pm, presented by the Prairie Wind Bluegrass & Folk Music Assoc. at the BARC Auditorium, 1012 5th Ave S., Windom.

March 16 Laura MacKenzie, Piper’s Crow and Irish Dancers; an evening of Irish music and dancing; 7:00 PM, Tickets: $9/$4; open seating; Memorial Auditorium, Dawson; for more information, call the box office at (320) 769-2955, Ext 246; website: http://www.dawsonboydarts.org/

March 17 St. Patrick’s Day Concert featuring the Fringe Band, Florence Dacey, Margo McCreary and Ross Sutter. Head to Montevideo for an authentic St. Patrick’s Day Parade starting at 5:00 p.m. and then a fabulous cultural event replete with Irish Music, poetry, puppetry and Mulligan Stew. 7:00 Cover charge. First come first served. 5–9 p.m. Java River Fireside Room, Montevideo; 320-235-9500 for info. Or go to: www.javarivercafe.com

March 18 Jack Norton and the Mullet River Boys, vintage ragtime and jazz, honky-tonk country, gospel and vaudeville-inspired folk; 7:00 PM; admission: $15 straight across; Lake Benton Opera House, PO Box 1, Lake Benton; For more information or reservations, call (507) 368-4620

March 18, 19, 21 Marshall Area Men’s Chorus dinner concerts; March 18 in Marshall @ St. Stephens’s Church; March 19 in Tracy @ Shetek Bend, and March 21 in Lamberton @ American Legion. Admission: $15; all shows start at 6:30; call (507) 537-1389 for more information.

March 19 Main Street Jamboree at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center; 102 East Main Street – Pipestone, MN 56164; for more information, call 507 825-2020 or visit www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/tixinfo.htm

March 25 Blues Night Featuring Malena Handeen, Jerry Ostenson, Richard Handeen, Colleen Frey, Darwin Dyce and other local musicians. $5.00 cover charge – first come first served. 7:30 p.m. Java River Fireside Room,

Montevideo; 320-235-9500 for info. Or go to: www.javarivercafe.com

March 26 Concert Spirituel, “Big Guys with Grand Pianos, The Four-Hand music of Mozart; Prof. Bill Holm & Dr. Daniel Rieppel; Sunday March 26, 2 PM at the Campus Religious Center, Marshall; Phone: (507) 537-7234

March 30 - April 1 Harvey by Mary Chase; Adults $8.00; Students and Senior Citizens $6.00; Dinner Theatre $25; Ticket Reservations (507) 337-6480; Dinner Theatre Reservations (507) 537-7103; www.southwestmsu.edu/thtr SMSU Fine Arts Theatre, 7:30 PM; Marshall

March 31 The Complete History of America (abridged) performed by the Marshall Area Stage Company; $5.00, Tracy High School, Tracy; Contact Marge Robinson at (507) 629-3114

March 21, April 1-2, 7-9 See How They Run, Spring play; Showtimes: March 31, April 1, 7, 8 - 8:00 PM; April 2, 9 -2:00 PM; Tickets: $9.00 - Adults; $8.50 - Senior Citizens & children; Dinner Theatre (opening night) - $22.00; Lake Benton Opera House, PO Box 1, Lake Benton; For more information or reservations, call (507) 368-4620

March 27 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7 PM, SMAHC Office

March 31-April 1 Calumet Children’s Theater “Dastardly Deeds at Yours in Mine” at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center; 102 East Main Street – Pipestone; for more information, call 507 825-2020 or visit www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/tixinfo.htm

April 1 Deadline for SMAHC Arts Challenge Grant, SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities Grants, SMAHC Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grant, Contact SMAHC at smahcinfo@iw.net or call (507) 537-1471 or (800) 622-5284

April 1 Frula Eastern European Dance Company, part of the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC) 2005-2006 Concert Series. April 1, 7:30 PM, Marshall High School Performing Arts Center, Marshall; Tickets available at the or by calling (507) 532-5463 or by email: mafac@starpoint.net. Website: www.mafac.net

April 3 & 4 Lie Cheat & Genuflect, the tale of two Laurel-and-Hardy-type brothers in this play by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore will have you laughing hysterically. Show dates are April 19-23 and 26-30; Evening Shows are at 7 PM; Matinees are at 2:30 PM; preferred dates: April 3 & 4; The Barn Theatre, 321 Southwest Fourth Street, Willmar; call 320) 235-9500 or email info@thebarntheatre.com; website: http://www.thebarntheatre.com

April 6 - 9 Said the Spider to the Spy, Grassroots Community Theatre; MnWest CTC, MN West Worthington Campus
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Fine Arts Bldg; Worthington, 7:30 PM 6th-8th, 2 PM on the 9th; Admission: $4.00 Students; $5.00 Adults; For more Information, call: 507-372-3491 or 507-372-2107; or email MaryJane.Mardesen@mnwest.edu

April 7 - 9 Harvey by Mary Chase; Adults $8.00; Students and Senior Citizens $6.00; Dinner Theatre $25; Ticket Reservations (507) 337-6480; Dinner Theatre Reservations (507) 537-7103; dholmes@southwestmsu.edu, SMSU Fine Arts Theatre, 7:30 PM April 7 & 8; 2 PM April 9; Marshall

April 8 David Stoddard (winner of this year’s Kerrville Songwriting Contest) and Karen Mal, Business, Arts & Recreation Center (BARC) Auditorium, 1012 5th Ave. Windom; for more information, call (507) 831-3560 or email: bboldt@mindspring.com

April 8 SMAHC Individual Artist Grant Panel Meeting, 9 AM, SMAHC Office, Marshall

April 9 Arts in the Afternoon; Prize winning speeches, instrumental and vocal music, original writings and artwork; Free-will offering; Tracy Missionary alliance Church, Tracy; Contact Marge Robinson at (507) 629-3114

April 21 Liz Queler, singer/songwriter, performs at the Business, Arts & Recreation Center (BARC) Auditorium, 1012 5th Ave. Windom; for more information, call (507) 831-3560 or email:

April 21-23, 28-30 Opland Spring Festival of Song, “Step into Time” at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center; 102 East Main Street -- Pipestone; for more information, call 507 825-2020 or visit www.pipestonemnnesota.com/artscenter/tixinfo.htm

April 22 Becky Schlegel, Country an bluegrass music; 7:00 PM, Tickets: $8/84; open seating; Memorial Auditorium, Dawson; for more information, call the box office at (320) 769-2955, Ext 246; website: http://www.dawsonboydarts.org/

April 23 Kevin Roth, Jazzin’ the Classics, 2:30 PM, Recreation Center (BARC) Auditorium, 1012 5th Ave. Windom; for more information, call (507) 831-3560 or email: bboldt@mindspring.com

April 24 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7 PM, SMAHC Office

April 27 Rudolpho Gorra Concert, 4:30 PM, Redwood Falls (Location will be posted later)

April 27 SW MN Foundation Annual Banquet and Education Workshops; See the news article on page 2.

April 29 Upper Midwest Big Sing hosted by the Marshall Area Men’s Chorus. 7:30 PM, SMSU RA Facility, Marshall Call (507) 537-1389.

April 30 Old Time Fiddlers, The rhythm of fiddles, accordions, guitars, banjos, vocals and a lot of good fun add up to a great show; Showtime: 2:00 PM; Admission: $5.00; Lake Benton Opera House, PO Box 1, Lake Benton; For more information or reservations, call (507) 368-4620

April 30 Mozart in Marshall, Southwest Minnesota Orchestra, Dr. Daniel Rieppel, Conductor; 4 PM, Marshall HS Performing Arts Center, Marshall; Phone: (507) 537-7234

Gallery Listings

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St., Worthington. 507-372-8245; Upcoming opening receptions: Area High School Art Show, opening reception March 3rd, Annual Juried Art Show, April 2nd. Both openings are from 2 - 4 PM.

New Works by Cat Abbott, during the month of March at Fireside Gallery, Java River Cafe 210 S. 1st St., Montevideo; Reception, Saturday, March 4th 4-6 PM; 320-235-9500 for info. Or go to: www.javarivercafe.com.

Watercolors by Katia Andreeva, Feb. 28– Apr 8 at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Center, 313 W. Main St., Marshall. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30pm & Sat 11-2pm.

Marc Aghemio Landscape Paintings and Photographs & Drawings by Francesco Aghemio, through March at the William Whipple Galleries I & II, in the new SMSU library and Founders Hall, 1501 State St., Marshall.

Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 SW 5th St., Willmar, 320-231-8560


Cottonwood County Historical Society, featuring The Accordion Series, by Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard-Lien; contemporary art work is a playful series of work with the accordion as the central focus. On exhibit through March 31. 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; website: www.javarivercafe.com

Gail Lippe displays her photographs from China; The opening reception is April 3 from 7 to 8 PM at the Crow River Arts Gallery, the exhibit runs until April 28; 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 are visit their website: http://www.crowriverarts.org

To submit items for the calendar, see the form on page 6. You may also email your calendar items to smahcinfo@iw.net or submit items on-line at our web site: www.smahc.org,
The American Composers Forum invites you to apply for a McKnight Composer Fellowship. These fellowships are for mid-career Minnesota composers. The application deadline is March 18. Read about the criteria and how to apply at the ACF website: http://www.composersforum.org/programs_listing.cfm?section=fellowships.

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://theflowershopyourproject.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

Partners in Performance (PIP) is a program that seeks to support classical music presenters in communities that are far removed from major cities or large scale concert facilities. Applications are available to non-profit organizations for funding. The deadline is April 1, 2006. Visit their website for more information and the application form: http://www.gotomidori.com/

Need to write an artist's statement? There is an excellent resource with tips to help you write a personal artist's statement to accompany your paintings. Visit this website and read more: http://painting.about.com/cs/careerdevelopment/a/statementsartist.htm

Fellowships for Visual Artists, Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD)/McKnight Foundation; this fellowship offers four $25,000 grants for established artists. The application deadline is Friday, March 24, 2006. For guidelines on eligibility and applying, call (612) 874-3667 or visit www.mcad.edu/McKnight

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. Please include a SASE for your materials to be returned. 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.springboardforthearts.org/Workshops/Workshop.asp or call 651-292-4381

Milan Village Arts School Classes in Milan, MN Many classes and workshops are being offered starting in January such as Introduction to Pottery, The Journal as Art, Norwegian Knife Making, Intro to Timber Framing, Figure Drawing, and many more. For a brochure call 320.734.4807 or email mvas@fedtedirect.net

Attention Writers! The Loft Literary Center lists opportunities for writers at www.loft.org. Currently the Loft is accepting applications for the annual national Speakeasy Prize in Poetry and Prose. Applications due by April 28, 2006

14th Annual Conference for Young Writers for students in grades 3-8. Hands-on classes on a wide variety of topics related to writing, editing, publishing, illustrating, cartooning and storytelling; sponsored by the SW/WC Service Cooperatives. May 16; registration at 8:15 and conference concludes at 2 PM; Cost is $25/student and $10 adult prior to April 12; $30/student and $12/adult from April 13-19. No registrations accepted after the final deadline of April 19. Contact information: andrea.anderson@swsc.org or sue.gorecki@swsc.org; website: http://www.swsc.org/ProgramsServices/StudentActivities/What's Happening?...Get it in VOICES

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 March/April VOICES by April 14, 2006

Date(s):____________________________________  Times: __________________________
Sponsoring Organization(s):_____________________________________________________
Name of Event:________________________________Admission: _____________________
Location:_____________________________________City:_____________________________
Contact person for inquiries:_________________________Phone: ______________________
Name of person completing this form:_________________________Phone & e-mail address:_________________________
Brief Description of Event:________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________
You can also submit events on-line through our website:  www.smahc.org/calendar.htm
Opportunities

March 10, 2006 Deadline Art at Work/Artwork
Art at Work/Artwork is an exhibition hosted by The Minneapolis Foundation featuring fine art by artists who work as graphic designers and graphic design artists.
E-mail: museumservices@gmail.com Phone: (612) 378-1189

MN State Arts Board Series Presenter Support Grants
to support a series of public performances, exhibitions, or screenings in the visual, performing, or literary arts. A series must include three or more events within a one year period, and have an annual budget of at least $12,000. Grants are open to nonprofit presenting organizations, or presenters affiliated with colleges, universities, schools, or governmental units in Minnesota that have at least two consecutive years of programming experience. Annual arts festivals, radio or television stations, or organizations that operate solely as performance venues (i.e., rental halls) are not eligible. The entry deadline is Mar. 15, 2006. The complete form is available at www.arts.state.mn.us

McKnight Artist Fellowships for Ceramic Artists support outstanding Minnesota ceramic artists who have already proven their abilities and are at a career stage that is beyond emerging. Two grants of $25,000 each are awarded annually. Fellowship support may be used for, but is not limited to, buying time, experimenting with new techniques and materials, purchasing equipment, collaborating with other artists, and pursuing education, exhibition, or travel opportunities. All applications must be received at the Clay Center in hard copy along with the required slides by March 31, 2006. Please contact Northern Clay Center at 612.339.8007 or www.northernclaycenter.org

March 31, 2006 ArtSplash - Festival of the Arts
The Sioux City, Iowa Art Center is inviting applications for its annual Labor Day arts festival 2006. This outdoor festival consists of a juried fine arts and craft show and is held at the Anderson Dance Pavilion. For more information, call (712) 279-6272 ext 214 or email cgaskell@sioux-city.org.

ALL SMAHC DEADLINES
These are deadlines for the rest of FY 2006. You must apply now for projects that start in the Summer and Fall.

ARTS CHALLENGE GRANTS
Earliest project start date: May 1, 2006
Application Deadline: April 1, 2006
Draft Deadline: March 1, 2006

ARTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES GRANTS
Earliest project start date: June 1, 2006
Application Deadline: April 1, 2006
Draft Deadline: March 1, 2006

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST STUDY OPPORTUNITY GRANTS
Earliest project start date: June 1, 2006
Application Deadline: April 1, 2006
Draft Deadline: March 1, 2006

ARTS ORGANIZATION NETWORKING & TRAINING GRANTS
Ongoing Deadlines: Applications due one (1) week prior to the planned trip. (This is not a postmark deadline.)

CULTURAL BANK
Ongoing Deadlines: Applications due 28 days before project performance date.

NEW SMAHC GRANT GUIDELINES TO BE PUBLISHED THIS SPRING.
The SMAHC staff and board are currently reviewing our programs and any changes will be reflected in the guidelines for fiscal year 2007, July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. New guidelines will be posted on the SMAHC website as soon as they are available. Have a suggestion - see below!

We’re NOT Kidding! We Want Your Ideas!

Do SMAHC’s current programs meet the needs of our arts community? What would you like to see us doing? New programs? Changes to our current programs? Let us know what you think. We need to hear from you!

You can contact us 4 ways:
By Email: smahc@starpoint.net By mail - write to: 1210 E College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall, MN 56258.
Through our website: www.smahc.org/contact_us.htm By Phone: (507) 537-1471 or toll-free (800) 622-5284.

Or contact your SMAHC county board representative listed on the back page of this newsletter. We want to hear from you!
Join SMAHC today! This is really the best time to become partners in developing the arts in southwest Minnesota. Your membership is tax-deductible. Call 800-622-5284 or mail your annual membership to SMAHC, 1210 East College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall, MN 56258.

Name ____________________________ 
Address ____________________________ 
City ____________________________State ____ Zip ________ 
Telephone _______________ E-mail ________________________________

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 

Thank You!