

VOICES

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SMAHC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP THIS SPRING

There are several grant opportunities that are coming up this Spring.

ART STUDY OPPORTUNITY GRANTS.

The Art Study Opportunity grant awards up to \$500 to aid area artists at all stages of development to take advantage of professional development opportunities. There have been a variety of grants awarded over the years in a variety of disciplines. Here are some examples of grants that have been awarded.

- A study opportunity was granted to a high school student to attend a week long music camp in Dublin, Ireland where he played Irish and American folk music as well as present sessions and performances for the camp participants, local artists and community. The grantee commented on his experience in his final report: "I learned a lot about playing in a cohesive group. I really grew on harmonies. . . I think I have a 'bigger' or more 'global' view of music and the world."
- A study opportunity was granted to a visual artist to study and mentor with a well known and accomplished professional ceramic artist in New London. Through this mentorship, the grantee produced artworks that continued the ongoing investigations she had made into 3D pieces. She met regularly with the mentor to discuss artistic ideas and receive hands-on training in areas of rolling/flatting clay, creating textures, technical assistance in creating 3D forms, experimentation and firing of clay.
- A study opportunity to attend a week long visual arts workshop, 'Plein Aire Pastel Painting,' The workshop took place at the Grand Marais Arts Colony among the outdoors and along the shore of Lake Superior in Grand Marais, MN. The workshop included pastel technique demonstrations along with topics on subject matter, composition, drawing techniques, and painting fundamentals. Students received personal assistance and group critiques about their artwork.
- A study opportunity was granted for a high school student to attend the Minnesota Ballet Summer Workshop. The workshop included intense dance training over a 3 week period in ballet, pointe, and modern and jazz methods. This applicant stated that by studying with a variety of professional dance instructors, she greatly improved her dance technique.

There are many opportunities at local and regional colleges and universities for high school students to attend workshops and camps for music and art instruction. We encourage high school students to apply for a Study Opportunity grant to attend a summer workshop or week-long instructional camp. (A couple good resources are www.mysummercamps.com and www.campresource.com/). Students can also take private lessons in their area of interest. There is one more round this year for **Art Study Opportunity Grants**. The deadline for applying is **April 1, 2009** for projects starting **June 1, 2009** or later. These grants will be reviewed by the grant panel on **May 2, 2009** and the SMAHC Board action will take place on **May 26, 2009**.

ART STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATORS

The Art Study Opportunity for Educators grant This program is designed to encourage educators, K-12 classroom teachers as well as private arts teachers in the SMAHC region, to study how to better deliver the arts to their students.

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All Grant Guidelines and Application forms are available on our website. Visit www.smahc.org to download all the grant forms.

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Art Study Opportunity for Educators *Continued from page 1*

Teachers may apply for reimbursement for up to \$500 for registration fees and/or tuition, as well as other related costs (books, materials, mileage, meals & lodging when appropriate) to attend classes, workshops or seminars or participate in a one-on-one mentorship with an artist that will provide them with the tools to deliver arts to their students.

Classes may be in any art discipline (i.e. visual, music, literature, film, dance, media arts, theatre, etc.). Class may be for credit or non-credit. Some possible resources for class offerings include: the Perpich Center for the Arts—Professional Development Institute (www.pcae.k12.mn.us), Minnesota Center for Book Arts (www.mnbookarts.org), The Loft (www.loft.org), Split Rock Arts Program/University of Minnesota (www.cce.umn.edu/splitrockarts), DEMO, inc (Developing, Exploring & Maintaining Originality through the Arts - www.demo-inc.org) and Milan Village Arts School (www.milanvillageartsschool.org). Classes and links to organizations can also be found on the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org). Please note that this is just a sample listing, there are many other resources available. You may also want to check out classes offered at colleges and universities.

Some example of grants awarded in this category are:

- An educator attended a 5 day workshop called “Adventures in Wheel and Hand Built Pottery Making’ at the Clay Studio in Grand Marais, MN. She plans to bring this information she learned to her classroom and build a ceramic studio within her school.
- An educator attended 2 workshops through the Resource Training and Solutions in St. Cloud. The workshops were called “Artful Teaching in the Language Arts” and “Artful Teaching in Math & Science”. The workshops reaffirmed that by using many senses as possible, concepts being taught will “stick.”
- An educator attended a workshop called ‘Digital Photography’ at the Perpich Center for Arts Education. This educator will be instrumental in helping the school district develop technology through the arts, including setting up the capacity for using graphic arts through the use of Adobe software and the new Comic Life software.
- A classroom teacher attended the Literacy Center Workshop which allow her to strengthen her reading and writing instruction for her first grade students. The workshop presented innovative Literacy Center ideas to help students expand their reading and writing skills. Her goal was to develop a number of new literacy centers for her classroom.

The deadline for applying for the Art Study Opportunity for Educators grant is May 1, 2009 for projects starting June 1, 2009 or later. We encourage all area educators to consider applying for these grants.

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER GRANTS

SMAHC has a limited amount of grant funds available for individual artists grants so a second round for these grants has been added. The SMAHC Individual Artist grant program is designed to aid in career development and arts activities of artists living and working in the eighteen counties of southwestern Minnesota served by the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council.

The Individual Artist program has 3 categories:

The Career grant awards up to \$2,000 to aid area professional artists.

The Development grant awards up to \$1,000 to aid area emerging artists.

The Art Study Opportunity grant awards (described on Page 1).

The deadline for this special round is **March 16, 2009**. The earliest project start date is **May 15** or later. The grant applications will be reviewed on **April 27, 2009**. To learn more about this grant, please reading the Individual Artist Program Overview, Application & Instructions. It can be downloaded from the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org

ARTS & LEARNING GRANTS

The Arts & Learning Grants (formerly called the Arts in Education) is designed to advance arts education in schools and communities in the SMAHC region through artist/teacher/community partnerships, support the arts as essential to education and daily life, and enrich the communities of the SMAHC region through the arts.

Arts & Learning Program will provide financial and technical assistance to schools, communities and nonprofit organizations to help involve professional artists to strengthen school and community art programs. An Arts & Learning field trip grant is intended to help increase the exposure of students to professional artists through visits to professional artists’ studios, performances by professional theatre, dance or musical groups, readings by writers, visits to art galleries, exhibition and other locations pertinent to the creation and exhibition of art.

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SUPPORT THE ARTS NOW!

On election day, Minnesotans approved a once in a lifetime investment in the arts. Passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment is expected to create anywhere from \$40 to \$50 million annually to support the arts, arts access, arts education and history. The amendment also says these new resources should not be a substitute for traditional sources of funding. Unfortunately, **the new money won't be available for a while, perhaps not until late 2010 or 2011.** (The new tiny increase in the state sales tax, created by the Amendment, doesn't start until July, 2009, and then the funds raised by the tax will need to accumulate in the new Arts and Culture Fund before they can be spent).

The Amendment's details will be sorted out in the Minnesota House Cultural and Outdoors Resources Finance Division, chaired by **Rep. Mary Murphy**, as well as **Sen. David Tomassoni's** Economic Development and Housing Division in the Senate, this legislative session, which ends in May. The state has a huge deficit. The Governor has proposed cutting the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) and Regional Arts Councils by 50% over the next two years, and then eliminating the MSAB completely after that. This is contrary to the wishes of the voters who passed the amendment by 56% - a higher percentage vote than that received by President Obama in Minnesota. Minnesotans want MORE investments in the arts and culture, not less.

What can you do to help?

Send a letter to your legislator today saying you want them to protect the arts. You can do so easily on line by going to: <http://www.capwiz.com/artsusa/mn/state/main/?state=MN>.

Simply type in your zip code to find out who your legislators are. The talking points are all set up for you. All you have to do is enter your name and address and the letter will go automatically to the right elected officials. It only takes a few minutes but it will go a long way in letting your voice be heard about the value of the arts in SW Minnesota.

Thanks to Minnesota Citizens for the Arts for providing the information in this article (www.mncitizensforthearts.org/).

ARTS ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITAL

A group of 14 arts advocates from the SMAHC region descended on the Capital on Tuesday, February 24 for Advocacy Day. The group included SMAHC staff and board members and SMAHC supporters.

The day started at 8:00 a.m. at the Minnesota History Center with a First Timers Orientation, followed at 8:30 by the Advocacy Day rally, general orientation and mass photo of attendees. At 9:30 participants began sorting themselves into teams by legislative district, and, led by an experienced Team Leader, marched up to the Capitol for individual meetings with legislators. Previous participants have reported that the best things about Arts Advocacy Day is the chance to hang out with nearly 800 artists and arts advocates who agree with them, and to feel like they have had a part in making the world a better place for the arts.

It was a great day and thanks to those who went, we are hoping that our legislators will take an active role in supporting the arts in this legislative session.

More photos of Advocacy Day can be found on the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org).



Picture above (left to right): Greta Murray, Dennis Hansen, Bud Johnston, Paul Johnson, John Radley, Ben Vander Kooi Jr. Charles Carrera, Ellen Copperud, Kristen Radley.

Attending Advocacy Day but not pictured: Luanne Fondell, Barb Kay, Ardie Eckardt, Colleen Compton, Cheri Buzzeo, Karin Anderson, and Sara Jo Lehrer.

Arts & Learning Grants - Continued from page 2

Grants are available for up to **\$2,500 for Artist Residencies**, or 75% of the total project cash costs, whichever is less. When funds are available the program may also support up to \$750 for Pre-packaged Theatre Residencies and \$600 for Field Trips or 75% of the total project cash costs, whichever is less.

The **Grant Deadline** for these grants is **April 1, 2009**, with the earliest project start date **June 1, 2009** or later. The grant applications will be reviewed by the grant panel on May 2, 2009 and SMAHC Board action will take place on May 26, 2009.

We encourage all grant applicants to apply as early as possible. Grants that are received well before the deadline will be reviewed by SMAHC staff so that any corrections or additions to the application can be noted. Also, please be aware that all deadline dates are postmark dates. All applications must be in the office or postmarked by the deadline date.

GALLERY LISTINGS

Nobles County Art Center; March 6, Student Show Opening, 5 to 7 PM; April 5 Area Art Show Opening, 1:30 to 4:30 PM; May 2, Semi Annual Quilt Show, 1:30 to 4:00 PM; Admission is FREE; 407 12th Street, **Worthington**. Call 507-372-8245 for more Information.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC) - A group of Lake Benton artists, including Joan Hohenstein - Stained Glass, Marge Petersen - acrylic painting, Jack Burk - oil painting and Linda Dandar - rosemaling. Other artist will also be exhibiting. This exhibit runs February 25 - April 12; April 14 - May 16, Lyon County HS Art Stars; 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. Free; Visit www.mafac.net

Java River Cafe in Montevideo, a retrospective exhibit of paintings by Lucy Tokheim presented through the month of March; 210 S. 1st Street, **Montevideo**; Visit www.javarivercafe.com

Milan Village Arts School Classes offered in March and April include Wood Turning, Watercolor painting, Figure Drawing, Spoon Carving, and many more. See the complete list at www.milanvasartsschool.org

The WEAC Gallery - Willmar Education and Arts Center is located at 611 Fifth Street SW, **Willmar**. For more information, Call (320) 231-8560.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**; The Remick Art Gallery is a changing art gallery showcasing local and regional artists along with thematic shows. The gallery changes five times a year. Hours: Monday -Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Contact the museum for the yearly schedule (507) 831-1134

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

Tokheim Stoneware 2057 361st Avenue, **Dawson**; visit their website at www.tokheim-stoneware.com

Clay Coyote Pottery 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**; See

www.claycoyote.com for gallery hours or email Betsy or Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net;

Daily Grind Gallery, 316 W. Main St., **Marshall**, (507) 537-9565 features new artwork monthly

MARCH

March 6 Artaria String Quartet performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**. 7:30 PM; Tickets available February 26. For ticket information call (320) 769-2955 or visit www.dawsonboydarts.org

March 7 Spanish Brass Quintet presented by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall Senior High School, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM; for ticket information, call 507-532-5463 or email mafac@starpoint.net.

March 7 Arts Organization Panel Meeting, SMAHC Offices in **Marshall**

March 12 Kevin Maynor, internationally renowned bass vocalist performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For ticket information, call the ticket office at (507) 376-9101 or email fota@frontiernet.net

March 12 - 15 Play in Paradise, MACT Fest, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, 321 Central Ave. N., Faribault; For more information, visit www.mact.net

March 14 Katia McMahan performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**. 7:30 PM; Tickets on sale to the public March 3. For ticket information call (320) 769-2955 or visit www.dawsonboydarts.org

March 14 Phyllis Tannerfrye in concert at the Business Arts and Recreation Center Auditorium (BARC) in **Windom**, presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music Association; 7:30 PM; for ticket information, email bboldt@mindspring.com

***SEE MORE Calendar Events and Opportunities on the SMAHC website at 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 May/June VOICES by **April 15, 2009**.

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: _____

March 14 & 15 Women's Artist Retreat at the Stoney Ridge Lodge, **Odessa**; For more information or to make a reservation call Liz Rackl at (320)305-1039 or lizrackl@msn.com

March 15 St Olaf College Viking Men's Chorus at the Business Arts & Recreation Center (BARC), **Windom**; 2:00 PM; for more information about this event, call 507-831-2375 or email at barcwindom@windomnet.com

March 15 Minnesota Orchestra presented by the Dassel-Cokato Arts Association performing at Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center in **Cokato**; 2:00 PM; Tickets: Adults - \$28, Youth - \$12; Tickets may be purchased by Mastercard or Visa by calling (320) 286-4120 or visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter

March 15 St. Olaf College Viking Men's Chorus at the Business Arts and Recreation Center, **Windom**; 2:00 p.m.; For more information email barcwindom@windomnet.com

March 16 Deadline for Individual Artist Development and Career Grants

March 19-21, 26-28 Barefoot in the Park at Peace Center-Peace Lutheran Church, **Hutchinson**; Show starts at 7:00 PM; You may purchase tickets on-line at www.hutchtheatre.org or you can email info@hutchtheatre.org.

March 21 "Small Town Stories" sponsored by Windom Concert Association 7:30 p.m. in the BARC Auditorium, **Windom**; Email barcwindom@windomnet.com

March 23 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBA

March 24 Jazz Festival Concert at the Red Rock Central Gymnasium, **Lamberton**; 7:00 PM; For more information, email frasher@rrcnet.org

March 26-28 "The Music Man" Community Theatre Production by the Prairie Arts Continuum (PAC) 7:30 p.m. at the Business, Arts & Recreation Center, **Windom**;

March 27-28 Gone Country IV performing at Memorial Auditorium, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM ; For ticket information, call the ticket office at (507) 376-9101 or email fota@frontiernet.net

March 28 Broadway Meets Lake Benton at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM; Admission is \$10; For more information, email mk.wilmes@mchsi.com; www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/

March 28-29, April 3-4 More Fun Than Bowling, a Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre Production performing at the Dassel Area Historical Society's Universal Lab Museum in **Dassel**. All Tickets are \$15. Call (320) 286-4120 or visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter

March 28-29 Blues Fest at Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel in **Morton**. Visit <http://www.jackpotjunction.com/bluesfest/> for more information

March 28-30 Southwest Minnesota Men's Chorus Spring Dinner Concerts, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, **Marshall** on 3/28, Shetek Bend, **Tracy** on 3/29, **Wabasso** Community Center on 3/30; All dinner shows begin at 7:00 pm; Catered Dinner and Concert served by chorus members. For ticket information, email rpthull@statebankoflucan.com or call 507-747-2214.

March 29 Swift County Band Concert - at the Appleton 52 Wing Auditorium, **Appleton**; 3:00 PM

March 29 Tracy Reads (Second Annual) sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of **Tracy** (FACT); Eighty free books are being given to readers by a couple from Delaware and a family from Garvin. They are available at the Tracy Public Library. Bill Holm will lead a discussion on his book, "The Heart Can Be Filled Anywhere on Earth" at Twin Circle in **Tracy** at 7:00 PM. There is no charge, coffee will be served. More information, call 507-629-3114.

APRIL

April 1 Deadline for Arts & Learning and Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants

April 2 Murray County Central Rebel Voices, Murray County Central HS Auditorium, 2420 28th Street, **Slayton**; General Admission: \$5 includes show and ice cream sundae; This show will highlight music from our tour to Creston, IA and will also have a presentation about our experience. Email chad_felton@mcc.mntm.org

April 2 - 5 Clue: The Play presented by the Marshall Area Stage Company; The performances are at the Marshall Market Street Mall, 1420 E. College Drive, **Marshall**. Performance times for April 2-4 are 6:00 pm-Dinner and 7:00 pm -Show; April 5 is a dessert matinee that starts at 2:00 pm. Tickets for the dinner show are \$20 and tickets for the dessert matinee are \$10; Sunday matinee will be dessert only. For more information, call 532-2754 or email marshallareastagecompany@gmail.com; Website: www.marshallareastagecompany.org

April 3-4 More Fun Than Bowling, a Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre Production performing at the Dassel Area Historical Society's Universal Lab Museum in **Dassel**. All Tickets are \$15. For Ticket information, call (320) 286-4120 or visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter

April 4 ARThouse Presents: Richard Barlow, 117 1st Ave NE, **New London**; 5 to 9 PM, FREE. Free doorprize for the first 15 visitors -- an ARThouse tradition. Richard lives in Minneapolis and his paintings and digitally designed multiples have been exhibited both locally and nationally. Richard is also a musician, playing in the Pins and Barlow/Petersen/Wivinus; he also writes and records theatrical soundtracks for Flaneur Productions. For more information on ARThouse, visit www.arthousenewlondon.com or email arthouse@arthousenewlondon.com or call 320-354-3432.

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April Calendar Continued

April 4 Moses Oakland - Blues & BBQ performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**. 7:30 PM; Tickets are available to the public on March 24. A Texas-style barbecue meal will be served prior to the show for a limited number - order your tickets early. For ticket information call (320) 769-2955 or visit www.dawsonboydartarts.org

April 4 Crow River Youth Orchestra performing at the Hutchinson Senior High School. For more information, email info@crayouthorchestra.org

April 4 Windom Area Chordhustlers Spring Concerts 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Business, Arts & Recreation Center, **Windom**; For more information email barcwindom@windomnet.com

April 5 Arts in the Afternoon sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of Tracy (FACT), at the Tracy Missionary Alliance Church, **Tracy**; 2:30 PM; Elementary school and adult presentations in speech, vocal and instrumental music, and display of art work. Coffee and treats will be served; Freewill offering; Call 507-629-3114.

April 11 Peter Ostroushko in concert at the Business Arts and Recreation Center Auditorium (BARC) in **Windom**, presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music Association; 7:30 PM; for ticket information, email bboldt@mindspring.com

April 17 Crow River Singers Spring Concert 2009, at the Hutchinson Charter School, 1000 5th Ave SE, **Hutchinson**; 7:00 PM; Tickets are \$6.00/per person, Children under 12 free; For more information, email info@crowriverarts.org or call 320-587-0710.

April 17-19, 24-26 Suitehearts at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; 17, 18, 24, 25 at 7:30 PM; 19 & 26 at 2:00 PM; Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9.50 for Senior Citizens and children, and \$23.50 dinner theater for opening night. For more information, email mk.wilmes@mchsi.com; www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/

April 19 Crow River Singers Spring Concert 2009, at the Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St SW, **Hutchinson**; 2:00 PM; Tickets are \$6.00/per person, Children under 12 free; For more information, email info@crowriverarts.org or call 320-587-0710.

April 19 The Southwest Minnesota Orchestra and Route 68 Big Band appearing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (SCCPA), Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 4:00 PM; Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for SMSU students and children; For more information, email newman@southwestmsu.edu or call (507) 537-7234

April 23 Southwest Initiative Foundation Banquet at Jackpot Junction, **Morton**. For more information, visit <http://www.swifoundation.org/>

April 24 Shane & Shane presented by the Dassel-Cokato Arts Association performing at Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center in **Cokato**; 2:00 PM; For Ticket information, call (320) 286-4120 or visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter

April 25, 2009 Great Northern Union Chorus from Minneapolis at the Appleton 52 Wing Auditorium, **Appleton**; 7:00 PM; Tickets at the door are \$15.00; Reserved Seating is \$13.00

April 25 "Synergy Quintet" Brass Ensemble sponsored by Windom Concert Association 7:30 p.m. at the BARC Auditorium, **Windom**;

April 26, 2009 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra-Young Artist Concert performing at the Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), **Willmar**; 3:00 PM, tickets are \$10-Adults, \$9-Seniors, \$5-children: Also featuring the International Opera Singers, The Roisums. For more information, call (320) 214-7577 or (320) 444-0269.

April 26 Romanza, a trio of classically trained lyric tenors, presented by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall Senior High School, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM; for ticket information, call 507-532-5463 or email mafacs@starpoint.net.

April 27 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBA

May 1 Deadline for Art Study Opportunity Grant for Educators

Opportunities

Arts Education News from the Perpich Center - here's a great blog of arts education news from around the state. There are lots of great happenings and events to take advantage of here. Visit the blog at <http://artseducation.typepad.com:80/>

Minnesota Shorts Festival of Plays is taking submissions from local playwrights, Nov. 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009, Lincoln Centre Theater, 418 Fulton St., **Mankato**; Free to enter. \$100 given to winners; The MN Shorts Festival will be Sept. 11-12, 2009, at the Lincoln Centre Theater in Mankato. Playwrights can submit a play of up to 15 minutes long to mnshorts@yahoo.com. Email mnshorts@yahoo.com for more information or visit <http://mnshorts.tripod.com>.

Bush Artist Fellowships Program: Applications are now available for Bush Artist Fellowships for 2009 and 2010. For more information on the fellowships, visit www.bushfoundation.org.

See the latest Calendar items and Opportunities on the SMAHC Website: www.smahc.org



ARTISTS AND ART EVENTS

Women's Artist Retreat to be held at Stony Run Lodge, Odessa, Minnesota
Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15, 2009

The theme of this retreat is Relax, Create, Nourish, and Connect. You can learn more about this retreat - read and download a brochure at www.smahc.org/retreat.htm or call Liz Rackl at (320) 305-1039 or email lizrackl@msn.com

Species/Specify—New Work by Lisa M. Bergh
February 23rd to March 27, 2009
At Ridgewater College
2 Century Avenue SE
Hutchinson, MN

Reception for the artist is March 18th 11:00 am
For more information, contact
Andrew.nordin@ridgewater.edu

MARSHALL AREA FINE ARTS COUNCIL FEATURES A NEW MULTI-ARTIST EXHIBIT.

Their new exhibit is up! "From the Lake... and the High Valley Art Guild of Lake Benton" is an exhibit that features eight artists from the Lake Benton area in a variety of mediums. This exhibit will be up until April 12th. MAFAC hours are 11:00 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Friday and 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday.

Individual Artist Grant Recipients

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) awarded a total of **\$8,000** to local Individual artists under the **SMAHC/McKnight Development and Career Grant Programs**. The **Individual Artist Development Grant Program** awards up to \$1000 for projects to aid emerging artists, and the **Individual Artist Career Grant Program** awards up to \$2000 to aid career artists. We would like to congratulate the most recent grant award recipients in these programs:

Career Grants

Marjorie Nilssen, New London, in the amount of \$2,000, Purchase Painting & Framing Materials for Upcoming Exhibit.

Michon Weeks, Marshall, in the amount of \$2,000, Complete and Frame Paintings & Attend Monthly Critique Group

Carol Ceynowa, Luverne, in the amount of \$1,000, to Purchase a Northstar Slab Roller

Mark Freitas, Willmar, in the amount of \$2,000, for a Concert at WEAC Auditorium

Development Grants

Erik Gran, Silver Lake, in the amount of \$1,000, Purchase Art Material & Prepare for Exhibition.

LUCY TOKHEIM EXHIBITS AT JAVA RIVER

Local Artist, Lucy Tokheim from Dawson, will be having a retrospective exhibit of her paintings at Java River Coffee Shop through the month of March. The reception is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 2-6 p.m. The Exhibit will also feature her new work from the Mandelbrot's Butterflies series.

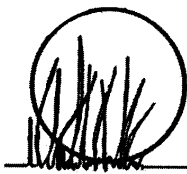
Java River is located at 210 S 1st St in Montevideo. Read more about Lucy Tokheim at the Tokheim Stoneware website at <http://tokheim-stoneware.com/news/>



Lucy Tokheim Paintings
March 2009

Retrospective & New Work:
"Mandelbrot's Butterflies"

Java River Coffee Shop, Montevideo
Reception on Sunday, March 21, 2-6 p.m.
more info at tokheim-stoneware.com



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