Workshop for SMAHC Arts Organizations on Art Project Evaluation and Reporting: “Aligning Goals and Outcomes with Creative Evaluation Strategies that Paint the Real Picture”

Has your organization considered photography, poetry, video or blogging as a tool for collecting program evaluation data? Specifically crafted to assist arts organizations with evaluating their projects and programs, the Forum of Regional Arts Councils has contracted with Charlene Sul to provide workshops focused on “Creative Evaluation.” This free seminar examines standard ways in which arts organizations report on outcomes. In doing so, participants will assess the effectiveness of their current evaluation strategies. The focus of this seminar will then lead to alternative, creative ways for collecting the impact of your art project or program.

If your organization is applying for SMAHC grants, this workshop is for you! Applicants for SMAHC grants must include an evaluation plan that includes the methods the applicant intends to use for measuring proposed outcomes. At the completion of the project grantees must report on measurable outcomes and evaluation of the project. For this interactive seminar, participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their organization’s mission statement, a copy of program goals, and a copy of a recently funded proposal to work with.

Please note below which date/location of the workshop your arts organization may attend, based on your county. Space is limited, so contact SMAHC by your registration deadline by emailing us at smahcinfo@iw.net or calling us at 800-622-5284.

April 14, 2012 • 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
University of Minnesota-Morris
*Registration Deadline March 14*
Organizations in the following counties may register for the Morris workshop:

- Big Stone
- Chippewa
- Kandiyohi
- Lac Qui Parle
- Lincoln
- Lyon
- Pipestone
- Swift
- Yellow Medicine

April 21, 2012 • 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
University of Minnesota-Mankato
*Registration Deadline March 21*
Organizations in the following counties may register for the Mankato workshop:

- Cottonwood
- Jackson
- McLeod
- Meeker
- Murray
- Nobles
- Redwood
- Renville
- Rock
- Lyon
- Pipestone
- Swift
- Yellow Medicine

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- Art Project Planning

April 1, 2012:
- Art Project Planning

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  Apply Online

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- Individual Artist - Round II
  Apply Online

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- Art Project - Round III
  Apply Online

SMAHC AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINES

April 1, 2012:
- Prairie Star Award nominations—honoring an outstanding artist
- Prairie Disciple Award nominations—honoring an outstanding arts educator/arts advocate

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Arts in the Schools Grant Workshop
- March 15, 4:00-6:00 pm
  SMAHC Office, Marshall

Individual Artist Grant Workshop
- March 29, 4:00-6:00 pm
  SMAHC Office, Marshall

Art Project Grant Workshop
- April 4, 4:00-6:00 pm
  SMAHC Office, Marshall

Workshops are free, but advance registration is encouraged. Contact the SMAHC office (800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net) to register.

Second grant round added for Individual Artist Grants
A grant round has been added for the INDIVIDUAL ARTIST grant program including both the developing artist and established career artist categories. Round II application deadline for these grants has been set as May 1, 2012 with an earliest project start date of July 15, 2012. The budget for this added grant round is limited, so competition for funding will be high. The INDIVIDUAL ARTIST – Established Career grants provides up to $5,000 to aid established career artists with projects that will advance their career. In addition, the Established Career Artist category of this grant program can provide funding up to $7,000 for projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota. The INDIVIDUAL ARTIST – Developing grants provide up to $1,500 to aid emerging artists at the early stages of their career development.

There will be a grantwriting workshop on March 29, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the SMAHC office in Marshall. The application process for this grant round will be through the SMAHC online application tool available through the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org. Look for grant program guidelines and the online application link coming to our website soon.

Nominations being accepted for Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards
The PRAIRIE STAR AWARD ($5,000) was established to provide awareness and recognition of one artist per year, from southwest Minnesota, whose body of work best exemplifies the highest quality of art in the SMAHC region. Past recipients include Bill Gossman, Bob Mattson, Bob Whitcomb, Dan Rieppel, Karen Jensen, Patricia Kadlecak, Franz Albert Richter, Joseph Amato, Gene & Lucy Tokheim, Fred Cogelow, Bill Holm, Bernie Aaker, Henry Killingstad, Leo Dangel, Ed Evans, Robert Remick, and Frederick Manfred.

The PRAIRIE DISCIPLE AWARD ($500) acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of SW Minnesota. In 2012, this award will be given to recognize a teacher or educator only. Past recipients include Nancy Geiger, Ruth McKinney, Joe Paddock, Violet Risch, Bob Whitney, Carol Westberg, Karen Reede, Rallah Madison, Mercein Holzemer, Ben Vander Kooi, Jr., Tina Richards, Patricia Enger, Patrick Moore, Louise Mack, and Vernon Stevens.

Nomination forms will be available through SMAHC and are due by April 1st, 2012.
Upcoming SMAHC exhibit features the work of David Strom

David Strom will exhibit pen and ink works at the SMAHC gallery from March 8 through April 30.

Strom has been working steadily as an artist for 45 years, displaying his artwork through both solo and group exhibits around the state and nationally since 1977. Recently he received a grant from the SW MN Arts & Humanities Council to produce and present a new body of work that continues his favorite visual art theme of objects in our Southwestern Minnesota landscape: groups of grain bins, wind turbines & power lines, round bales and contour farming.

Structures with the common shape of a triangle over a rectangle are the source of Strom’s current work. He explains, “On the steppes of Central Asia the nomadic herdsmen live in them. They call them yurts. In Zambia, Africa, they have thatched roofs. In the Caribbean Islands they are on the beach to protect from the sun. In New York City, Chicago, and Minneapolis they are made of wood and are on tops of buildings for water storage. In Southwest Minnesota they are made of galvanized steel and are used to store grain. Nearly every farm place has a grouping of grain bins and I see them constantly in many different sizes and arrangements.” Strom hopes his work will help people become “aware of this universal shape that sits humbly in our landscape just as it does in other parts of the world.”

Much of Strom’s work is also similar in form, with a border of rectangles surrounding a central image. “This allows me to play with shapes and colors many times within a piece. The idea of a series of film stills, or comic book frames, or windows on a computer screen is what I have in mind.”

Strom describes his artistic vision as “a quest, an interesting journey, a meandering path to explore and discover. I like to look around me and read literature and poetry for an insight into this life that is within and surrounds me. Art is a calling in which the work leads me on an adventure.”

The public is invited to visit the SMAHC art gallery and talk with the artist at a reception from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on March 8, 2012. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

Artists’ Retreat: May 5, 2012

Calling all artists... plan to join SMAHC on the shores of Lake Andrew just outside New London for a day filled with education and activities. While the learning sessions begin Saturday morning and run through the day, there will also be the option for artists to gather together for networking and other fun activities the previous evening and stay in the comfortable cabins available on-site. Saturday’s workshop sessions will meet the interest of artists of all art forms. Details are not finalized, but topics in the works include:

- “How to find your artistic voice”
- Writing from Reaction & Inspiration
- Visual Arts Critique
- Documenting your work with photography
- Public art activity
- Faux painting for theatre
- MN Artists Exhibition program
- Marketing your music
- Acting workshop
- Songwriting
- Writers Critique

Register now by calling the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471. Look for online registration coming soon to www.smahc.org.
“Day of the Trombone 2012” at SMSU
Trombone players in the region are invited to the first Day of the Trombone 2012 workshop Friday, March 10 at Southwest Minnesota State University. The day will include a number of workshops, master classes and performance opportunities in a trombone choir and quartet settings, said event organizer Dr. John Ginocchio, Director of Bands at SMSU. The guest artist for the daylong series of events is trombonists Dr. Eric Starr. The day will culminate with an 8 p.m. concert in the SMSU Fine Arts Theatre. Cost is $20 per participant. Advance registration is required by March 1. To register or for further information, e-mail David Peterson: David.Peterson@smsu.edu or Dr. Ginocchio: John.Ginocchio@smsu.edu, or call 507-537-7209.

Director of Choral Music Needed
Song of the Prairie Chorus of Marshall, MN, a small, enthusiastic chorus passionate about singing women’s barbershop harmony and a member of Sweet Adelines International, is actively seeking applications for the position of director. Qualified candidates should have directing experience, preferably with some barbershop background. Interested applicants should apply in writing to Wanda Paluch, 321 W Rotherwood, Ivanhoe, MN 56142, or wlpaluch@gmail.com.

Siouxland Writing Contest
Prose or poetry entries are wanted for the Manfred: Scribe of Siouxland Writing Contest in March and April. Entries can be made in categories of Age 12 and Under, Ages 13 to 18, and Adult. Cash prizes will be awarded and first place winners will be invited to read at the Blue Mounds Writer Series in June or August. Entry forms are available at www.luvernechamber.com. Contact clintw@plumcreeklibrary.net for more information.

Nobles County Art Center Annual Area Art Show
Nobles County Art Center requests entries for their Annual Area Art Show, which will run from April 1 through April 26. Art must be original and not previously shown at the Nobles County Art Center. An artists’ reception will be held Sunday, April 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with a Juror’s Critique at 3:00 pm. Jurors will award cash and merit awards. Contact the Nobles County Art Center at 507-372-8245 for registration information.

Request for Proposals: MN Filmmakers Legacy Grant Fund
The Minnesota Film and TV Board is currently accepting proposals from Minnesota filmmakers who have completed principal photography on a narrative or documentary feature or television project and who are seeking finishing (completion) funds. Application deadline is March 30, 2012. More information is available at www.mnfilmtv.org/grants

Artists of Minnesota Spring Show at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts
Artists of Minnesota requests entries for their Spring Show at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts, running from May 4-6, 2012. Artists of Minnesota members may submit up to two recent original works. To join Artists of Minnesota, include dues with entry form. Registration deadline April 2. Details at http://www.artistsofminnesota.org/spshow.html.

McKnight Artist Fellowships for Visual Artists
The goal of the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Visual Artists program is to identify talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage that is beyond emerging. Each year an independent panel of arts professionals selects the four award winners of $25,000 each, opportunities to meet with local and national art professionals, and participating in a group exhibition of the fellows’ work in Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) Gallery, accompanied by a catalogue. The application deadline is Friday, April 6, 2012 at noon CT. Please contact Kerry Morgan, Program Director, at gallery@mcad.edu or 612-874-3667 for more information.

Call for Artists: car pARTs
Paradise Center for the Arts in Faribault, MN is looking for entries for their upcoming “car pARTs” juried exhibit, which will run from August 3 – September 23, 2012. Created pieces need to feature, portray or be related to cars. Work must be original, created with in the last two years and may not exceed 4 feet in any direction. Two pieces may be submitted digitally at $10/piece for PCA members and $15/piece for non-members. Submission deadline June 8, 2012. Details at: http://www.paradisecenterforthearts.org/gallery/car-parts-call-for-artists/
Free workshop for arts organizations: “Guiding the Arts Organization Brand”

SMAHC will be bringing in Carlo Cuesta from CreationINCommon to present “Guiding the Arts Organization Brand” on Saturday, March 24, from 1:00—3:30 pm at the Marshall-Lyon County Library in Marshall. In this workshop, you will learn how brands work in arts organizations, how to begin to guide your brand presence, and apply what you learn to developing a set of brand pillars and targeted messages. Most importantly, you will learn how brands are driven through engagement and interaction, moving beyond one-sided messaging and into meaningful dialogues and relationships with your audience.

Call (1-800-622-5284) or email (smahcinfo@iw.net) SMAHC to register and take advantage of this great chance to network with other arts organizations and meet the SMAHC board members & staff! Go to our website, www.smahc.org, to learn more.

SMAHC AWARDS $96,862 IN ART PROJECT GRANTS

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Cultural Awareness Organization**, Worthington, $5,000 for the 2012 International Festival.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, $3,462 for the Artists of Minnesota Spring Conference and $2,345 for Wearable Art classes and exhibit.

**Dakota Wicohan**, Morton, $4,875 for The Horse: Celebrating the Art of Dakota Tanning and Beading (workshops and events).

**Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership**, Slayton, $3,500 for a production by the Hmong Youth Dance Company.

**Willmar Community Theatre**, $5,000 for their 2012 summer season productions.

**Rhythm of the River**, Jackson, $5,000 for the 6th Annual Rhythm of the River festival.

**Prairie Arts Chorale**, Region-wide, $1,156 for their spring concerts, “Jazz Standards.”


**Calumet Players**, Pipestone, $975 for a Missoula Children’s Theatre production of “Little Red Riding Hood” and $2,195 for summer musical production of “Peter Pan.”

**Friends of the Auditorium**, Worthington, $5,000 for their summer theatre production and workshops.

**Spicer Beautification Committee**, $3,825 for the Spicer Pole Project.

**Willmar Area Arts Council**, $4,350 for 2012 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!

**Marshall Area Stage Company**, $1,140 for their summer musical production of “The Music Man.”

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**, $5,000 for their 2012-2013 Performance Series.

**Marshall Community Services**, $17,498 for the Mrs. Whitney statue project.

**Historic Hutchinson**, $5,000 for the production of the musical “Smoke on the Mountain.”

**Appleton ’52 Wing Restoration Committee**, $3,061 for their 2012 Summer Concert Series.

**Hutchinson Theatre Company**, $2,485 for their summer musical production of “Singing in the Rain.”

**Rock County Fine Arts Council**, Luverne, $4,660 for a Dick Lehman woodfire pottery workshop and exhibit and $3,400 for their 6th Annual Art Rocks! Fine Arts Festival.

**Prairie Dance Alliance**, Marshall, $2,450 for their summer dance camp.

**Blue Mound Area Theatre**, $2,485 for a Prudence Johnson concert “The Times, They Are A-Changing.”
**Indicates** the project was funded in part with a grant from the SMAHC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the MN State Legislature, or the MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the MN State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on 11/4/08.

**March 1 SMAHC Grant Application Deadline: Art Study Opportunity for Youth**

**March 1 SMAHC Grant Application Deadline: Art Project Planning**

March 1 SMSU Concert Choir, Masterwork Concert, Holy Redeemer Church, Marshall. 7:30 pm

March 2 Nobles County Art Center Opening Reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This exhibit is an annual show in which area students bring selected works. Exhibit closes March 26th.

March 2 Artaria String Quartet in Concert, with Community & Student Musicians, 7:30 pm at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, Dawson. Tickets $5. More information at www.dawsonboydarts.org, 320-769-2955 Ext. 246, or dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org

**March 3 Southwest Minnesota Orchestra Concert, performed at the Schwan Center for the Performing Arts at Marshall High School. 1:00 concert.**

**March 4 Ellen Skramstad Artist Reception, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall.**

March 5 Fry Street Quartet, Redwood Concert, Estebo PAC, Redwood Falls. 7 pm.

March 5 Auditions for “Sylvia,” Lake Benton Opera House spring comedy, 7:00 pm at the Lake Benton Opera House. Show dates are April 13-15 and 20-22. For more information, contact Mark Wilmes at markwilmes@gmail.com, or 507-227-3236.

**March 8 SMAHC Gallery Artist Reception featuring the art of David Strom from Windom. Reception 5 – 7 pm at the SMAHC Gallery.**

March 9-11 "AlumDie" Dinner Theatre performed by the Grass Roots Players at the Historic Dayton House in Worthington. March 9& 10: Seatings/Shows at 6:00 & 8:00 pm, Single Ticket $25, Pair of Tickets $45. March 11: Seatings/Shows at 1:30 & 3:30 pm, Single Ticket $15, Pair of Tickets $25. More information on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Community-Theater-Inc/310559402325163. Reserve your tickets by emailing info@daytonhouse.org or leaving a message at 507-727-1311.

**March 9-11 & 16-18 "Arsenic and Old Lace" Dessert Theatre performed by the Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre at the Dassel History Center & Ergot Museum. Performances on March 9, 10, 16 & 17 are at 7:30 pm and performances on March 11 & 18 are at 2:00 pm. Tickets: Adults $15 & Youth $7.**

March 10 "Day of the Trombone” concert by regional workshop participants, 8:00 pm at the SMSU Fine Arts Theatre in Marshall. The concert is free and open to the public.

**March 12-15 and 19-22 "Born Yesterday" performed at The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th Street, Willmar. 7:30 pm shows except Sunday matinee at 2 pm.

March 13 Montevideo High School Spring Vocal Concert, 7:30 PM at the Montevideo Fine Arts Center (at 3rd St and Eureka Ave.), Free Admission.

**March 14 Registration Deadline for April 14 “Creative Evaluation Strategies” Workshop on art project evaluation and reporting for arts organizations in Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Pipestone, Swift, and Yellow Medicine counties, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at the University of Minnesota-Morris. The seminar is free but registration is required due to space limitations. Register by contacting the SMAHC Office at 800-622-5284 or by email at: smahcinfo@iw.net.**

**March 15 SMAHC Arts in the Schools Grantwriting Workshop, 4:00-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 1210 E College Dr, Suite 600, Marshall.**

March 15 Lunch Bunch, noon, at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall, featuring high school speech students.

March 16-18 and 23-25 "Radio Suspense Theater", the Green Earth Player's present a comedy/drama that exposes the world of radio in the 1940's. Friday & Saturday shows at 7:30 pm, Sunday shows at 2 pm at the Historic Palace Theatre, Luverne. Call 507-283-2765 for tickets.

March 17 Broadway Meets Lake Benton, Lake Benton Opera House, Lake Benton. 2 pm & 7:30 pm.

March 18 Gone Fishin (Southern Gospel), 2:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Box Office: 507 825-2020. More info at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/

**March 19 Grant Review Panel Meeting for SMAHC Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants, SMAHC Office, 1210 E College Dr, Suite 600, Marshall.**
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**March 22-24 The Cemetery Club**, a dessert theatre production performed by the Hutchinson Theatre Company, at Peace Lutheran Church/Peace Center, Hutchinson. Tickets available at www.hutchtheatre.org, the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce, Hutchinson Center for the Arts or Clay Coyote Gallery. More information at 320-587-2599.


**March 22 SMSU Glee Club & Bella Voce**, First Lutheran Church, Marshall. 7:30 pm.

**March 23 HEROES: A Celebration of Women Who Changed History & Changed Our Lives**, 7:30 pm at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, Dawson. Tickets $10 for adults, $5 for students. More information at www.dawsonboydarts.org, 320-769-2955 Ext. 246, or dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org

**March 24 “Guiding the Arts Organization Brand” workshop** hosted by SMAHC. Don’t miss this excellent workshop led by Carlo Cuesta from CreationINCommon. Workshop held at the Marshall-Lyon County Library in Marshall from 1 - 3:30 pm. Register HERE or by calling the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284.

**March 24 SMAHC Board Meeting**, 9:00 am at the Marshall-Lyon County Library in Marshall.

**March 24 Danny Schmidt & Carrie Elkin** perform at the Carson Meeting House, 49521 Cty Road 3, Delft. 7:30 pm show. Hosted by the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association.

**March 29 SMAHC Individual Artist Grantwriting Workshop**, 4:00-6:00 pm SMAHC Office, 1210 E College Dr, Suite 600, Marshall.

**March 29-30 Jim Two Crows Wallen Shares Stories of the Prairie** at the Historic Palace Theatre in Luverne as part of the Manfred: Scribe of Siouxland Celebration. Four shows daily at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. March 29 features Wagons West and March 30 features Buckskins, Furs, & Calico. Free and open to the public. Information at www.luvernechamber.com.

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**March 30 – April 1 Calumet Players Children’s Theatre: “The XYZ Files” and “The Magic Flute” at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, March 30 & 31 at 7:00 pm, April 1 at 2:00 pm.


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**April 4 SMAHC Art Project Grantwriting Workshop**, 4:00-6:00 pm SMAHC Office, 1210 E College Dr, Suite 600, Marshall.

**April 12-14, 20, 21 "The 39 Steps"**, SMSU Main Stage Theatre, Marshall. All shows 7:30 pm except April 21 at 2 pm.

**April 13-15, 20-22 "Sylvia"**, Lake Benton Opera House, Lake Benton. All shows at 7:30 pm except Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

**April 13-15 & 20-22 Opland Singers: “We’re Singing Your Songs” at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Fridays & Saturdays 7:30 pm, Sundays 3:00 pm. Box Office: 507 825-2020. More info at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/
April 14  "Charlotte’s Web", Theatreworks USA, Memorial Auditorium, Dawson. 2 pm. Tickets $8 for adults, $5 for students, $20 for family. More information at www.dawsonboydarts.org, 320-769-2955 Ext. 246, or dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org

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**April 20-22 Prairie Arts Chorale: Jazz Standards.** April 20: 7:30 pm at Montevideo Fine Arts Center, 310 Eureka Ave., Montevideo. April 21: 7:30 pm at the Estebo Performing Arts Center (Redwood Valley High School), 100 George Ramseth Dr., Redwood Falls. April 22: 4:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Dr., Spicer.

**April 20 & 22 Crow River Singers Spring Concerts.** April 20 held at the Church of St. Anastasia, 460 Lake St. SW at 7 PM. April 22 held at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson at 2 PM.

**April 21 Manfred 100th Birthday Event.** Buffet Meal, 4:30 pm at the Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne. Authors of Siouxland: Authors Freya Manfred, Thomas Pope, John Rezmerski, Joe Paddock, Nancy Paddock, Jim Heynen, & Scott King share their work in memory of Frederick Manfred, 7:00 pm at the Historic Palace Theatre, downtown Luverne. Tickets: Dinner Only $20, Authors Only $10, Dinner + Authors $25.

**April 22 “Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50’s”, MAFAC Concert, Schwan’s Center for the Performing Arts at Marshall High School. 4 pm. More information at www.mafac.net, or call 507-532-5463.

**April 22 Crow River Area Youth Orchestra Spring Concert** held at Hutchinson Middle School, 1365 S Grade Road, Hutchinson.

**April 24 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.**

**April 28-29 Prairie Arts Chorale Jazz Standards.** April 28: 7:30 pm at Unity Christian Reformed Church, 510 6th St. Prinsburg. April 29: 4:00 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1301 S. 4th St., Marshall.

April 29 Big Stone Arts Council’s Second Annual Community Gospel Concert, 2:00 pm at the Ortonville High School Auditorium, Trojan Drive entrance, Ortonville. No admission charge. The public may purchase $5 ballots to vote for their favorite performance; the winner will receive a $100 prize. An Afternoon Tea Reception will immediately follow the concert in the OHS Commons.

April 29 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Young Artist Concert and Moody Blues Tribute: Days of Future Passed. Website: www.willmarorchestra.com.

**GALLERIES**

SMAHC Art Gallery. The art of David Strom will be showcased starting March 8. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM at 1210 E College Dr., Suite 600, Marshall.


ARThouse, 117 1st Ave NE, New London. More info at www.arthouseenewlondon.com or 320-354-3432

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

Barn Theatre Art Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more information, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.
Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne. March will showcase a Student Art Show. Hours are Tues – Fri, 1 - 5 PM and Sat 10 - 2 PM. For more info, email cahrl@yahoo.com or call 507-283-8294.

Cenbank, 113 NW First Street, Ortonville. February 24 – March 16: Kiln-Formed Cast Glass by Doug Holtquist. Funds were provided by the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council under a plan funded and approved by the McKnight Foundation.

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. Hutchinson. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM, or, call ahead for an appointment. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Evansville Arts Center, 111 Main Street, Evansville. Friday & Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM. Sunday 1 - 4 PM. www.evansvilleartcenter.com.


Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 North Main Street, Hutchinson. February 15 – March 30: Student Art Shows. April: Joyce Young. Reception 11:00 am - 5:00 pm April 14. May: Kristi Ahlquist. More info: 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org


Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, Milan. For information on upcoming classes visit www.milanvillageartsschool.org.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th Street, Worthington. March: Area Student Show. Artist reception March 2 5:00-7:00 pm. April: Area Juried Art Show. Artist reception April 1 from 1:00 -4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2 - 4:30 PM. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Potato Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com

Tokheim Pottery, 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com For more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com

Veterans Memorial Building, Main Street, Clinton. April 18 through May 16: Keeping Time: Steve Misener's Rare Collection of Historic Pianos. To learn more about Steve’s historic piano collection, please visit http://stevemisenerpiano.com. Reserve your visit by contacting Steve Misener at stevemisenerpiano@gmail.com or by calling him at (605) 676-2355.


Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar. More info at http://willmarareaartscouncil.org/
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Saturday in Luverne, Minnesota

MANFRED & FRIENDS

Blue Mound Banquet Center—Luverne
Sharing memories and personal stories of...

The Scribe of Siouxland

4:30 pm—6:30 pm     Buffet Meal
Advance Tickets Only

DINNER ONLY—$20
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7 Authors Share Their Work in Memory of Frederick Manfred

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Historic Palace Theatre in Downtown Luverne

7 pm    Tickets: $10 per person

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At Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center
(former home of Frederick Manfred)

June 2, 2012 - 7:00 pm - Saturday
Freya Manfred & Thomas R. Smith

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& ART SHOW

July 2012

Manfred manuscripts memorabilia,
paintings & fine art

Including original art created in drawing workshops
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OPENING RECEPTION - JULY 8—11 AM to 3 PM

ROCK COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
213 East Luverne Street—Luverne, MN
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DRAWING & PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

First Week of June 2012
Artists Rowan & Bly Pope (Manfred grandsons)
Professional Photographers

Classes available for students and adults
Classes held at Luverne Public Schools & Blue Mounds State Park
Advance Registration Required

Siouxland Photography Contest

October 2012
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Age Categories: 12 & under, 13-18, and adult
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