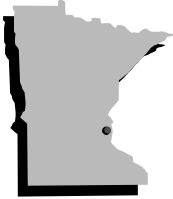


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Join SMAHC on March 7 for Arts Advocacy Day!



Meet your SMAHC region legislators at the capitol!

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- District 12A: Jay McNamar, Elbow Lake
- District 16A: Chris Swedzinski, Ghent
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- District 23: Julie Ann Rosen, Fairmont

Connect with other MN Arts Advocates!

Arts Advocacy Day is a day to travel with other SMAHC arts advocates to the State Capitol, visit with legislators, and make sure our elected decision makers know about the strong arts community in Minnesota that needs their support.

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts explains, "Artists and arts supporters from across the state will **join together to secure Art & Legacy funding** for the next two years, making sure we remain in the strongest arts community in the country. You and your team will be led by an experienced advocate who has participated in past Advocacy Days and knows what to do. Your team will visit a series of legislators during the course of the day, giving you plenty of time to get to know your teammates and the issues you are discussing."

Once you register through the website below, let SMAHC know if you'd like to ride share to the Capitol. SMAHC staff will help coordinate vehicles and pick-up spots throughout the region. Call the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.

Register now at www.mncitizensforthearts.org

If you can't attend in person, contact your legislators through email using the MCA Desktop Lobbyist website: www.mncitizensforthearts.org/actnow



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SMAHC Artist Retreat: April 27, 2013

Save the date to join SMAHC at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler, MN for a day filled with workshops and activities. The schedule of presenters is a work in progress but promises to have topics and hands-on projects to interest artists of all disciplines including: literature, music, visual arts and theatre. In addition to a full-day of sessions on Saturday, you have the opportunity to join us at the historic Danebod Folk School the night before for entertainment, networking and on-site overnight lodging.

Mark your calendar and register today:

- \$20 for the entire day of workshops, networking opportunities and meals on Saturday, April 27
- OR: \$50 to stay overnight on Friday, April 26 AND the workshops/meals on Saturday

Register now by calling the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284. Watch for more information on our website at www.smahc.org. (Registration fees must be received in advance of the retreat.)



Jesse White of Currie to exhibit at the SMAHC Gallery



"Shambling Mound" by Jesse White, 2012
Graphite, acrylic, & watercolor on panel
24" x 24"

Jesse White of Currie will exhibit paintings and painted objects at the SMAHC Gallery from March 11 through April 26, 2013.

Jesse White is an artist interested in exploring several different themes. Within the exhibited pieces are themes of personal and natural history, transformation and man's struggle with nature. Jesse explained, "My artworks are more conceptually driven than they are driven by process. I am more concerned with the works functioning as metaphors that I am with any forms of representation." White focuses on the relationship that the materials have with the concept and hopes the viewer finds themselves challenged into reconsidering their own experiences in Southwest Minnesota.

White was raised in Westbrook, MN. He graduated from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in 2000. The exhibit will feature nearly 15 of White's works. Jesse White was a recipient of a 2012 SMAHC grant for developing artists.

The public is invited to visit the SMAHC art gallery in downtown Marshall for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013. Regular Gallery hours are Mon - Fri, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

This activity is funded in part by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, and its arts & cultural heritage fund.

SMAHC Memberships and Donations Received

January 29, 2012—February 22, 2013

'52 Wing Restoration Committee, Appleton • Violet Risch, Appleton • Harvest Bank, Atwater • Debra Hogenson & Douglas Bauman, Brewster • A. Eric Anderson, Cottonwood • Deb Connelly, Danvers • Yellow Medicine County Commission, Granite Falls • Lincoln County Commission, Ivanhoe • Jackson County Commission, Jackson • Jerry & Kathy Deuschle, Luverne • Klein Bank, Madison • Charles & Rita Carrera, Marshall • Helen Pedersen, Marshall • Marianne & Jim Zarzana, Marshall • Chippewa County Commission, Montevideo • Gregory & Margaret Harp, New London • Renville County Commission, Olivia • Pipestone Chamber of Commerce • Richard & Carmen Hamlow, Pipestone • William & Marianne Yseth, Pipestone • Redwood Falls Area School District • Nan & Mike Kaufenberg, Redwood Falls • Mary Jane Mardesen, Rushmore • Suzanne & Marvin Napgezok, Willmar • Cottonwood County Commission, Windom • Cottonwood County Historical Society, Windom • Nobles County Commission, Worthington



SMAHC GRANT ROUNDS ADDED!

A third round of applications has been added for Arts Organization Development/Equipment & Facilities grants. The application deadline will be April 1, 2013, with an earliest project start date of May 15. Applications will be reviewed by the SMAHC Board on April 23. Grantwriting workshops for organizations are planned for March 11 in Slayton and March 12 at the SMAHC Office in Marshall. These workshops will look at Arts Organization Development grants, along with Art Projects/Arts Legacy and Legacy Planning Grants.

A second round of applications for Individual Artist grants has been added for this fiscal year. The application deadline will be May 1, 2013, with an earliest project start date of June 15. This round is limited to artists in the “developing” category, who may apply for up to \$1,500; and to “career” artists applying for Legacy-level funding, who may request up to \$7,000. Career artists projects without Legacy components are not eligible for this round. Funds remaining for this fiscal year are limited, making this a very competitive round. The grant review panel will meet on May 18, and their recommendations will go to the SMAHC Board on May 28.

Grant final reports now online

SMAHC’s grantee final reports forms have now been converted to the online system used to submit grant applications. Grantees can log in to fill out the form, and then submit it online by their final report deadline.

Grantees who applied online before January 1, 2013 have the option to use the new online final report, or may mail in the final report form found on the SMAHC website. Starting with the recent rounds of Art Projects (Round II) and Arts Organization Development (Round II), all grantees are required to use the new online form.

Contact the SMAHC office at 507-537-1471 with questions.

UPCOMING SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES

All SMAHC grants must be applied for online. Go to www.smahc.org for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

March 1, 2013: Arts Legacy Project Planning

March 15, 2013: Art Study Opportunity for Youth

April 1, 2013: Arts Legacy Project Planning

April 1, 2013: Arts Organization Development/Equipment & Facilities, Round III

April 19, 2013: Arts in the Schools, Round II

May 1, 2013: Arts Legacy Project Planning

May 1, 2013: Individual Artist, Round II
(Development & Legacy only)

May 17, 2013: Art Project & Arts Legacy, Round III

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

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

Arts Organization Grant Workshops: Art Projects, Legacy Planning, & Arts Organization Development

March 11, 4:30-6:00 pm, Slayton

March 12, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall

Arts in the Schools Grant Workshop

March 21, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall

Arts Project & Arts Legacy Grant Workshop

April 18, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall

SMAHC AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE

April 15, 2013: Prairie Disciple Award nominations — honoring an outstanding arts advocate.

We encourage applications for new and different projects! Limited funding is available for repeated projects previously funded through the State general fund allocation. New projects are eligible for funding through our State Arts & Cultural Heritage allocation.

SMAHC AWARDS \$75,546 IN ART PROJECT GRANTS

Art Project Grants provide area organizations up to \$5,000 in matching funds to produce or present an art project.

Friends of the Auditorium, Worthington, \$5,000 for a community theatre production of *Cinderella*.

New London Music Festival, \$4,500 for their 2013 summer music festival.

The Barn Theatre, Willmar, \$5,000 for their 2013 summer season of performances.

Rhythm of the River, Jackson, \$5,000 for their 7th annual music festival.

Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall, \$5,000 for the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra Russian Festival Concert.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, \$5,000 for the 2013-2014 Concert Series and \$5,000 for their 2013-2014 Exhibits.

Calumet Players, Pipestone, \$3,700 for their production of *Tarzan: The Musical*.

Willmar Area Arts Council, \$4,775 for their *Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!* festival.

Minnesota Pottery Festival, Hutchinson, \$4,900 for their 2013 festival.

Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra, \$5,000 for their spring concert.

Prairie Dance Alliance, Marshall, \$3,170 for their 2013 summer dance camp.

Prairie Winds Concert Band, Willmar, \$1,500 for their 2013 concert season.

'52 Wing Restoration Committee, Appleton, \$2,311 for their summer outdoor concert series.

Hutchinson Theatre Company, \$4,690 for their production of *9 to 5: The Musical*.

Rock County Fine Arts Association, Luverne, \$1,000 for a Raku pottery workshop.

Litchfield Community Theatre, \$5,000 for their production of *Shrek: The Musical*.

Granite Falls Area Community Theatre, \$5,000 for their production of *The Sound of Music*.

SMAHC AWARDS \$26,656 IN ARTS ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT/ EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES GRANTS

Arts Organization Development Grants provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds to arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities. Arts Organization Equipment & Facilities Grants provide up to \$15,000 in matching funds to arts organizations for equipment & facilities improvement.

Willmar Area Arts Council, \$975 to create and print a new color brochure for distribution.

Lake Benton Opera House, \$3,154 to for new doors, sound booth stools, printer/copier, digital camcorder, video monitor, headset microphone, and graphic design/video editing software.

Hutchinson Photography Club, \$4,143 to purchase lighting equipment and instruction.

Winsted Arts Council, \$3,384 to purchase tables, chairs, and exhibit walls for their new location.

RiverSong Music Festival, Hutchinson, \$15,000 to add a permanent roof to the Masonic West River Park stage, their performance site.

OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR ART:

WORTHINGTON PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

The Worthington Public Arts Commission is searching for framed and ready-to-hang two-dimensional artwork by local artists featuring themes, scenes and events in the Worthington area. Work selected will be exhibited at the Worthington Events Center grand opening exhibit in May 2013. Artists are requested to submit digital images for review by **March 15** to megggers@ci.worthington.mn.us.

They will be notified of selection for inclusion in the exhibit by April 15. For more information, email Gail Holinka at Gail.Holinka@isd518.net.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS:

MCKNIGHT DISTINGUISHED ARTIST AWARD

The McKnight Foundation invites nominations for its 16th Distinguished Artist Award, in recognition of individual artists with enduring and exceptional careers.

Nominations for the \$50,000 award must be received by **March 31**, 2013. The award honors one artist each year for having made a substantial impact on the arts in Minnesota over a lifetime. A panel representing a variety of artistic disciplines considers first and foremost the quality of nominated artists' work. Other considerations include the artist's commitment to his or her field, and ways the artist has enriched life for audiences and the community. More info <http://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/distinguished-artist> or 612-333-4220.

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

ARTISTS OF MN SPRING SHOW

Artists of Minnesota announces a call for artists for their Spring Show from April 19-21 in St Cloud. The show's theme is "Art & Soul" and will be judged by Willicey Tynes. Artists may submit works in the intermediate or advanced categories. The entry deadline is **April 1**, 2013. More information and registration materials are available at www.artistsofminnesota.org, or call Flora Shinkle at 320-597-2863.

DIRECTOR NEEDED:

WILLMAR AREA SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

The Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra is conducting a search for a new music director for the 2013-14 season. The volunteer orchestra, which draws musicians from a wide area including Willmar, Spicer, and New London, has 3 concerts between September and May. For more

information on how to apply please go to:

www.willmarorchestra.com. Applications accepted until **April 1**, 2013. Questions? Contact (320) 295-1932 or hmnelson@windstream.net.

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

HORIZONTAL GRANDEUR

The Stevens County Historical Society & Museum, in Morris, MN is proud to be hosting the 6th Annual *Horizontal Grandeur*, based on Bill Holm's essay of the same name. The exhibition will open July 12 and run through October, 2013. All genres and mediums are considered within the exhibition guidelines. Like Holm, the museum encourages artists to think with a prairie eye. The prairie eye doesn't just see the large prairie sky or landscape, it is able to focus on the tiniest wild flower, blue grass stem, duckling, or community. Go to www.stevenshistorymuseum.com to download copies of Holm's essay, learn more about the venue or eligibility requirements or submit works for jury consideration. Submission deadline is **April 19**, 2013. For more info, you can call 320-589-1719 Monday-Friday, 9-5 and or email grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com.

Nominations for the SMAHC Prairie Disciple Award are due April 1

The Prairie Disciple Award provides awareness and recognition of one individual whose activities and involvement have substantially contributed to the arts.

The accomplishments of arts advocates working in the region are often not widely known or appreciated. In recognizing one of these individuals publicly, the award will raise the profile of the arts in their communities and throughout the SMAHC Region. These awards can be received only once in a lifetime and the nomination must be from someone other than the nominee. The award will be presented at the SMAHC Annual Celebration on September 14, 2013.

Past recipients include Patricia Enger, Nancy Geiger, Mercein Holzemer, Louise Mack, Rallah Madison, Ruth McKinney, Tricia Mickle, Patrick Moore, Joe Paddock, Karen Reede, Tina Richards, Violet Risch, Vern Stevens, Ben Vander Kooi, Jr., Bob Whitney, and Carol Westberg.

The nomination deadline is April 1, 2013. Start writing your nomination now and collecting letters in support of the nominee! Nomination forms available at www.smahc.org.

Rural Arts & Culture Summit Announces Keynote Speakers

The Rural Arts and Culture Summit: Leveraging Arts and Culture to Build Thriving Communities (June 5-6, 2013 at the University of Minnesota-Morris) will feature three keynote speakers: John Davis, June Holley, and Michael Strand.



John Davis is a nationally recognized leader in developing rural communities by engaging artists and arts organizations to strengthen the economy of their region. Davis is the Executive Director of the Lanesboro Arts Center, and the founder of New York Mills Cultural Center. This past summer, Davis spoke at several SMAHC-sponsored "Lunch & Learn" sessions around the region.



June Holley has mobilized dozens of area organizations to collaborate, self-organize and create an environment that would help these businesses innovate and work together, as the former executive director of the Appalachian Center for Economic Networks. Now through Network Weaver, Holley's recent Smart Networks projects have involved communities, regions, statewide collaborations, healthcare and hospital systems, and national learning and innovation networks.



Michael Strand's work as a potter has moved seamlessly into social practice while remaining dedicated to the traditional object, as he investigates the potential of craft as a catalyst for social change. Department Head and Professor of Art at North Dakota State University, Strand's Artstimulus projects investigate and challenge current modes of deploying art and craft into culture by proactively bringing art to the people.

RURAL ARTS & CULTURE SUMMIT

Early Bird Registration through April 30

Both days: \$100

One day: \$70

The Rural Arts and Culture Summit is a partnership between the Center for Small Towns, Springboard for the Arts, the Forum of Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota-Morris. Sponsors include the McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board/Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund, and Art Works.

MARCH CALENDAR

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**** March 1 SMAHC Art Project Planning Grant Deadline.**

March 1-3 *Leaving Iowa*, 7:30 pm Fri-Sat, 2:00 pm Sun at the Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre, **Marshall**. Dinner theatre on March 2.

March 2 & 3 *The Diviners* - Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre, at the Dassel History Center, **Dassel**. March 2: Dinner Theatre, 6:00 pm, tickets: \$30 (fundraiser for Minnesota Community Theatre competition). March 3: Dessert Theatre, 2:00 pm, tickets: \$15-Adult & \$7-Youth. For more info, call 320-286-4120 or email colleen.compton@dc.k12.mn.us.

****March 5 Southwest Minnesota Orchestra Children's Concert, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm** at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, 400 Tiger Dr, **Marshall**. Featuring instrument showcase and student piano concerto competition winner. \$1.00 for school-age children and chaperones, \$12 for adults not accompanying a group.

March 7 Arts Advocacy Day at the Minnesota Capitol. Join us!

****March 8-9 Prairie Fire Theatre: *Peter Pan***, 7:00 pm at the YME Auditorium, **Granite Falls**. Tickets: Adults \$5, Students \$3, under 5-free. 320-564-4081 ext. 111.

March 10 Peter Simon, 4:00 pm, Redwood Valley Performing Arts Center, 100 George Ramseth Dr, **Redwood Falls**. Redwood Concert Association. Ticket Sales: Nadine Marzolf 507-637-8598.

****March 11 Grant Workshop** for potential Art Project grants and Arts Organization Development & Equipment/Facilities grants. Location to be determined in **Slayton**, MN with workshop from 5 - 6:30 pm. **THIS IS AN ADDED GRANT ROUND**, so don't miss an opportunity to attend and apply! Please contact us to register for this free workshop: 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471 or email us at: smahcinfo@iw.net

****March 12 Grant Workshop** for potential Art Project grants and Arts Organization Development & Equipment/Facilities grants. Held at the SMAHC offices, 114 N Third St, **Marshall** with workshop from 5 - 6:30 pm. **THIS IS AN ADDED GRANT ROUND**, so don't miss an

opportunity to attend and apply! Please contact us to register for this free workshop: 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471 or email us at: smahcinfo@iw.net

****March 14 Artist Reception: Jesse White.** 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAHC Gallery, **Marshall**.

****March 14 Artist Reception: Lyon County High School Art Stars.** 4:30-7:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council Gallery, 109 N. 3rd St, **Marshall**. Call 507-532-5463 or visit www.mafac.net for more information.

****March 15 SMAHC Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grant Deadline.**

March 16 Broadway Meets Lake Benton, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm at the **Lake Benton** Opera House. Tickets \$10.00. Call 507-368-4620 or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com.

****March 18 Lester Prairie Schools Student Puppetry Performances** (following the residency by Bart Buch).

****March 21 SMAHC Arts in the Schools Grantwriting Workshop,** 4:30 pm, SMAHC Office, **Marshall**.

****March 22-24 Calumet Children's Theatre,** Fri-Sat 7:00 pm, Sun 2:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, **Pipestone**.

****March 26 SMAHC Board Meeting,** 7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, **Marshall**.

****March 26 39th Annual Jazz Festival,** 6:30 pm, Red Rock Central High School Auditorium, **Lamberton**.

GALLERIES

SMAHC Art Gallery March 11-April 26: Jesse White, paintings and painted objects. Artist Reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm on March 14. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM at 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

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 info, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, **Luverne**. Hours are Tues – Fri, 1 - 5 PM and Sat 10 - 2 PM. For more info, email cahrcl@yahoo.com or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**. Hours

are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM, or, call ahead for an appointment, 320-587-2599. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 North Main Street, **Hutchinson**. More information at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org

Java River Cafe, 210 S 1st St, **Montevideo**. More information at 320-269-7106.

KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, **Granite Falls**. February: Michael Eble: *Honfleur Reflections*. Gallery hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturday. Call 320-564-4039 for information.

****Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC),** 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**. March 5 – April 12: Lyon County High School Art Stars. Artist Reception: March 14, 4:30-7:00 pm. Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 PM. Evenings and Saturdays by appointment. 507-532-5463. Visit www.mafac.net for more information.

Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, **Milan**. For information on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit www.milanvillageartsschool.org.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, **Worthington**. March: Student Art Show. Hours: M-F 2 - 4:30 PM. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Potato Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, **Willmar**. Call 320-382-9951 for hours and information.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**. Through March 23: "Tying the Knot: Artword by Robert & Helen Remick." 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

William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. March: David Strom. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

****Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery.** Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org



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