Bonnie Van Moorlehem’s paintings on exhibit at the SMAC Gallery

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery will feature the paintings of Bonnie Van Moorlehem of Minnesota from November 12 through December 20, 2013.

Bonnie Van Moorlehem creates vibrant paintings that simply breathe with color and energy. Her bold, rich abstracts are renderings of nature and other various subjects, expressed Continued on page 3

Jerry Ostensoe to perform at Van Moorlehem opening

Enjoy music by Jerry Ostensoe of Sacred Heart from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the SMAC Gallery during a reception for Bonnie Van Moorlehem on November 12, 2013. A life-time resident of SW MN, Jerry has sung about the prairie and it’s people for over 40 years with a blend of blues, country, and folk music.

Give to the Max Day: November 14, 2013

Join us online at GiveMN.org on November 14 for Minnesota’s annual Give to the Max Day. Your donation or SMAC membership renewal could help us win more funds by being chosen during one of the hourly drawings or by putting us on the leaderboard.

New this year -- nonprofits that raise the most money in their category during each of five power hours will win a $1,000 prize grant. Power hours are 2:00-2:59 am, 5:00-5:59 am, 5:00-5:59 pm, 6:00-6:59 pm, and 11:00-11:59 pm.

Also new this year, donors have the opportunity to give to multiple organizations with a single credit card transaction by adding donations to their shopping cart, so be sure to remember your favorite SMAC-region arts organizations, too!

Don’t worry if you’re going to be busy on November 14. Starting Friday, November 1, donors can log on to GiveMN and schedule donations for Give to the Max Day in advance. Your donation will be deducted from your credit card on November 14 and will still be eligible for all prizes.

As always, new or increased SMAC memberships or donations will be matched by the McKnight Foundation.

To donate or to renew your membership, follow the Give to the Max Day link at www.swmnarts.org, or go to www.GiveMN.org and type “Southwest Minnesota Arts Council” in the search box.

Thank you for your support!
UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

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

November 1, 2013:
Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Small Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Small Equipment Purchase)

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December 13, 2013:
Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round II
Earliest project start date: February 15, 2014

January 1, 2013:
Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Small Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Small Equipment Purchase)

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Check our website, www.swmnarts.org, for upcoming grantwriting workshops around the region. Learn about the requirements for your application, get your questions answered, and find out about other projects going on in the area. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register.

Arts Organization Grantwriting Workshops

With a deadline approaching on December 13 for the second round of SW MN Arts Council Art Project Grants, we have scheduled several grantwriting workshops around the region that will focus on the requirements for the Art Project and Small Grants applications and allow time for a question/answer session.

All workshops will run from 5:00 to 7:00 pm:
- Monday, November 11 — Marshall, SMAC Office
- Thursday, November 14 — Renville Community Center
- Monday, November 18 — Redwood Falls library
- Thursday, November 21 — Ortonville library

Contact the SW MN Arts Council office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register for these free workshops.

Minnesota State Arts Board: Partners in Arts Participation grants

Partners in Arts Participation is a Minnesota State Arts Board pilot grant program designed to broaden opportunities for Minnesotans to participate in the arts. Grant funds ($5,000-$25,000) may be used by Minnesota nonprofit health or human service organizations to integrate the arts into their programming or services.

Applicants may choose to have their constituents engage in existing high quality arts experiences, and/or may work with an artist or arts organization to design experiences tailored to meet the needs of the constituents they serve.

More information about eligibility, program requirements, and ways in which grants funds may be used can be found in the FY 2014 Partners in Arts Participation Program Overview and Application Instructions, available on the Partners in Arts Participation on the Minnesota State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/machf-piap.htm

Applications are due by 4:30 pm, Friday, December 13, 2013.

If you have questions, please contact Minnesota State Arts Board executive director Sue Gens at 651-215-1609 or sue.gens@arts.state.mn.us.
Van Moorlehem Exhibit, continued

through her unique point of view. Each one comes to life in a dreamlike dance of pure emotion on canvas, a breathtaking depiction of a personal experience or a moment in time.

Van Moorlehem shared the process of emotion that resulted in her artwork in this upcoming exhibit: “My paintings are a reflection of my life during the last eighteen months. I lost two family members; my mother and my sister within six months. Some of my paintings are memories of things that happened. Other paintings reflect working through the process of grief. What I dealt with are universal emotions. Almost everyone has dealt with the loss of someone they loved and they had to deal with the loss of a loved one. I believe many will be able to identify with the emotions that I have expressed in the paintings. Many of my paintings surprised me. I revealed to myself emotions that I was not even aware I was dealing with until the painting was completed.

“The majority of my paintings are done in a mandala like composition based on colors from nature. These paintings I mostly did from the subconscious. The only thing I marked on the canvas was the center. I would have no preconceived notion of how the painting would be completed. I just allowed myself to get lost in the painting. The design, colors and title would just come to me.

“I also have two paintings that are abstract landscapes. With the abstract landscape paintings I knew what I wanted to do and how I wanted to complete them. My two styles during this time period represents my struggle to make things normal and then struggling with the realization that nothing will ever be normal again. I do not feel my paintings are the results of anger but a process of accepting God’s plan.”

Van Moorlehem was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado and currently is living in Minneota, Minnesota. Bonnie is an artist and a registered horticulture therapist. Bonnie received a BA in Studio Arts and Psychology. Following graduation she worked as an Associate Art Director for Southwest Minnesota State University’s Whipple Art Gallery. Van Moorlehem received Individual Artist - Development grants from the SW MN Arts Council in both 2005 and 2008. More of Bonnie's artwork can be viewed at www.bonnievanmoorlehem.com.

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on November 12, 2013. Enjoy music by Jerry Ostensoe of Sacred Heart from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Regular Gallery hours are Mon - Fri, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

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SMAC AWARDS $3,302 IN GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

**Arts Organization Start-Up Grants** provide newly formed art organizations up to $2,000 to develop articles of incorporation, by-laws, and apply for their 501(c)(3) status.

**Buffalo Ridge Chorale**, Hendricks, $1584 to file for nonprofit status.

**Small Development Grants for Arts Organizations** provide area art organizations up to $2,000 for organizational development & management projects that will impact the organization’s stability.

**Rock County Fine Arts Association**, Luverne, $1,718 for a website, brochure, and signs for the Studio Tours.

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SMAC Memberships & Donations Received

September 26—October 29, 2013

Louise Olson, Appleton • Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, Dawson • Luanne & Dan Fondell, Dawson • Maggie & Brad Madsen, Dawson • Barry & Kathy Anderson, Granite Falls • Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce • Dolly Talbert, Luverne • Madison Area Chamber of Commerce • Lac qui Parle Broadcasting, Madison • Lac qui Parle Study Club, Madison • A to Z Letterpress Printing, Montevideo • Loralee Miller, Minneota • Crow River Players/The Little Theatre, New London • Brent & Robin Olson, Ortonville • Carla Skjong, Tyler • Kathy & Mark Wilmes, Tyler • The Barn Theatre, Willmar • Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra • Friends of the Auditorium, Worthington • Beth Habicht, Worthington
Pioneer Public TV wins an Emmy Award produced by Dana Johnson who is also a SMAC Individual Artist grantee

A 30-minute documentary, titled “My Way Back Home: Caroline Smith”, featuring a Minnesota singer/songwriter raised in Detroit Lakes was recently awarded an Emmy Award from the Upper Midwest Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. As executive producer of the documentary Dana Johnson, a Willmar High School graduate who has worked for Pioneer Public Television for the past 2 1/2 years, was pleased to win the award for the best program in the Arts/Entertainment Program Category. It is the first time in the 47-year history of Pioneer Public Television (PPTV) that a locally produced program has won an Emmy Award.

In October, Johnson was awarded a SMAC Individual Artist grant in the category of Established Career Artists with a Legacy-level project. Her proposed project is to create a short film with an original score, which she will write, inspired by the small, rural community of Appleton, MN. The film will showcase the visual sites and interesting people of the local area. This film will be shot in an art house style and will contain stunning visuals and eye-opening photography.

Johnson added in her application that, “I will complete the film and finish the promotions and screenings over the span of one year. My most important screening will be the bicycle projector screening in Appleton, MN. I also hope to do a screening at a nursing home, in a barn, and near the water. This project will give me the opportunity to expand and be even more successful with my filmmaking. With the help of this grant equipment, I can make multiple films with future scripts that I write, also I can start shooting more artistic films with optimal equipment. I hope to enter this short film into multiple film festivals for screening. “

MN Writers Map

Some of Minnesota’s most notable authors are featured on a new map of the state that highlights its legacy of literature.

Minnesota Historical Society book curator Patrick Coleman helped create the free map.

He said in choosing authors, he weighed the number of awards they won, how much they had produced or their popularity.

The map pinpoints areas associated with the state’s most notable authors and includes biographical information and pictures.

Coleman created the map with help from the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library to mark the Minnesota Book Awards’ 25th anniversary. Funded by a $2,500 grant from Explore Minnesota, the state’s tourism bureau, it is available in local public libraries and bookstores.

Some of Minnesota’s most notable authors are featured on a new map of the state that highlights its legacy of literature. 
(Courtesy Minnesota Historical Society
SMAC AWARDS 14,998 IN GRANTS TO ARTISTS

**Individual Artist—Career Grants** provide up to $5,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career. Made possible a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

**Joseph Amato**, Marshall, $5,000 for travel and research for a collection of Sicilian-themed poems.

**Nikki Bettcher Erickson**, $5,000 to direct “Goodnight Desdemona.”

**Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard Lien**, Rushmore, $5,000 to continue her County Park series of paintings, and to start a new series on the Vietnam War.

**Peter Lothringler**, Marshall, $5,000 for a professional recording of new solo guitar and solo piano compositions.

**Marjorie Nilssen**, New London, $5,000 to create a new body of work (encaustic paintings).

**Scott Wallace**, Hendricks, $5,000 to create a bronze and precast concrete sculpture entitled “The Domesticator.”

**Robert Wilde**, Dassel, $5,000 for black & white piezography photography printing.

**Individual Artist—Career Legacy Grants** provide up to $7,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota. Made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

**Dana Johnson**, Appleton, $7,000 for a short film with an original score and local screenings.

**Individual Artist—Development Grants** provide up to $1,500 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development. Made possible a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

**David Kelsey Basset**, Tracy, $1,498 to create a collection of serigraphy (screen printing) entitled “Commerce and Consumption: Fond Memories.”

**Ellen Starr**, Hutchinson, $1,500 to explore working with precious metal clay in combination with metal fabrication techniques.

**Kari Weber**, New London, $1,500 to create a new body of work (paintings) entitled “Personal Landmarks.”

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The Big Read is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2014 and June 2015. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read receive a grant, educational and promotional materials, and access to online training resources and opportunities. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected.

To review the Guidelines and Application Instructions, visit The Big Read website.

**Application deadline: January 28, 2014 by 4:00pm**

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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

* Indicates the project was funded in part with a grant from SMAC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, or by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund.

**November 1 SMAC Grant Deadline: Arts Legacy Project Planning & Small Grants.** Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

**November 1 Bringing It All Back Home - An Evening of Music and Song**, 6:30 pm, 141 Main Ave W, Winsted. Relax with friends, food, music and wine as Winsted’s home-grown talent treats us to a special musical showcase in an intimate setting. Social time begins at 6:30 pm and music begins at 7:00 pm. $50 ticket price includes a one year Winsted Arts Council membership. Information at http://winstedartscouncil.org/.

**November 1-3 "The Triangle Factory Fire Project"**, Fine Arts Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2:00 pm. Dinner theatre on November 2. Information at www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts/.
November 2 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Operating Support, 1:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

November 2 The Good Lovelies, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St, Worthington. More information at 507-376-9101, www.friendsoftheauditorium.com, or fota@frontiernet.net.

November 3 Artist Reception: Paul Swanson, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. Information at 507-372-8254 or noblearts@knology.net.

November 6 Registration Deadline: Conference for Young Artists, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. This conference nourishes creative and artistic talents of students K-8 by exposing them to a variety of visual and performing art forms. Info at www.swsc.org/page/830.

November 7-9 & 14-16 "The Imaginary Invalid", Hutchinson Theatre Company production, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts. Information at www.hutchtheatre.org.

November 9 Annual Holiday Arts & Craft Sale, hosted by the SMSU International Student Organization, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, SMSU Student Center, Marshall. Free and open to the public.

November 9-10 Prairie Arts Chorale: "For the Sake of the Children". Nov 9: 7:30 pm, St. Anne’s Catholic Church, Wabasso. Nov 10: 4:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer.

November 10 Artist Reception: Betty Beer, 2:00-4:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.

November 11 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Arts Organizations, 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAC Office, Marshall. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmarts.org) to register for this free workshop.

November 11 Family Studio Night: Collage Art, 4:00-6:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. More info at www.mafac.net.

November 12 Artist Reception: Bonnie VanMoorlehem, 5:00-7:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music by Jerry Ostensoe of Sacred Heart from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

November 13 Luke Norell, solo piano, 7:30 pm, Campus Religious Center, SW MN State University, Marshall. Norell will perform Haydn, Liszt, and Brahms as part of the SW MN Orchestra's Prairiemusic Series.

November 14 Give to the Max Day. Go to www.giveMN.org to donate to the SW MN Arts Council and your other favorite MN arts organizations.

November 14 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Arts Organizations, 5:00-7:00 pm, Renville Community Center. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmarts.org) to register for this free workshop.

November 14-16 "The Imaginary Invalid", Hutchinson Theatre Company production, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts. Information at www.hutchtheatre.org.

November 15-17 & 22-24 "Leaving Iowa", Green Earth Players production, Palace Theatre, Luverne. 7:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:00 pm Sun. Info at www.facebook.com/GreenEarthPlayers.

November 15-17 Prairie Arts Chorale: "For the Sake of the Children". Nov 15: 7:30 pm, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Marshall. Nov 16: 7:30 pm, Unity Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg. Nov 17: 4:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Morris.

November 16 Children’s Theatre Performances, 2:00 & 7:30 pm, Lake Benton Opera House, Lake Benton. Visit www.lakebentonoperahouse.org/, call 507-368-4620 or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com for information and tickets.

November 16 Ronny Cox with Radoslav Lorkovic, 7:30 pm, Carson Meeting House, 49521 Cty Rd 3, Delft. Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Assoc. concert series. For more info, go to www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html or contact Bruce Boldt at (507) 831-3560 or bboldt@mindspring.com.

November 17 Sioux Empire Brass, 4:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Information at http://dawsonboydarts.org/.

November 18 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Arts Organizations, 5:00-7:00 pm, Redwood Falls Library. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmarts.org) to register for this free workshop.

November 19 Artist Reception: Hutchinson Photography Club, 6:00-8:30 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin SW, Hutchinson. Information at www.hutchphotographyclub.com.
*November 21 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Arts Organizations*, 5:00-7:00 pm, Ortonville Library. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register for this free workshop.

**November 22-24 "Leaving Iowa", Green Earth Players production, Palace Theatre, Luverne.** 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2:00 pm Sunday. Information at www.facebook.com/GreenEarthPlayers.

**November 24 Prairie Winds Concert Band**, 3:00 pm, WEAC Auditorium, 611 5th St SW, Willmar. More information at www.prairiewindsconcertband.com, 320-354-2906, or tpieh@tds.net.

**November 26 SMAC Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*November 26 Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra*, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St, Worthington. Featuring Dr Joseph Rodgers on cello. Information at www.friendsoftheauditorium.com.

**November 28-29 SMAC Office closed for Thanksgiving.**

*November 30 A Bluegrass Christmas with Monroe Crossing*, 7:00 pm, Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center, 4852 Reardon Ave SW, Cokato. Information at www.dc.k12.mn.us/pac/.

**GALLERIES**

*SMAC Art Gallery*, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. November 12 - December 20: Bonnie Van Moorlehem. Artist Reception November 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm with live music by Jerry Ostensoe of Sacred Heart from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

**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. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

**Big Stone Arts Council Gallery**, 42 NW 2nd St, Ortonville. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 11:00am -4:00pm. Info at 320-487-1001.

**Carnegie Cultural Center**, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne. November 1-12: Holiday Studio Tour Artists. November 22- December 31: Christmas Trees at the Carnegie. Hours are Tues – Fri, 12 - 5 PM and Sat 1-4 PM. For more info, email cahrc@outlook.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 N Main St, Hutchinson. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.


**KK Berge Gallery**, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. November: Jeri & Robert McCoy, fiber arts & paintings. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm . Call 320-564-4039 for 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. November: Paul Swanson. Reception November 3, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.


**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society**, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. September 22 - November 23: Mark C. Christianson, photography. 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.

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