SMAC gallery features the artwork of Don Sherman of Ortonville

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery will feature the artwork of Don Sherman of Ortonville from November 6 through December 19, 2014.

Sherman speaks about his introduction to art, his career, and the inspiration behind this exhibit:

“I was born in Ortonville, dividing time in my childhood years between family homes in Clinton and Ortonville. In those days, schools and communities provided little if any connection to art. Fortunately, my grandmother had some art experience as a landscape painter. She helped me connect to a sense of beauty and to my own creative instincts. She was also one to promote the kind of learning that comes from making fun from scratch. She had a great imagination and enjoyed inventiveness, particularly through her storytelling.

“In college I learned to value learning experiences that came through the way art was taught. Art mentors and travel opportunities encouraged me to commit and work hard. My teaching jobs in high schools, colleges, corrections, and operating a business, all supported my engagement in making art.

“I am retired from 32 years of being a professional photographer and currently I supervise College Now art classes for college bound juniors and seniors in Minnesota high schools as a Southwest Minnesota State University adjunct professor.

“This year I completed a teaching/artist training program with ArtSage, a Minnesota connector, convener, and catalyst for the field of arts and aging. I am a member of the Midwest Arts And Healthcare Network, a coalition of healthcare providers, artists, and community members working together to integrate the arts into the world of health and healing.

“This exhibit, Realizing Change In Life and Landscape, is about art, aging, and health. I follow patterns of change in my rural community; changes that affect the quality of life, the environment, and growing older. I concentrate on the elderly, and on the beautiful prairie landscape that we live in. Art can help people face disability, remove obstacles, and become more whole. Through the experience of nature and its life cycles, we learn about blooming, sustaining, letting go, and rejuvenating.

Carter, Koska to perform at Sherman reception

Come hear Gerri Carter of Marshall on flute, accompanied by Caroline Koska on piano, at the SMAC Gallery in Marshall on Thursday, November 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, during Don Sherman’s exhibit reception.

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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, 2014:

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December 15, 2014:
Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects, Round II
   Earliest project start date: February 15, 2015

January 1, 2015:

January 15, 2015:
Arts in the Schools, Round II
   Earliest project start date: March 15, 2015

February 1, 2015:

February 2, 2015:
Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round II
   Earliest project start date: March 15, 2105

February 25, 2015:
Individual Artists, Round II
   Earliest project start date: April 15, 2015

Grantwriting Workshops
Plan on attending one of the following workshops to 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 at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for these free workshops. Go to www.swmnarts.org for venues.

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Southwest Minnesota Council’s programs, grant awards, & workshops are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund, by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, and regional contributions.
Join us online at GiveMN.org on November 13 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.

Also, you can give to multiple organizations with a single credit card transaction, so be sure to remember your favorite SMAC-region arts organizations, too!

No registration or set up is needed to make a donation, though you are welcome to create an account if you want to track your giving over time. If you previously had an account with GiveMN, your account profile and giving history are still accessible now that GiveMN is working with its new technology partner; you will just need to reset your password once you log in.

If you’re going to be busy on November 13, or you just like to plan ahead, you can go to GiveMN.org starting Friday, November 1 and schedule your donations for Give to the Max Day in advance. Just select the scheduled giving option on the donation form. Your donation will be deducted from your credit card on November 13 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!

SMAC board members Copperud & Massee to retire; new board member Lehman elected

Ellen Copperud of Worthington (representative for Nobles County) and Sydney Massee of Appleton (representative for Swift County) will retire from the board at the end of the year having both served two full terms on the SMAC Board of Directors, from 2009-2014, for a total of six years each. Copperud also served as Board President in 2012 and 2013. SMAC appreciates all of the time and expertise Ellen and Sydney have contributed to the SW MN Arts Council and to their communities. Thank you!

Brett Lehman of Worthington has been elected as the new Nobles County board representative. Lehman has assisted with the Worthington International Festival for six years, doing fundraising and logistics. He has also served on the boards for Worthington City Band, Worthington Concert Association, Plum Creek Food Co-op, and Shalom Hill Farm. Lehman enjoys creating art glass, playing trombone in the Worthington City Band, and occasionally performing as a vocalist/guitarist.

Lehman says, “I have been a member of organizations that have received grants from SMAC, and see serving on the Board of Directors as a way of giving back.” His term will run from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

The SMAC Board currently has vacancies for Renville, Pipestone, Swift, and Yellow Medicine County board representative positions. Contact the SMAC Office at 507-537-1471 or info@swmnarts.org if you or someone you know are interested in one of these open positions.

The SMAC office will be closed November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving
2015 Rural Arts & Culture Summit seeking proposals

The Rural Arts and Culture Summit partners are seeking proposals for the 2015 Rural Arts and Culture Summit, titled “From the Ground Up: Cultivating Creative People and Places”, which will take place on June 2-4, 2015 at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The 2015 Summit will gather artists, arts organizations, and community and economic development leaders to learn about creative people and places that have built their stories “from the ground up,” and to celebrate the artistic process as a powerful symbol and tool for strong, vibrant communities by addressing these questions:

- How do arts and cultural experiences contribute to the identity of a rural community or region?
- What resources, skills or support do rural artists and arts organizations need in order to thrive in these places?
- How can community and economic development leaders tap into their regions’ cultural assets as they plan for their future?

The Summit is looking for session topics and workshops that help its audience bridge relationships, build meaningful conversation and inspire action around this theme.

**Breakout Sessions.** Breakout sessions are each 75 minutes long, and typically draw between 10 and 30 participants. The following types of sessions will be accepted:

- Workshops
- Panel Discussions (no more than 4 participants)
- Hands-on artist workshops, activities or performances

“From the Ground Up” Stories. The Summit is also looking for individuals to share a compelling story of their own via a 10 minute presentation and photo/image slideshow. This story can highlight a success story, a significant challenge you’re trying to overcome… or something in between! From the Ground Up stories will move quickly and will be delivered in a plenary session to the entire RAC Summit audience.


*The Rural Arts and Culture Summit is hosted by the Center for Small Towns, in partnership with Springboard for the Arts and The Forum of Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota.*

**SMAC arts calendar**

Do you or your organization have a performance, exhibit, class, or other arts event coming up? Go to [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org) to use our event submission form or email us at info@swmnarts.org to submit your event to be posted on SMAC’s area arts events calendar online and in our newsletter. Or, mail a poster to SMAC, PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258. We’d love to hear what’s going on in your community!
In Memoriam: Martin Bunge

Martin Bunge of Heron Lake passed away on September 18, 2014. Martin was director and curator (with his wife Jean) for the Nobles County Art Center in Worthington, which they have been involved with since 1975. Martin always brought in new artists to exhibit and created and expanded the Art Center’s permanent collection for the benefit of the community. Martin also hosted the local television shows “State of the Art” and “Art Talk” where he interviewed and introduced new artists and informed community members of upcoming shows and events.

Sherman Exhibit, continued

“Our piece I do starts with looking for an interesting story, whether it’s in conversation with someone in a nursing home, or looking for meaning in the countryside. From there, I begin an observational drawing that serves as a base for experimenting with many types of media. I use scribbling, doodling, sketching, rendering and illustrating to expand the image, in a mix of traditional and digital methods.

“By making art, we are all involved in change. Art can start up for the first time, or continue to grow in all of us.”

Come meet Sherman at the SMAC Gallery during his reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 6. Enjoy live music by Gerri Carter (flute), accompanied by Caroline Koska, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Regular gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

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 Organization Development, Legacy Project Planning, Start-up Grants. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*November 1 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts in the Schools, 9:00 am, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

November 1 Cornstock: A Cultural Feast, 6:00 pm, Legion Hall, Ghent. A gathering of poets, musicians, and lovers of poetry & music. Potluck supper at 6:00 pm, open stage for poetry, music, etc. at 7:00 pm.


November 3 Author Reading: Mary Haug, “Daughters of the Grasslands: Through the Looking Glass of South Korea.” 12:00 pm at Marshall Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall, and 7:00 pm at Charter Hall 201, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Part of SMSU’s Visiting Writers Series.

November 4 Zeitgeist: "For the Birds", 7:30 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Featuring accordionist/vocalist Victor Zupanc & humorist/narrator Kevin Kling. Information at www.pipestonemnnesota.com/performingartcenter/ or 507-825-5537.

*November 6 SMAC Artist Reception: Don Sherman, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music by Gerri Carter (flute) at the reception from 5:30-6:30 pm.

November 6-8 & 12-14 "Bingo: The Winning Musical", 6:00 pm, Crow River Winery, 14848 MN Hwy 7, Hutchinson. Best friends and Bingo pals Vern, Honey and Patsy, brave a terrible storm in order to attend the yearly celebration of the birth of Bingo. Dinner at 6:00 pm, play at 7:00 pm. Tickets available at www.hutchtheatre.org/ box-office or in person at Hutchinson Center for the Arts or Hutchinson Chamber Office.
November 7 Vienna Boys Choir, 7:30 pm, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall.

November 7-8 Holiday Studio Tour, various locations, Luverne. Friday 4:00-8:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Fine artists in Luverne are hosting their 7th Annual Holiday Studio Tour, November 8-9. Stop by and meet the artists, enjoy refreshments, and sign up to win items from the artists. Sponsored by the Rock County Fine Art Association.


*November 8-9 Prairie Arts Chorale: "It Ain't Over 'Til the Prairie Arts Chorale Sings!" Presenting opera songs you didn't know you knew, featuring soloists, duets, and choruses from a variety of works of opera, both new and old, comedic and dramatic. November 8: Unity Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg, 7:30 pm. November 9: St Stephen Lutheran Church, Marshall, 4:00 pm. Additional performances the following weekend in Wabasso, Morris, & Spicer. Information at www.prairieartschorale.org.

*November 9 Boston Brass, 4:00 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church, 441 Becker Ave SW, Willmar.

November 12-14 "Bingo: The Winning Musical", 6:00 pm, Crow River Winery, 14848 MN Hwy 7, Hutchinson. The story of best friends and Bingo pals Vern, Honey and Patsy, who brave a terrible storm in order to attend the yearly celebration of the birth of Bingo. Dinner at 6:00 pm, play at 7:00 pm. Tickets ($40 each) available at www.hutchtheatre.org/box-office or in person at Hutchinson Center for the Arts or Hutchinson Chamber Office.

*November 14-16 Prairie Arts Chorale: "It Ain't Over 'Til the Prairie Arts Chorale Sings!" November 14: St Ann's Catholic Church, Wabasso, 7:30 pm. November 15: Faith Lutheran Church, Morris, 7:30 pm. November 16: Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer, 4:00 pm. Additional performances the previous weekend in Prinsburg & Marshall. Info at www.prairieartschorale.org.

November 14-16 & 21-23, "A Christmas Story", Palace Theatre, 104 E Main St, Luverne. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Green Earth Players production of "A Christmas Story", which follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

*November 15 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Legacy Equipment/Facilities, 9:00 am, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

November 15 Lake Benton Children's Theater, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm, Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. Performance by children grades 4-6 from Lincoln County schools. Information at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org or 507-368-4320.

*November 17 SMAC Grant Workshop: Art Project/Art Legacy Project, 5:30-7:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for this free workshop.

*November 18 SMAC Grant Workshop: Art Project/Art Legacy Project, 5:30-7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for this free workshop.

November 20, 22, & 23 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", Renville County West small gym/theatre, 301 3rd St NE, Renville. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:30 pm. Dinner theatre on Saturday, November 22 starts at 6:00 pm; Friends of the Arts production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", the story of how the Herdmann family took over the Christmas pageant. Contact Dawn Drager at 320-905-2173 or ddrager@tds.net for more info.

November 21-23, "A Christmas Story", Palace Theatre, 104 E Main St, Luverne. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Green Earth Players production of "A Christmas Story", which follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

November 22 Monroe Crossing, 7:00 pm, Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center (Doors 3 & 4), 1128 N Highway, Jackson. Celebrating their 14th year together in 2014, Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heartfelt originals. Questions: pam.grussing@jcckids.org or 507-847-6627.

*November 25 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*November 25 Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St, Worthington.

November 27-27 SMAC OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving.
**GALLERIES**

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. November 6-December 19: Don Sherman. Reception November 6, 5:00 -7:00 pm. Live music 5:30-6:30 pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 -4:30 pm.

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.

Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. November: Holiday Studio Tour (Nov 7 & 8) and Festival of Trees. Hours are Tues – Fri, 12 - 5 PM and Sat 1-4 PM. For more info, email cahrcc@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. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Gallery Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

*TK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. November 3-26: Audrey Arner & Richard Handeen. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4240 for information.


 Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. November 16– December 29: Holiday Show, various artists. Opening event/fundraiser November 16, 1:00-4:00 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 22: Nan Karr Kaufenburg, linoleum block prints. 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. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.**

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