SMAC Gallery features Kari Weber’s abstract landscapes

Paintings by Kari Weber of New London will be on display in the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery from November 12 through December 18, 2015.

Weber describes her work as “landscapes relating to rural communities”. She says, “The idea of a landscape, and the stories that go with it, have always been something personal to me but what I’ve realized is that the places I paint aren’t really just mine. They are definitely shared and are part of the conversation of the rural community.

“These paintings are my most recent works. There is an emphasis on the horizon line and the specific shapes that I’ve observed in the landscape spaces where I live. I wanted to pare down the mark making this time and focus on those wide open spaces that give me a sense of equilibrium. You could also say they are a collection of all the pieces and parts of a painting that I think are so fun to paint.

“I like a painting that speaks to the idea of large spaces. It’s a point of view that I think is shared with other people who live outside of populated spaces. Describing what that is exactly is both an individual account and a collective understanding of where we live.”

Weber earned a BFA in painting and a teaching degree from the University of Minnesota, Moorhead. Currently, she paints “most weekends and any day I’m not teaching or parenting. My studio has recently moved into my home in the great little artist community of New London where I live with my husband, my two sons, and two unruly pets. You can find my paintings at A Thousand Cranes Art Gallery in New London, MN.”

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Enjoy live music by violinist Olivia White during the reception. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.
UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

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, 2015:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

December 14, 2015:
Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects, Round II
Earliest project start date: February 15, 2016

January 1, 2016:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

January 15, 2016:
Arts in the Schools, Round II
Earliest project start date: March 15, 2015

February 1, 2016:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

February 19, 2016:
Individual Artists, Round II
Earliest project start date: April 15, 2015

*Earliest project start date for monthly deadlines is the 1st of the following month

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GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS. Plan on attending one of the following free workshops to learn more about the programs for this year and the application process. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects

November 4, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Venue TBD
Redwood Falls

November 5, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Venue TBD
SW MN Arts Council

Arts in the Schools

December 1, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

December 2, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Venue TBD
Slayton

Join us online at GiveMN.org on November 12, 2015 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!

If you’re going to be busy on November 12, or you just like to plan ahead, you can go to GiveMN.org starting 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 12 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!
White to perform at SMAC Gallery

Fourteen-year-old violinist Olivia White of Montevideo will perform at the SMAC Gallery in Marshall on Thursday, November 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, during Kari Weber’s exhibit reception. Olivia is the winner of Southwest Minnesota Orchestra’s youth string concerto competition and is a SMAC Art Study Opportunity for Youth grant recipient.

Cogelow wins ArtPrize award

At this year’s ArtPrize competition, woodcarver Fred Cogelow of Willmar, MN won the first place public vote award of $12,500 in the three-dimensional category with his work, “Greatest Generation/Beta Team/November”. ArtPrize is a “radically open, independently organized international art competition”. This year, over 1,500 works of art were on display throughout downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan in late September/early October.

NOVEMBER ARTS EVENTS

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*November 1 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Org Development, Legacy Project Planning, Start-up Grants. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

November 2 Maniacal 4 Trombone Quartet, 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Center, 3rd St & Eureka Ave, Montevideo. Part of Minnesota Valley Community Concert Association’s 2015-2016 Concert Series.

*November 4 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Art Project & Art Legacy Project Grants, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

November 4-8 Copland/Bernstein Festival, Marshall. Nov 4: SMSU Voice Studio Recital, 12:00 pm, Whipple Gallery, SW MN State University. Nov 5: Dr Daniel Rieppel: The Piano Variations of Aaron Copland, 12:00 pm, Charter Hall 210, SW MN State University. Nov 6: Panel Discussion: The Lives & Music of Copland & Bernstein, SMSU music faculty, 12:00 pm, Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C St. Nov 8: Finale Concert with the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra and the SMSU Chorale, 4:00 pm, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 503 W Lyon St, $10 admission.

*November 5 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement, 5:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*November 5 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Art Project & Art Legacy Project Grants, 5:00-7:00 pm, Redwood Falls Community Center, 901 Cook St, Redwood Falls.

November 5 Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium 601 9th St, Dawson. Info at www.dawsonboydarts.org or 320-769-2955 x246.

November 5-7 & 12-14 “The Taffetas”, 7:00 pm, Crow River Winery, 14848 Highway 7 E, Hutchinson. Hutchinson Theatre Company dinner theatre production of "The Taffetas". Four singing sisters, Kaye, Peggy, Cheryl, and Donna, make their fictional national television debut in the 1950s. Tickets are $40 per person (dinner included, served 6:00 pm). Info at www.hutchtheatre.org.

November 6 Alaska String Band, 7:30 pm, MCC Auditorium, Slayton. A dynamic family band performing swing, jazz, pop, gospel and bluegrass. Part of the Prairie Music Concert Series. For tickets, call Sandy at 836-8395.

*November 12 SMAC Gallery Reception: Kari Weber, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music by violinist Olivia White from 5:30-6:30pm.

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November 13-15 & 20-22 "The Homecoming", Palace Theatre, 104 E Main St, Luverne. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Green Earth Players’ production of Earl Hamner, Jr.’s heartwarming story of the Spencer family struggling to survive in the foothills of Virginia during the Great Depression. Information at 507-283-8294 or www.facebook.com/GreenEarthPlayers.

*November 14 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts in the Schools, 9:00 am, SW MN Arts Council 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*November 14 Studio Tour, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Luverne. Luverne area artists will open their studios to the public. Galleries in Luverne will be open as well, hosting guest artists from the region. This year’s featured artist is glassblower Tom Maras, originally of Luverne. A local trolley will be available for those patrons who do not wish to drive to all of the locations.

November 14 Children’s Theater: "Beauty is a Beast", 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm, Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. Information at 507-368-4620 or lakebentonoperahouse.org.

November 15 Bella Hristova: Violin & Piano, 3:00 pm, Redwood Valley Performing Arts Center, 100 George Ramseth Dr, Redwood Falls. Part of Redwood Falls Community Concert Association’s 2015-2016 Series.


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*November 24 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*November 24 Brule & Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra: "Red Nativity", 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St, Worthington. Award-winning Native American music group Brulé will perform “Red Nativity” with the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra. Information at www.facebook.com/wasorchestra.

November 26-27 SMAC Office Closed for Thanksgiving.


GALLERIES

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Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. 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 claypot@hutchtel.net.

*Hutchinson Center for the Arts. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Through November 12: Andrew Nordin, “Ouroboros Cycle”. November 14-30: Hutchinson Photography Club Annual Showcase. Reception November 14, 5:00-8:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.


*Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC). 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. October 6 through December 11: Alma Hale, “Figure Studies”. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri 12:00-5:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Information at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.


Renville Public Library, 221 Main St N, Renville. Through November 30: Ginger Hallbeck, paintings. Hours: MWF 12:30-5:30pm, Tues 10 am-4 pm, Thurs 12:30-8 pm.

Ridgewater College Gallery—Hutchinson. Adjacent to Commons, 2 Century Avenue SE, Hutchinson. Info at www.ridgewater.edu or 320-234-8518.


A Thousand Cranes Art Gallery. 326 S Main St, New London. Open Wed - Sat 10:00 am-5:00 pm, April - December (Closed January - March). Information at www.athousandcranesartgallery.com or 320-354-5818.

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.


SMAC ARTS CALENDAR

Do you or your organization have a performance, exhibit, class, or other arts event coming up? Use our event submission form at www.swmnarts.org or email us at info@swmnarts.org to get your event posted on SMAC’s area arts events calendar online and in our newsletter.

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