Fred Cogelow’s wood carvings to be featured at the SMAHC Gallery

The SMAHC Gallery is honored to host an exhibit by Fred Cogelow of Willmar, a master wood carver known around the world for his carving and unique writing style. The exhibit, running from November 13 through December 21, can best be described by the master himself:

The works exhibited are the remnants of trees, survivors of a process of fiber disassociation. Had they been fortunate, these bits of trunks and limbs might, like ships in the night, have passed by this Norwegian-American (bearing a Czech name, when not going as “fredgelow somebody”), escaping that obsessive-compulsive need to keep his hands employed (subject to the particular predominant psychological vagaries manifest at the time). Somebody is a poor-trait artist (for which his sainted mother is not to blame), and the majority of the works are indeed portraits, some merely more elaborately enconced than udders. Most folks seem to enjoy them, appreciation levels generally positively correlated with lack of sophistication and presence of bucolic inclinations. ...Purrhaps it is “the warmth of wood,” or simply that these creations pleasantly remind them of blockheads they too have known.

The public is invited to visit the SMAHC art gallery for a reception from 4:30 - 7:30 pm on November 13, 2012. Cogelow will speak at 5:00, followed by music performed by Malena Handeen (Milan, MN) and friends. 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 and cultural heritage fund that was created by vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

SMAHC offers free workshops on social media and publicity

SMAHC is offering two free workshops on social media and publicity for the arts led by Tim Krause, marketing director for Miracle Theatre Group, the premier Latino arts and culture organization in the Pacific Northwest.

Introduction to Social Media
November 26, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
SMAHC Office, Marshall

“Introduction to Social Media” is an evening workshop in which participants will review the basics of major social media channels, discuss tips and traps from real-world examples, and walk away with ideas for best practices when engaging audiences online.

Publicity Toolkit
December 1, 9:00 am– 4:00 pm
The Barn Theatre, Willmar

“Publicity Toolkit” is an all-day workshop introducing the nuts-and-bolts of publicity for arts organizations, including effective press releases, photography that sells, putting social media to work, and generating buzz through word of mouth. Participants will leave with a better idea of the basic tools with which to launch a marketing campaign, plus dozens of ideas for creative engagement of both the media and the masses.

Workshops are free, but advanced registration is required. Call 800-622-5284 or email your contact info to:

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SMAHC 2012 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Prairie Party

108 guests joined SMAHC for our 2012 Annual Celebration on Sunday, October 28 in Milan, MN. The “Prairie Party”-themed event included local art studio tours, a spirit raffle, a silent auction, the presentation of this year’s Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards, dinner, entertainment, and dancing. Thank you to all our guests, board members, staff, artists, musicians, and volunteers who made this event and SMAHC’s endeavors possible.

Above: Guests enjoy award presentations and dinner. Far left: Tricia Mikle of Worthington speaks after accepting the 2012 Prairie Disciple Award. Left: Malena Handeen, Prairie Star Award winner, performs with her family. Below left & center: Regional musicians play while guests join in folk dancing led by caller Terrance Smith of Duluth, MN. Below right: SMAHC Office Assistant Helen Devereaux welcomes guests to the event.

Left: Guests bid on silent auction items. Below: Spirit Raffle won by Barbara Berghorst of Luverne. Right: Nominator Fred Cogelow of Willmar presents the 2012 Prairie Star Award to singer/songwriter Malena Handeen of Milan, MN.
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.

November 1, 2012: Arts Legacy Project Planning  
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December 14, 2012: Individual Artists: Development, Established Career, & Legacy  
January 1, 2013: Arts Legacy Project Planning  
January 11, 2013: Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round II  
February 1, 2013: Arts Organization Development/Facilities & Equipment Improvement

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

Individual Artist Grant Workshops  
November 8, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall  
November 12, 4:30-6:00 pm, Nobles County Integration Collaborative, Worthington  
November 14, 4:30-6:00 pm, KK Berge Building, Granite Falls

Art Project & Arts Legacy Project Grant Workshop  
December 13, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall

Arts Organization Development/Facilities & Equipment Improvement Grant Workshop  
December 13, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall

SMAHC GENERAL INFORMATION WORKSHOPS
These free workshops will provide an overview of SMAHC’s grant programs, learning & networking events, and other arts opportunities in the SW MN Region. It’s a great time to network and get your questions answered on a range of SMAHC topics. Bring your lunch and join the art conversation. Advance registration required. Contact the SMAHC office (800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net) to register.

November 28, 12:00—1:30 pm, Public Library, Benson  
November 29, 12:00—1:30 pm, Cottonwood County Historical Society, Windom  
November 30, 12:00—1:30 pm, Litchfield Opera House, Litchfield

Application materials now available for NEA’s “Our Town” grants
Our Town is a National Endowment for the Arts program that supports communities that are using the arts to revitalize neighborhoods and reignite local economies. Through Our Town, NEA will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from $25,000 to $200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Projects may include arts engagement, cultural planning, and design activities in which communities seek to improve their quality of life, encourage greater creative activity, foster stronger community identity and a sense of place, or revitalize economic development. Applications are encouraged from communities of all sizes and must involve two primary partners: a nonprofit organization and a local government entity.

Go to http://arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html for guidelines and application instructions. Webinars to learn more about Our Town grants will be held on November 6 & 13 at 3:00 pm EST. Application deadline is January 14, 2013.
The Big Read now accepting applications for community reading programs

The Big Read is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2013 and June 2014. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture. Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America, a 2004 NEA report, identified a critical decline in reading for pleasure among American adults. The Big Read addresses this issue by bringing communities together to read, discuss, and celebrate books and writers from American and world literature.

Community organizations participating in The Big Read develop and produce community-wide reading programs which encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. Activities focus on one book or poet from The Big Read Library. Each community event lasts approximately one month and includes a kick-off event to launch the program locally; major events devoted specifically to the book (panel discussions, author reading, etc); events using the book as a point of departure (film screenings, theatrical readings, etc); and book discussions in diverse locations and aimed at a wide range of audiences.

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 www.neabigread.org. Application deadline: February 5, 2013.

Sally Award nominations due November 12

Since 1992, the Sally Awards have honored individuals and institutions that strengthen and enrich our entire state with their commitment to the arts and arts education. The awardees’ talents and determination help make Minnesota’s quality of life excellent and its culture unique and rich. The Sally Award is based on the "First Trust Award" presented in 1986 to Sally Ordway Irvine, whose initiative, vision and commitment inspired the creation of Ordway Center for the Performing Arts.

Each year, one person or organization is honored in each of five categories. “Vision” recognizes exemplary creative thinking and action in support or development of a body of work that has had long-term impact on the community. Examples include creation of new artistic/cultural opportunities, or leading the community in new directions of artistic expression. “Initiative” recognizes bold new steps and strategic leadership undertaken by an individual or organization that will have a significant impact on strengthening Minnesota’s artistic/cultural community. “Commitment” recognizes lifetime achievement, contribution, and leadership in the arts and/or culture. “Education” recognizes an individual/organization or particular project that has had a significant impact on education or mentoring in the arts and has contributed to increasing knowledge about the arts throughout the community. “Arts Access” recognizes extraordinary efforts to engage a broader and more diverse audience in the arts, or to deepen the involvement that Minnesota citizens have with the arts. This award was inspired by the Legacy Amendment and its impact on enhancing access to the arts statewide.

For more details and nomination forms, go to www.ordway.org/sallyawards. Nominations due November 12, 2012.

The SMAHC office will be CLOSED on November 22 & 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
Join SMAHC for Give to the Max Day on November 15

Last year, more than 47,000 donors logged on to GiveMN.org (an online giving website for Minnesota nonprofits) and gave over $13 million to Minnesota charities in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day.

Join us again on November 15, 2012 for Minnesota’s 4th annual Give to the Max Day, and you could help SMAHC win even more funds to assist us in encouraging the growth and development of the arts in SW MN!

- **Help us win a $1,000 Golden Ticket...** Hourly drawings throughout the day could add $1,000 to your donation.
- **...Or a $10,000 Supersized Golden Ticket!** At the end of the day, one donation from across Minnesota will be randomly selected for its nonprofit to receive an extra $10,000.
- **Put us on the Leader Board.** Cash prizes (up to $12,500) will be awarded to nonprofits in each of three size categories receiving the most dollars during the day.
- **McKnight Foundation Match.** New or increased SMAHC memberships or donations will be matched by the McKnight Foundation.

Going to be busy on November 15? Starting Thursday, 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 15 and will still be eligible for all prizes.

To donate or to renew your membership, follow the Give to the Max Day link at [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org), or go to [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org) and type “Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council” in the search box.

**Thank you for your support!**

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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**Indicates** the project was funded in part with a grant from 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.

**November 1 SMAHC Arts Legacy Project Planning Grant Deadline.**

November 1 MAFAC Studio Night, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the MAFAC Arts Center, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. Drop in to meet with artist Darrell Allen, learn pencil techniques, or just chat with other people interested in the arts. Details at [www.mafac.net](http://www.mafac.net), or call 507-532-5463.

**November 1-3 Twelve Angry Men** – Hutchinson Theatre Company at Crow River Winery, 14848 Hwy 7 E, Hutchinson. Dinner Theatre: dinner 6:00 pm, show 7:00 pm. [www.hutchtheatre.org](http://www.hutchtheatre.org)

November 2-4 [**The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940**](http://www.mafl.org), SMSU Theatre, Marshall. All performances at 7:30 pm, except of November 4 at 2:00 pm. Dinner Theatre on Nov 3. [www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts](http://www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts)

**November 4 Artist Reception: Donna Jean Carver,** 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. Gallery Hours: M-F 2 - 4:30 PM. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

**November 4 Vienna Boys Choir,** 3:00 pm at the Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th Street, Worthington. Pre-show coffee & dessert 2:00 pm. Tickets: 507-376-9101, Mon – Fri, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. [www.friendsoftheauditorium.com](http://www.friendsoftheauditorium.com)

**November 5-29 "Commemorating Controversy: The Dakota - U.S. War of 1862"** traveling exhibit on display in the SW MN State University Social Science Museum. Hours are 9AM - Noon, Mon - Fri or by appt. Presentation by Janet Timmerman, 7:00 pm on Nov 7 in Charter Hall 201. More info: jan.louwagie@smsu.edu

**November 7 Chuck Suchy Concert,** 7:30 pm at the Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

**November 8 SMAHC Individual Artist Grant Workshop,** 4:30—6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Free workshop. Advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email smithinfo@iw.net.

**November 8 MAFAC Studio Night,** 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the MAFAC Arts Center, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. Drop in to meet with artist Darrell Allen, learn pencil techniques, or chat with others interested in the arts. [www.mafac.net](http://www.mafac.net).
**November 8-10 Twelve Angry Men** – Hutchinson Theatre Company at Crow River Winery, 14848 Hwy 7 E, Hutchinson. Dinner Theatre: dinner 6:00 pm, show 7:00 pm. www.hutchtheatre.org

**November 9 Prairie Arts Chorale: “Masterworks Montage,”** 7:30 pm, First Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg. http://prairieartschorale.org/

**November 10 SMAHC Arts in the Schools Grant Review Panel,** 9:30 am, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**November 10 Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale and Flea Market,** 10:00 am—4:00 pm, at the SMSU Student Center, Marshall. Vendor tables available. Call 507-537-6018.

**November 11 Prairie Arts Chorale: “Masterworks Montage,”** 4:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, Marshall. http://prairieartschorale.org/

**November 11 Artist Reception: Florence Dacey & Bill van der Hagen,** 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. Visit www.mafac.net for more information.

**November 12 SMAHC Individual Artist Grant Workshop,** 4:30—6:00 pm at the Nobles County Integration Collaborative, Worthington. Workshop is free, but advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email your contact info to: smahcinfo@iw.net

**November 13 Fred Cogelow Artist Reception,** 4:30 – 7:30 pm, SMAHC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**November 14 SMAHC Individual Artist Grant Workshop,** 4:30—6:00 pm, KK Berge Building, 807 Prentice, Granite Falls. Workshop is free, but advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email your contact info to: smahcinfo@iw.net.

**November 15 MAFAC Studio Night,** 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the MAFAC Arts Center, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. Drop in to meet with artist Darrell Allen, learn pencil techniques, or just chat with other people interested in the arts. Details at www.mafac.net, or call 507-532-5463.

**November 16 Prairie Arts Chorale: “Masterworks Montage,”** 7:30 pm, Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar. http://prairieartschorale.org/

**November 18 Prairie Arts Chorale: “Masterworks Montage,”** 4:00 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls. http://prairieartschorale.org/

**November 20 Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra Concert,** 7:30 pm, at Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St, Worthington. www.friendsoftheauditorium.com

November 22-23 SMAHC Office Closed for Thanksgiving

**November 23-24 Sale of the late Jim Dahl’s artwork.** First Lutheran Church, 100 Church Street, Marshall. Nov 23: 12:00-7:00 pm, Nov 24 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Call MAFAC at 507-532-5463 for more information.


**November 26 "Introduction to Social Media" Workshop led by Tim Krause at the SMAHC Office, Marshall from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Free workshop. Advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net.

**November 27 SMAHC Board Meeting,** 7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**November 28 SMAHC General Info Workshop** covering all of our grant programs and arts opportunities within the SW MN Region. To be held at the Benson Library, 200 13th St N, Benson during a "Brown Bag Lunch" from 12 - 1:30 PM. Free workshop. Advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net.

**November 29 SMAHC General Info Workshop** covering all of our grant programs and arts opportunities within the SW MN Region. To be held at the Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 4th Ave, Windom during a "Brown Bag Lunch" from 12 - 1:30 PM. Free workshop. Advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net.

November 29-December 2 "A 1940’s Radio Christmas Carol" sponsored by Friends of the Arts at the Renville County West small gym/theatre, Renville. Nov 29, 30 and Dec 1 at 7:30 pm and Dec 2 at 2:30 pm.

**November 30 SMAHC General Info Workshop** covering all of our grant programs and arts opportunities within the SW MN Region. At the Litchfield Opera House, 136 N Marshall Ave, Litchfield during a "Brown Bag Lunch" from 12 - 1:30 PM. Free workshop. Advanced registration required. Call 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net.

**November 30-December 1 Tokheim Stoneware Holiday Open House,** 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Nov 29: 2:00 -8:00 pm, Nov 30 & Dec 1: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Info at www.tokheim-stoneware.com or 320-769-2142.

**November 30 & December 2 Crow River Singers Winter Concert.** Nov 7: 7:00 pm at First Congregational UCC, 31 4th Ave SW, Hutchinson. Dec 2: 2:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Information at 320-587-0710.
GALLERIES

**SMAHC Art Gallery** November 13-December 21: Fred Cogelow, wood carving. Artist Reception November 13 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM, with music by Malena Handeen. 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.


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 info: 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org


KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. Gallery hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday and most Saturdays. Call 320-564-4039 for information.


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

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. November: Donna Jean Carver. Artist Reception November 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2 - 4:30 PM. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.


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. Holiday Open House Nov 29: 2:00 - 8:00 pm, Nov 30 & Dec 1: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com. For more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com


**Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery** at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar. Nov 1-16: Small Works Silent Auction items. More info at 320-231-8560 or willmarareaartsorganization.org

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