SMAHC’s Annual Celebration of Art and Artists
“Star-Studded Gala”
Saturday, October 29, 2011, 5:30—10:00 pm, Jackpot Junction, Morton, MN

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment as we celebrate the art and artists of Southwest Minnesota.

- **Come dressed as your favorite art star.** Pose as a past or present celebrity in the arts realm, or just come as a star-struck fan. Costumes encouraged, but most certainly not required.

- **Enjoy a 4-star meal... and take home dessert!** Be served a delicious meal of roast sirloin with cracked pepper cabernet sauce. Save room for take-home desserts from around SMAHC’s 18-county area that will be auctioned off to raise funds for arts programming.

- **Be entertained by talented artists** from our region. Original keyboard instrumentals by Jim Austerman during social hour, delightful harp music by Kathy Fransen over dinner, and a seasonally spooky excerpt performance from the radio show “Frankenstein” by the Marshall Area Stage Company to close the evening.

- **Bring home artwork and more.** A silent auction of artwork and unique items from the SMAHC region will be held before and after the dinner hour. Monies raised will support our funding.

- **Stay overnight with discounted hotel rooms.** Ask for the “SMAHC” block of rooms when booking an overnight stay at the Jackpot Junction hotel. 800-946-2274 or [www.jackpotjunction.com](http://www.jackpotjunction.com)

**Program**

- **Social Hour**
  - Silent Auction Begins, Cash Bar

- **Prairie Disciple Awards Ceremony**
  - Nancy Geiger

- **Dinner**
  - Annual Meeting Business
  - Dessert Live Auction

- **“Frankenstein” Radio Show Excerpt**
  - Marshall Area Stage Company

- **Silent Auction Ends**

**UPCOMING SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES**

- **October 15, 2011:**
  - Arts in the Schools

- **December 15, 2011:**
  - Individual Artist Established Career Grants
  - Individual Artist Development Grants

Visit [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org) or call 800-622-5284 for details.

**Tickets:** $30
Purchase by October 15
Contact us at 800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net

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**ART PROJECT GRANT AWARDS**

The SMAHC Board of Directors voted to award a total of $74,663 in Round I of the Art Project grant program.

The Art Project grant program provides area organizations & communities with matching funds to produce or present high quality arts projects. Projects receiving more than $5,000 have shown that they will leave a Minnesota legacy.

14 grant recipients received the following funding:

**Council for Arts & Humanities in Rock County**, Luverne, $19,875 for a Frederick Manfred: Scribe of Siouxland year-long celebration.

**Friends of the Orchestra**, Marshall, $4,236 for a spring concert with a piano concerto competition.

**RiverSong Music Festival**, Hutchinson, $5,000 for the 2012 festival.

**Willmar Community Theatre**, $5,000 for their 2011-2012 winter season productions.

**Prairie Arts Chorale**, Region-wide, $1,951 for their 2011 fall concerts in Willmar, Clara City, Marshall, and Redwood Falls.

**Meander Art Crawl**, Region-wide, $5,000 for Meander 2012.

**City of Walnut Grove**, $5,000 for the 2012 Music & Art Festival.

**Kaleidoscope: An Artists’ Gallery**, New London, $1,466 for their fall artist exhibition series, and $2,065 for a fall arts event.

**Willmar Area Arts Council**, $2,700 for the 2012 Studio Hop.

**Dassel-Cokato Community Education**, $4,000 for a theater production of “Arsenic and Old Lace” in Dassel.

**Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association**, Windom, $3,800 for their 2011-2012 concert series.

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, Hutchinson, $5,000 for 2012 spring & fall concerts.

**Appleton 52 Wing Restoration Committee**, $1,300 for the Christmas concert “The Girl Singers”.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, $4463 for art exhibits and juried student art shows, and $3,807 for arts education classes.

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**Public Art 101**

Are you interested in having public art in your community? Are you wondering how to involve artists in public improvement projects? SMAHC, in partnership with Forecast Public Art, invites you to learn about the exciting field of public art and how you can get started with your own art projects. Forecast presenters will provide a step-by-step guided tour through the process of developing a public art project, connect you with resources as you explore possibilities, and provide inspiration to get your planning started! “Public Art 101: The What, Why, and How for Your Community” will be held on November 3 in Canby (details below).

The workshop is free of charge, but advance registration is strongly encouraged. Register by contacting the SMAHC office by phone (800) 622-5284, or online: [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)

**November 3: Public Art 101**

"The What, Why and How for your Community"  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
PK Egans Family Restaurant - Back Room  
115 St. Olaf Ave. North, Canby

**FORECAST Public Art** is a St. Paul-based non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen and advance the field of public art locally, nationally and internationally by expanding participation, supporting artists, informing audiences and assisting communities.
Resources for Nonprofits

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PLANNING GRANT AWARDS

The SMAHC Board of Directors voted to award a total of $1,250 in the September Round of the Art Project Planning grant program.

The Art Project Planning grant program provides area arts organizations with grant funds to complete a thorough planning process for large-scale arts projects.

The following recipient received funding:

Marshall Community Services, Marshall, $1,250 for budget development for a Mrs. Whitney statue project.

ARTS ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT & EQUIPMENT GRANT AWARDS

The SMAHC Board of Directors voted to award a total of $21,717 in Round I of the Arts Organization Development & Equipment grant program.

The Arts Organization Development & Equipment grant program provides matching funds to local arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities. Provides matching funds for equipment & facilities grants for local art organizations.

8 recipients received the following funding:

Green Earth Players, Luverne, $4,155 for purchasing equipment for move to new location.

Hutchinson Theater Company, $3,629 for a website upgrade.

City of Walnut Grove, $4,800 for arts festival equipment support.

Willmar Area Arts Council, $578 to replace printer/scanner/copier.

Big Stone Arts Council, Ortonville, $3,570 for strategic planning.

Crow River Area Youth Orchestra, Hutchinson, $450 to purchase a laptop computer.

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, $1,828 for purchase of audio/visual equipment.

Litchfield Community Theater, $2,707 for a costume shop upgrade including storage, shelving, and lighting.
Cat Abbott Exhibit Opens October 6 at SMAHC Gallery

SMAHC gallery hosts the work of Balaton, MN mixed-media artist Cat Abbott from October 6 though December 30, 2011.

A visual artist who grew up in Minnesota and California, Abbott worked with mentor Ed Evans and graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University. She has held many solo exhibitions throughout the state and has been part of group exhibitions in Pennsylvania and Sicily. She is a past recipient of a SMAHC Individual Artist Development Grant.

Abbott has taught throughout the region for the Marshall Public Schools Talents Academy, various art centers, and privately. Currently, Abbott pursues her art full-time and also runs her own design company, Cat de Novo Design, Inc., focusing on eco-friendly art, fabric and home goods.

The ideas that inspired this exhibit of mixed media artworks are based on local, sustainable farming in Southwestern Minnesota, specifically focused on a group of sustainable farmers and their ways of life, with respect to mother nature. These modern-day philosophers, through their constant hard work and devotion to sustainability, choose to go against the norm and are vastly unknown and under-appreciated.

According to Abbott, "I have chosen to create images inspired by their lifestyles and surroundings, while keeping true to my dream-like, whimsical and colorful style. I have attempted to convey the beauty, process and hardships of the farmers, gardeners, and land stewards who are working to preserve the land we live on. I have also been inspired to depict the affect their work has on the consumer, whose health and happiness is greatly influenced by their practices. These works are a small tribute to the power of nature and to the farmers who choose to respect her instead of destroy her."

The mixed-media works in this exhibit are layered with a found materials and a variety of technique. Care was taken to use as many re-purposed and recycled items as possible during the making and framing of these artworks.

Join us in congratulating Cat during her opening reception from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on October 6, 2011. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 12 and 1:00 - 4:30 PM, located in Suite 600, 1210 East College Drive, Marshall. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

"Garden Goddess: it's fate after all"
Cat Abbott, 2011
Mixed media on paper  14" x 18"

This activity is made possible in part by funds appropriated by the State Legislature and/or by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

SW MN Weavers/Fiber Guild Looking for New Members

The Southwest Minnesota Weavers/Fiber Guild meets at the Purple Iris Yarn Shop in Marshall on the second Saturday of the month for classes in techniques such as basket weaving, Viking knitting, triangle loom weaving, glass fusion, and paper making. If you are interested in joining the Guild or have questions, please contact Andi Kessler at cuank@redred.com
SMAHC to Host Artist Critique Session in Milan

Visual artists are invited to join their peers in a group critique session led by Michon Weeks from 10:00 a.m. to noon on October 8 at the Milan Village Arts School in Milan, MN.

The idea behind the group is to offer constructive advice to visual artists who often struggle with artistic challenges. Artists are invited to bring a piece of work, explain to the group what they are trying to do and how they are trying to do it. The group is then invited to offer constructive advice, with the focus always on sympathetic criticism and the desire to help each other move forward with their art.

Come early to attend SMAHC’s Individual Artist Grant Workshop from 9:00 to 10:00 am, also at the Milan Village Arts School. Artists interested in these free sessions should contact SMAHC at 800-633-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net to register.

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 the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

About Michon Weeks. Born and raised in Washburn, Iowa, Michon Weeks attended Iowa State University, where she earned a BA in Art in 1984, and the University of Minnesota, where she earned an MFA in Painting and Drawing in 1990. Michon was awarded a 2011 Arts Legacy Grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council. She is an adjunct instructor in the Art Program at Southwest Minnesota State University and also teaches at the College of St. Benedict. Michon is currently working on a public art project for the new Marshall-Lyon County Library building. She will create 20 etched glass drawings to be suspended in the windows of the library, depicting Lyon County roadside objects of local significance.

GALLERIES

SMAHC Art Gallery. A new exhibit of Cat Abbot’s farmlife themed oil paintings opens October 6, running through December 30. Join us for Cat’s reception on October 6, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at 1210 E College Dr., Marshall. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

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

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne. Hours are Tues – Fri, Noon - 5 PM and Sat 1 - 4 PM. For more info, email marypet@iw.net or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. Hutchinson. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM. You can always call ahead for an appointment. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 North Main Street, Hutchinson. October's exhibit is a fall-themed juried art show. More info: 320-587-0899, info@crowriverarts.org.


GALLERIES, cont.

Evansville Arts Center, 111 Main Street, Evansville. Friday & Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM. Sunday 1 - 4 PM. www.evansvilleartcenter.com.

Milan Village Arts School in Milan. October’s class offerings include Os Style Rosemaling, Picture Framing Workshop, and Chip Carving Essentials. To view all the classes offered throughout the year, visit their website at www.milanvillageartsschool.org.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. In October, Gerry and Julie Punt show their pottery, with an opening reception on October 2, from 2-4 pm. November’s exhibit will showcase Anita Ross’ painting and collages. Hours: M-F 2 - 4:30 PM. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Potato Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar. "Bill Bjostad Talks Art" on Saturday mornings from 10 AM to 12. Sit around the gallery, drink coffee and talk about art. New topic every Saturday.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. Mick Benson’s "Homecoming" exhibit of watercolors and pastels from September 18 to November 19. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email chs@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.


Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar. October exhibit: Photographs by Connie Wanner.

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Grant guidelines, grant applications, arts calendar, news and contact info

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

September 30, October 1-2 & 7-9 "The Dixie Swim Club" fall play performed at the Lake Benton Opera House. Shows at 7:30 PM except for matinees at 2 PM. Tickets: $10 Adult, $9.50 Student/Senior. For tickets, call 507-368-4620 or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com.

October 1 Meander Bus Tour (MAFAC) A bus will leave Marshall around 8:30 am, traveling to Ortonville, where the group will visit the artists and stop for lunch. The tour will make its way back to Marshall, visiting other artists, as time allows, returning around 5:30 pm. Call the MAFAC Arts Center at 507-532-5463 for information.

October 1 Night of Jazz: Nancy Harms, 7:30 pm at the Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, Dawson. This Meander weekend concert includes a Silent Auction Fundraiser for DBAA prior to the concert (hand-made items, food, wine, & art). Tickets $10 for adults, $5 for students. More information at www.dawsonboydarts.org, 320-769-2955 Ext. 246, or dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org.

October 2 Gerry & Julie Punt Artist Reception from 2:00—4:00 pm at the Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

October 4 Mac Frampton Triumvirate at Murray County Central in Slayton. The first concert of the Prairie Music Concert Association. The pops pianist with accompanists will entertain with music spanning two centuries. For more information call Kelly Muldoon at 507-836-8970 or Sandy Stokesbary at 507-836-8395.

October 4 Registration for Conference for Young Artists. This conference, on November 2 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, inspires K-8 students through a keynote presentation (Shaun Hays, chalk artist) and hands-on classes such as drawing, Native American dance, media production, theatre, sculpture, papermaking, illustrating, origami, etc. Early Bird Registration Deadline: October 4. Final Registration Deadline: October 11. More information at www.swsc.org/studentactivities.
**October 5** Metales M5 Mexican Brass (MAFAC Performance Series) at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall. 7:30 pm. More information at www.mafac.net, or call 507-532-5463.

October 5 State Arts Board grant application deadline: Artist Initiative Literary Arts program (poetry and prose). More information at: http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/artist_initiative.htm

October 6 Cat Abbott Artist Reception from 5:00—7:00 pm at the SMAHC Art Gallery, Suite 600, 1210 E College Dr., Marshall. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

October 6 MAFAC Oktoberfest Fundraiser at Walnut Grove Mercantile in Marshall. The event will include wine, beer, hors d’oeuvres, and entertainment. Tickets go on sale for $10 in early September. Call 507-532-5463 for more information.

October 8 Artist Critique Session led by Michon Weeks, 10:00 am to noon at the Milan Village Art School in Milan. To register, contact SMAHC at 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net

October 15 Film Screening: "Pretty Much 100% Scandinavian" with Swedish filmmaker Stefan Quinth & William Beyer. 6:00 pm Scandinavian Meal, and 7:00 pm discussion and screening at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, Dawson. Tickets are $5 for the screening, $10 for the meal, or $15 for both. More information at www.dawsonboydarts.org, or 320-769-2955 Ext. 246.

October 17 Montevideo High School Fall Vocal Concert, 7:30 PM at the Montevideo Fine Arts Center (at 3rd St and Eureka Ave.), Free Admission.

October 22 Emily Lodine at Murray County Central in Slayton. Emily's program of “Songs We Forgot to Remember” will highlight her artistry and silvery voice. For more information call Kelly Muldoon at 507-836-8970 or Sandy Stokesbary at 570-836-8395.

October 26 State Arts Board grant application deadline: Cultural Community Partnership program. More information at: http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/cultural_community_partnership.htm

October 27-29 & November 4-6 Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, performed by the SMSU Theatre Program, Marshall. Tickets available at 507-537-7103.

**October 28** VocalEssence Ensemble Singers (MAFAC Performance Series) at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall. 7:30 pm. More information at www.mafac.net, or call 507-532-5463.

**October 29** SMAHC Annual Celebration of Art & Artists This "Star Studded Gala" promises to be a fun evening to network with artists and celebrate their accomplishments. Held this year at Jackpot Junction in Morton. Tickets $30/person include dinner. Send ticket request to SMAHC office: 1210 E College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall, MN 56258. Or call for more info: 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.

October 30 Buffalo Ridge Chorale Concert: “Why We Sing,” 4:00 pm at St. John Cantius Church in Wilno. Tickets are $5 for adults, free for children under 14.

October 30 VocalEssence North Star Tour Concert at the Montevideo Fine Arts Center (at 3rd St and Eureka Ave.) 3:00 PM. Advance tickets: $8 for Students (18 or under), $12 for Adults from Java River, the High School Office, or Thrifty White Drug. Tickets the door: $9 for Students (18 or under), $15 for Adults

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**November 3** PUBLIC ART 101 workshop presented by Forecast Public Art and sponsored by SMAHC. Held at PK Egans Family Restaurant (Back Room), 115 St Olaf Avenue North, Canby. FREE. 1:00 - 3:00 PM. For city managers, parks & rec directors, non-profit organizations, libraries and artists to learn all about public art. Register online www.smahc.org/register.htm or call the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284.

November 11-13 A Don’t Hug Me County Fair performed by the Green Earth Players in Luverne. Call 507-283-2765 for tickets.

November 18 Galactic Cowboy Orchestra, 7:30 pm at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, Dawson. Tickets $10 for adults, $5 for students. Free to Dawson-Boyd Arts Association members! More information at www.dawsonboydarts.org, 320-769-2955 Ext. 246, or dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org

November 22 Registration for Conference for Young Writers. This conference, on January 5 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, features a keynote presentation (Rebecca Fjelland Davis) and hands on sessions related to journaling, poetry, script writing, news writing, comics, sports writing, writers block, and much more. Early Bird Registration Deadline: November 22. Final Registration Deadline: November 29. More information at www.swsc.org/studentactivities

November 22 Registration for Conference for Young Writers.
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