$91,593 awarded in grants to SMAC-region organizations

The SW MN Arts Council has recently awarded $91,593 in grants to organizations in the southwest Minnesota region, including $76,667 in Art Project & Art Legacy Project grants, $3,191 in Arts Organization Development grants, and $11,735 in Equipment & Facilities Improvement grants:

**ART PROJECT GRANTS** provide organizations in the SMAC region with up to $5,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts.

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra (CRAYO)**, Hutchinson, $1,740 for their 2015 fall season.

**Crow River Drumline Association**, Hutchinson, $5,000 for their production of *The Five Suns*.

**Dassel-Cokato Community Education**, Dassel, $5,000 to produce the musical, *Plain Hearts* at the Dassel History Center.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, Hutchinson, $1,990 for SMAC-region juried art exhibition in 2016.

**Hutchinson Photography Club**, Hutchinson, $1,472 for their 2015 showcase exhibit.

**Hutchinson Public Arts Commission**, Hutchinson, $5,000 for an original sculpture by Deb Zeller to be placed in the infant section of Hutchinson Cemetery.

**Lac qui Parle Players**, Madison, $3,455 for their production of *White Christmas*.

**Meander Art Crawl**, regional, $5,000 for the 2016 Meander Art Crawl.

**Pipestone Civil War Days Committee**, Pipestone, $5,000 for their 2016 Civil War Days.

**Prairie Winds Concert Band**, Willmar, $1,375 for their 2015-2016 concert season.

**Rock County Fine Arts Association**, Luverne, $3,230 for their 2015 Studio Tour.

**Southwest Minnesota State University**, Marshall, $5,000 for their Copland/Bernstein Festival performances.

**Willmar Area Arts Council**, Willmar, $3,405 for their 2016 Studio Hop.

**Willmar Community Theatre**, Willmar, $5,000 for their winter 2015-2016 theatre season.

**Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra**, Worthington, $5,000 for a joint concert of “Red Nativity” featuring Brulé.

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**ART LEGACY PROJECT GRANTS** provide organizations with up to $20,000 to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts through large-scale projects that will leave an arts legacy in SW MN.

**Pioneer Public Television**, Appleton, $20,000 for a Creative Placemaking theatre project with PlaceBase Productions.

**ARTS ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** provide organizations with up to $5,000 to increase their long-term stability and capacity through organizational development and management projects.

**Dawson-Boyd Arts Association**, Dawson, $3,191 to bring in experienced technicians to work with their local tech crew over several productions.

**EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** provide organizations with up to $5,000 for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvement that will improve the organization’s capacity to serve arts needs.

**Dawson-Boyd Arts Association**, Dawson, $5,000 for a cyc curtain & lighting.

**Friends of the Auditorium**, Worthington, $5,000 for lighting and sound improvements.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, Hutchinson, $1,735 for gallery lighting and office equipment.

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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**

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2015 SMAC Annual Celebration

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council’s 2015 Annual Celebration, held in the Willmar-Spicer-New London area, was attended by 78 guests, representing 15 of the 18 counties in the SMAC region. Attendees started out at the Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! festival in Willmar, followed by a delicious meal at the Little Crow Country Club outside of Spicer, the presentation of this year’s Prairie Disciple Award to Raeeanna Gislason, a “Spirit of the Region” raffle, and the unveiling of a sculpture and mosaic in New London. Thank you to guests, board members, artists, and staff for an enjoyable evening!

Left: 2015 Prairie Disciple Award winner Raeeanna Gislason waves to the audience after accepting her award. Right: Before and after the unveiling of the “Global Village” public art sculpture created by New London artists Craig Edwards & Bill Gossman, overseen by Swedish artist Ann-Charlotte Ohlsson. Photos by Michael Murray.

Screenings by SMAC-region filmmakers Johnson & Hathaway

In collaboration with Pioneer Public Television, the Rural Arts & Culture Summit is hosting an online screening and discussion of Appleton resident Dana Johnson’s film, Xenos, on October 8 at 4:00 pm. The film, funded in part by a SMAC grant, was recently featured at the Portland Film Festival and has been nominated for an Upper Midwest Emmy Award.

Following the 10-minute film will be a live-streamed, in-studio discussion with Johnson and two panelists, Sheri Booms Holm (West Central Initiative) and Bethany Lacktorin (sound artist & performer). Visit www.swmarts.org to learn more and register for the event.

2011 SMAC grant recipient Samuel Hathaway of Montevideo has a new film premiering at the Twin Cities Film Fest on Saturday, October 24 at 2:15 pm. Made with an all-Minnesota cast and crew, the film is titled, The Old, Old Story. Find out more about the film and the festival at www.twincitesfilmfest.org.

OCTOBER ARTS EVENTS

*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.

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

October 1 Bill “Birdsong” Millers Concert, 7:00 pm, SMSU Conference Center Ballroom, Marshall. A prominent member of the Native American music community, Millers is a Grammy-winning singer, composer, flutist, painter, and storyteller. More info at Michele.Sterner@smsu.edu or 507-537-7382.

*October 2-4 Meander Art Crawl, Upper Minnesota River Valley. Oct 2: 12:00-6:00 pm, Oct 3: 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Oct 4: 9:00 am-4:00 pm. A free self-guided tour of artist studios featuring 45 local artists from Ortonville, Appleton, Madison, Milan, Dawson, Montevideo and Granite Falls. Information at www.artsmeaner.com.

October 3 Artober Fest, 12:00-5:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Hutchinson Center for the Arts’ first annual family fun art festival. More information at www.hutchinsonarts.org or 320-587-7278.

October 3 Oboe & Bass Concert, 7:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St, Worthington. Jazz, classical, and popular music. Tickets and information at www.friendsoftheauditorium.com or 507-537-9101.

October 3 Connie Evingson: Gypsy Jazz with Patty & The Buttons, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Tickets at 320-769-2955 ext. 246 or www.dawsonboydarts.org.

October 8 Artist Reception: Ginger Hallbeck, 4-7 pm, Renville Public Library, 221 Main St N, Renville.

October 8 Tribute to Neil Diamond, 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Center, 3rd St & Eureka Ave, Montevideo. Part of MN Valley Community Concert Association’s concert series.

*October 10 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Individual Artists, 10:00 am, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*October 10-11 Raku Rendezvous, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, New London Clay Center, 326 Main St, New London.

October 12 The David Osborne Trio, 7:30, pm, Murray County Central Auditorium, Slayton. Osborne is known as the “Pianist to the Presidents”, and this concert is part of the Prairie Music Concert Series. Tickets at 507-836-8395.


*October 14 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Legacy Equipment/Facilities. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*October 14 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Operating Support. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

October 16 Artist Reception: Craig Edwards & Kari Weber, 6:30 pm, KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls.

October 17 Artist Reception: Alma Hale, 2:00-4:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall.

October 17 The Sensational Sleepers: British Invasion Tribute, 7:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St, Worthington. Music of the Beatles, the Coasters, the Drifters, and more. Tickets and information at www.friendsoftheauditorium.com or 507-537-9101.

*October 18 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, 3:00 pm, Education & Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St SW, Willmar.

*October 18 Buffalo Ridge Chorale, 4:00 pm, St John Cantius Church, Wilno.

October 22-24 Writers’ Festival, SW MN State University, Marshall. A celebration of rural writing and culture. Info at www.smsu.edu/marshallfestival/.

October 23 Artist Reception: Andrew Nordin, 5:00-6:30 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson.

*October 24 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts in the Schools. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*October 24 Discover Dassel Art Tour, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, multiple locations in Dassel. Tour studios and homes of 27 artists and the Dassel History Center.

*October 25 Southwest Minnesota Orchestra: Commemoration of the Great War, 7:00 pm, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), Marshall. Featuring the Artaria Quartet.

October 26 The Rose Ensemble: “The Last Queen of Hawaii”, 7:30 pm, First Lutheran Church, 100 Church St, Marshall. Also featuring a world premiere by Minnesota composer Victor Zupanc. For tickets and info, call 651-225-4340 or visit www.RoseEnsemble.org.

*October 27 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*October 27 The Four Freshmen, 7:00pm, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall. Part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council’s 2015-2016 Concert Series. Information at www.mafac.net.

*October 31 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Operating Support, 9:00 am, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Through October 30: Mary Mulenburg, photography. 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. Info at 320-235-9500 or info@thebarntheater.com.

**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.


**KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council).** 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. October 1-November 13: “Common Horizons”: Craig Edwards, pottery & Kari Lindquist-Weber, paintings. Reception & Artist Talk October 16, 6:30 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Info at 320-564-4240 or www.facebook.com/GraniteAreaArtsCouncil.

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC).** 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. October 6 through December 11: Alma Hale, “Figure Studies”. Reception October 17, 2:00-4:00 pm. 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.

**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 milanvillageartsschool.org.

**Nobles County Art Center.** 407 12th St, Worthington. October: Permanent collection. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Information at 507-372-8245 or on Facebook: Nobles County Art Center.

**Potato Eaters Gallery.** 330 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar. Call 320-382-9951 for hours and information.

**Renville Public Library.** 221 Main St S, Renville. September-November: Ginger Hallbeck, paintings. Reception October 8, 4:00-7:00 pm. Regular Hours: MWF 12:30-5:30pm, Tues 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Thurs 12:30-8:00 pm.


**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 Center 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

**Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC).** 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Through November 9: Michele Steffen, paintings. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaarts council.org.

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