SMAHC at the Hollywood

Please join us on October 28th for our

32nd Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser!

We would be honored if you joined us in supporting and enjoying the arts in Southwest Minnesota on Saturday, October 28th, 2006. The festivities will be held at the beautifully restored Hollywood Theater in downtown Montevideo and will include, live music by “The Shoes”, a cash bar, dinner, dancing, costumes (optional) and the honoring of our 2006 Prairie Disciple, Carol Westberg of Montevideo and our 2006 Prairie Star, Karen Jenson of Milan (please read the articles for more information on Carol and Karen).

We are excited to announce that we will again be having a silent auction featuring artwork, theater tickets, food & wine, and other fine items from throughout the SMAHC region. Starting this year, all of the silent auction items may be viewed ahead of time on the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org. Don’t forget that original artwork, CDs of regional music, fine craft and pottery, local food, books, and gift certificates make wonderful holiday gifts that you can feel good about giving! This night is an important fundraiser for us; and we want to thank all of you who helped us make our past celebrations a success! We are aiming to raise even more money this year; because the more money we raise on this night, the more we have to give out for art projects to schools, organizations and individual artists in our region (and we like doing that!) We are hoping to see you at this year’s celebration on October 28th!


Karen Jenson—SMAHC Prairie Star for 2006

Karen Jenson has been recognized as a world renowned Scandinavian folk artist. She has become one of the premier rosemalers in the United States. Rosemaling is the traditional folk or country art of Norway. According to Karen, "rosemaling is plant and flower forms that were painted on ceilings, walls, and furniture in lively colors to brighten the farm homes of Norway. It was in its prime from 1750 to 1850."

Karen was raised on a farm 9 miles out on the lake road northwest of Ortonville. Having grown up on a farm, she helped with all the chores like working in the fields, gardening, cleaning, baking and of course, helping with the pigs, chickens and milking cows. She was the oldest child in a family of five. After she married, her husband attended the University of Minnesota and then he accepted his first teaching job in Milan in 1959. It was in Milan that she raised her four children, all of who live in Minnesota.

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Carol Westberg—SMAHC Prairie Disciple for 2006

Carol Westberg has been an advocate for the arts for many years promoting the arts for youth in the Montevideo School District. Her enthusiasm and tireless efforts have made her the superlative winner of the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council’s 2006 Prairie Disciple Award.

Carol is a Minnesota native born in the farming community near Hoffman, Minnesota, just west of Alexandria. She completed her schooling attending the University of Minnesota in Morris, and then moved to Montevideo where she has had a long and successful teaching career in the Montevideo School system. She taught first grade in Montevideo school district for 34 years and she retired from teaching 4 years ago. But she is not retired from her work of supporter and coordinator for the arts in her school and community. She continues her role in raising both grant and local funds to support artist residencies. She writes letters, conducts silent auctions, collects aluminum cans, and she manages, in tight budget times, to keep the District committed to funding these in-depth arts experiences.

Her long held philosophy has been to bring art and artists into the schools for students who would otherwise not have exposure to these artists. And she has done that over all these years. Her long time position as Montevideo Arts coordinator was primarily a volunteer position. She organized yearly residencies at each grade level in the two elementary schools and in the middle school art class for several decades.

Carol established an annual ABC sale (Aluminum Cans, Books and Crafts) for the artist in residency fund for the district. She has worked to provide books, visual displays and needed materials to teach about art and prominent artists. She has created a model that every school district could follow to create on-going quality arts experiences for their students.

Carol has shared her expertise and experience within the region with her service on many SMAHC Grant Review Panels. And she has served since 1984 as a board member for the Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education. She has been a member on Arts in Education panels for the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Carol is also busy these days enjoying some of her hobbies, such as traveling, attending theater presentations, knitting, helping with Meals on Wheels, and serving with the Historical Society of Chippewa County. She epitomizes the role of advocate for the arts and is most deserving of SMAHC’s Prairie Disciple Award. Congratulations Carol Westberg!

Karen Jenson, 2006 Prairie Star, Continued

Karen actually began painting at a weekend class in Ortonville taught by Addie Pittelkou of St. Paul. Addie suggested to Karen that she take a class at Decorah, Iowa under Sigmund Aarseth. Since that first class, she has taken several week-long classes at the museum studying under several instructors from Norway. She no doubt was an exemplary student because she states that the last time she took a class from Sigmund, he asked her why she was there. But Karen insists that she learned something every time she attended a class.

Karen’s work can be seen in many area churches, businesses and homes in southwest Minnesota and beyond. Among her credits is a sixty foot high mural for Hostfest which is the annual celebration of Nordic culture held at Minot, ND. At the Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, she created, in a rosemaling-based style, 12 panels depicting professions of people in the area who use the facility. Her best-known masterpiece is the rosemaled bed that has been widely exhibited and photographed. She served several times as a master in the folk arts apprenticeship program of the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Karen became involved in the Milan Village Arts School helping to keep it running. She taught many classes there over the years, but also was involved in helping maintain the building, cleaning and doing many of the day-to-day chores. Over the years, she would take in many shows in other communities, hauling, packing & setting up inside and out. Now she mostly teaches and accepts commissions. She is also very involved in her home and has been working on that for about ten years. Karen enjoys traveling to private homes to confer with prospective customers who want something done in their homes.

Karen is truly a distinguished artist whose work and activities have best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAHC region. Congratulations Karen Jenson!
In Memory of Mercein Holzemer

by Greta Murray

We were very saddened to hear that E. Mercein Lorge Holzemer, SMAHC’s 2000 Prairie Disciple, passed away on July 29, 2006 at the age of 90. Mercein was a tireless advocate for the arts in Madison, Lac qui Parle County, southwest Minnesota and the State.

Mercein was a member of the SMAHC board of directors when I was hired in 1984. She served on the SMAHC Board for 6 years and then continued to help us by serving as a member our grant review panel for 8 years! The normal term for a grant panelist was 3 years but Mercein was so good, the board kept appointing her. I was always impressed by Mercein’s sincere interest and devotion to the promotion of the arts in Minnesota.

Luanne Fondell of Dawson nominated Mercein for the Prairie Disciple Award. In her nomination letter Fondell wrote: “Mercein Holzemer is a woman of energy, creativity and passion. Her leadership and tireless involvement exemplify a true commitment to the arts in west central Minnesota. She is fiercely committed to bringing cultural programming to Lac qui Parle County and to the region….Mercein is an inspiration to those around her, whether they are participants or spectators. She possesses a quality that compels other people to share her vision.”

Mercein served as President of the SMAHC Board and as a member of the Executive Committee. She also served on the board of the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, the statewide arts advocacy organization.

At the local level Mercein helped develop and served on the board of the Madison Cultural Affairs Committee and the Lac qui Parle Players. She was instrumental in developing the Prairie Arts Center in Madison. In addition to her volunteer work for the arts community, Mercein served on the Red Cross board, the Lac qui Parle Food Shelf, the Lac qui Parle County Fair board and was an active member of St. Michael’s Church.

Carol Bly wrote: “I am writing to express my whole-hearted, absolutely unconditional support of Mercein Holzemer for the Prairie honor. With her hands she sewed beautify chasubles and other liturgical things for St. Michael’s Church; with her mind she helped the Prairie Arts Center be a place not for visiting celebrities but for the people at home to learn and practice the performing arts. I especially admire that she is both philosophical and funny. She knows life is serious, and people ought to be good, but often they aren’t. And life shows its claws to us all – but she has an abiding humor. That kind of humor comes only in someone who has a strong personal philosophy and is in the habit of standing up for it. She does it briskly, too. She is not a gas bag. But I will tell you what I love best in Mercein. It is her honesty. Honesty is so rare – but I have never heard her lie. What a gift to us all she is! Someone who loves her town, and works hard to make beautiful art of various kinds, and someone who never lies. I commend her to you. Yours Sincerely, Carol Bly.”

I wrote Mercein a letter to tell her that she had been voted to receive The Prairie Disciple Award and that with that award comes a $500 gift certificate for the purchase of artwork (an art object or performance) by a regional artist. Mercein called me to ask did she have to use the certificate for the purchase of art? She said that the thing nearest and dearest to her heart was the restoration of the seats at the Prairie Arts Center and couldn’t she use the certificate for that instead? I said I would have to talk to the board but suggested that she could use the certificate to hire an artist to perform for a fund-raiser at the Prairie Arts Center and in true Prairie Disciple fashion, she jumped at the idea. She used her gift certificate to bring Bill Holm to Madison and the event raised over $900 for the Center.

Mercein (named after a British author, Eleanor Mercein) was born in Belfield, North Dakota in 1916. Mercein was preceded in death by George, her husband of 66 years. She is survived by four children, Margo Leslie, Susan Weberg, Paul Holzemer and Rex Holzemer, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A sincere “thank you” to the SMAHC Board for awarding me the “Prairie Disciple Award,” an honor that in my wildest dreams I would not have envisioned as a remote possibility. I vividly remember Ben Vander Kooi and Vern Stevens being given this award and thinking it was bestowed on very worthy individuals. I knew Ben from my days on the Citizens for the Arts Board and Vern when we both served on the Red Cross Board, both caring and giving people who put their communities first.

I accept this with gratitude but also with humility and know there are many others in the area who have done much more and probably enjoyed it less than I.

Mercein, March 4, 2000

Dear Greta and Rob:

Thanks for the many hours I have been able to spend with wonderful people and for the opportunity to learn more about the Arts. It has been an enlightening experience for me and has also been an adventure in many ways. I have seen so many performances that I have enjoyed, because of the commitment to evaluate, that I probably would not otherwise have made the effort to attend.

It was a great 12 years being involved with an organization that does so much for our part of the state. I will always remember and cherish the meetings with people in different walks of life, the multitude of ideas brought forth and the ability of all to disagree without rancor. I especially appreciate you two and will forever count you as my “special Friends.”

Gratefully, Mercein, April 7, 1998
September/October Calendar

September 8 The Memories in Concert—music, laughter and fun from the 40’s, 50’s & 60’s at 7:00pm at the Business Arts, & Recreation Center, 1012 5th Ave., Windom. Tickets $8 in advance, $10 at door, 12 & under free Contact: BARC Coordinator Fritzie Stemml: 507-831-2375

September 8, 9, 10 Shakespeare in the Park—"Much Ado About Nothing" The Marshall Area Stage Company presents its fourth Shakespeare in the Park production. Sept 8 & 9 at 7 PM; Sept 10 at 2 PM; Liberty Park Band Shell, Marshall; (note: September 15-17, possible rain dates); Free, freewill donations will be accepted; for more information, contact schwoch@southwestmsu.edu or http://marshallareastagecompany.org/

September 9 Old Time Fiddlers Lake Benton Opera House, Lake Benton; 2:00pm, tickets: $5 across the board. For more information, email markw@itctel.com

September 9 Jack Pearson Concert, beginning at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30; Danebod Gym Hall, Danebod Court, Tyler; Tickets: $5 for adults, $1 for children age 12 and under; Singer/Storyteller Jack Pearson will present a family concert in three different sets, with 15 minute breaks between the sets. For more information, contact rgsiemers@hotmail.com

September 14 “Cemetery Club” at 7:00pm at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

Sept. 15 The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, 7:30pm, at the Willmar Education & Arts Center auditorium, 611 5th St. SW, Willmar. Tickets are $15.00 per person, presented by the Willmar Area Arts Council. This concert will kick off the Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! festivities! Contact 320-231-8560 for tickets.

Sept. 16 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! presented by the Willmar Area Arts Council. Come to downtown Willmar all day for this one-of-a-kind arts festival. Enjoy live musical performances including The Fringe Band, Ingapirca, Prairie Winds Band, Singer Erin Tosel, Latin dancers, Willmar Dance Club, and Michael Monroe. Also enjoy original art on display and for sale, food, and fun. There will be art demonstrations, a guitar workshop, kids events, an art raffle, and more. The festival is FREE! For more information on events contact 320-231-8560 or arts council@willmar.k12.mn.us; the website is www.celebrateartcelebratecoffee.com

September 16, 17 “Cemetery Club” at 7:00pm on Saturday and 2:30pm on Sunday at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

September 17 Book Signing for Churches of Minnesota by Doug Ohman 1-4:30pm, program at 2pm, at the Minnesota Machinery Museum, Hanley Falls. For more info, call 507-768-3522 or agmuseum@frontiernet.net

September 21 Minnesota Author, Mark Seeley - Talks about his book, “Minnesota Weather Almanac;” Redwood Falls Public Library, Meeting Room, Redwood Falls; 12:00 Noon to 1 PM, Copies of his book will be available; For more information email jjen sen@plumcreeklibrary.net or call 507-627-8650

September 23 Barn Talk & Barn Tour presented by friends of MN Barns, talking about barn restoration and reuse. Begins at 10:00am, starting at the Minnesota Machinery Museum, noon lunch also, Hanley Falls. For more info, call 507-768-3522 or agmuseum@frontiernet.net

September 25 SMAHC Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm SMAHC office, Marshall

September 30- October 2 The Meander- Upper Minnesota River Arts Crawl, a self guided tour of artist studios, galleries and shops that features the work of more than 50 local artists and craft workers from Canby to Benson, Granite Falls to Ortonville and all points in between. See Page 6 of this newsletter.

October 1 SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities Grant & SMAHC Individual Artist Study Grant Deadlines Please contact the SMAHC office for more information at

What’s Happening?...Get it in VOICES

...in the arts and/or humanities in your area that you would like to publicize?
Submit upcoming events for the November/December VOICES by October 15, 2006.

Date(s): ____________________________ Times: ____________________________
Sponsoring Organization(s): ____________________________________________
Name of Event: __________________________________ Admission: ____________________________
Location: __________________________________ City: ____________________________
Contact person for inquiries: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Name of person completing this form: ____________________________
Phone & e-mail address: ____________________________________________
Brief Description of Event: ____________________________________________
October 3 InPulse A Cappela Band, in conjunction with their residency at Murray County Central High School, will be giving a public concert at 7:00 PM. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students and seniors. The high school is located at 2420 28th Street, Slayton; For more information, email Chad Felton at chad_felton@mcc.mntm.org

October 5 Buffalo Fish Fine Art Gallery’s First Thursdays Event 5-8pm, featuring Willmar artist Ron Adams, color pencil and marker works and Ramsey artist Mark Schnell, metal sculpture. 776 Business Hwy 71, Willmar. http://www.buffalofishfineart.com

October 5-7 “The Jungle Book” performed by the Hayloft Players at 7:00pm on Fri. & Sat. and 2:00 matinee on Sunday at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Contact 320.235.9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com

October 5-8 Nunsensations: The Las Vegas Revue Lake Benton Opera House, Lake Benton; Times: Oct.5-7 - 8:00 PM; Oct. 8 - 2:00 PM. For more information, email markw@itctel.com

October 9 “Connecting the Dots for Cultural Heritage Tourism” Minnesota’s First Cultural/Heritage Tourism Summit, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Minneapolis Institute of Arts, 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. This first-ever gathering will bring together leaders in the arts, cultural, historic, travel, and tourism sectors to network, to explore partnership ideas, to learn about new tools and resources, and begin to develop strategies to grow and reap the benefits of cultural heritage tourism in Minnesota. more details here: industry.exploreminnesota.com/ SMAHC region arts organizations may apply for an Arts Organization Networking and Training Grant to help with expenses for this or other training opportunities.

October 9 Tour of Homes There are 4 homes on this tour - 3 in the city limits of Granite Falls and 1 in the country. The proceeds go to scholarships for graduating YME students. 1-5 PM Tickets: $10; more information email joanb1246@yahoo.com or call 320-564-3442 for . Funds Supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

October 11 SMAHC Grant Writing Workshop, SMAHC office; 2-4 pm-Individual Artist Study Opportunity & 4-6 pm Arts in Education and Communities. Pre-register—call 1-800 622-5284. Workshop if free!

October 12-15 Nunsensations: The Las Vegas Revue Lake Benton Opera House, Lake Benton; Times: Oct. 12 & 13 - 8:00 PM; Oct.14 - 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM; and Oct. 15 - 2:00 PM. For more information, email markw@itctel.com

October 14-15 Raku Rendezvous A 2 day intensive workshop for potters of all skill levels, presented by the Minnesota Crafts Council and Fired Up, Inc. Email mncraft@mtn.org for more information

October 17 SW/WC Service Cooperatives “Conference for Young Artists” 8:30am-2:00pm, at SMSU in Marshall. This is for students in grades K-8, there will be a keynote and many hands-on classes. Early bird registration by Sept. 19 $25.00/students, $10/adults. Final registration by Sept. 26 $30/students, $12/adults. Please contact Sue Gorecki at 507-537-2258 or sue.gorecki@swsc.org

Gallery Listings

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St., Worthington. 507-372-8245

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), Faces & Places of the Prairie: by Shirley Holt and Rita Tate, featuring stoneware sculpture, oil pastels, and pencil works; September thru October 7. From October 10- Nov. 18, Traditional Chinese Paper Cuttings from China. 109 N. 3rd St., Marshall. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm.


Willmar Education & Arts Center Gallery, Sept. 15–Sept. 27 “Moments in Time” : A Retrospective Exhibition of works by Mary K. Thompson. Reception Sept.16 11:00am– 1:30pm. Oct. 2– Oct. 27 Craig and Lynn Edwards, pottery, oil and watercolor paintings. 611 SW 5th St., Willmar, 320-231-8560


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom; Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Contact: (507) 831-1134

Java River Café in Montevideo hosts a new art exhibit every month. They also provide a venue for musicians, poets, and performers; 210 S. 1st Street, Montevideo; Visit their website to read more about their exhibits and live musical performances. www.javarivercafe.com

Crow River Arts Gallery, Hutchinson Mall on Highway 15, Hutchinson; Gallery hours are from noon to 3 PM, Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Call 320-587-0899 for more information or visit their website: http://www.crowriverarts.org.

Check out the latest happenings in the SMAHC region - go to www.smahc.org.
The Barn Theatre is accepting proposals from visual artists to exhibit in The Barn Gallery. Please submit a minimum of 5 slides/photos and a short artist statement and/or resume. For more information, contact lisa@thebarntheatre.com or call Lisa Nordin-320-235-9500; The Barn Theatre PO Box 342, 321 SW 4th St. Willmar, MN 56201

Springboard For The Arts is a non-profit artist service organization. Their mission is to provide affordable management information, consulting and training services designed to improve the business competence and confidence of independent artists and cultural organizations in the Upper Midwest. Check them out at: www.springboardforthearts.org/Workshops/Workshop.asp or call 651-292-4381.

The Bush Artist Fellows Program provides artists with significant financial support that enables them to further their work and their contribution to their communities. Artists may use a Bush Artist Fellowship in many ways—to explore new directions, continue work already in progress or accomplish work not financially feasible otherwise. Up to 15 fellowships of $48,000 each will be awarded in 2007. Application deadlines for the 2007 categories are:
- Literature—October 20, 2006
- Scriptworks and Film/Video—October 27, 2006
- Music Composition—November 3, 2006
Visit http://www.bushfoundation.org for more information.

The Minnesota State Arts Board maintains a database for visual artists who want to locate new venues in which to exhibit and sell their work, and for art patrons and collectors who are interested in viewing or purchasing art in Minnesota. The database is available at www.mnarts.us/exhibit.cfm.

MCAD/Jerome Foundation Fellowships for Emerging Artists; the application deadline is Friday September 8; For more information, and an application form visit their website: http://www.mcad.edu/showPage.php?pageID=1225

MCA/Jerome Foundation Fellowships for Emerging Artists; audition date is Friday, September 8; For more information and an application form visit their website: http://www.mcad.edu/showPage.php?pageID=1225

Milan Village Arts School Classes in Milan, MN
Classes in September and October include Rosemaling, Watercolor Techniques, Viking Chain Knit Bracelet, and Making a Willow Trellis. For a brochure call 320.734.4807 or visit: http://www.milanvillageartsschool.org; email mvas@fedteldirect.net

Attention Writers! The Loft Literary Center lists opportunities for writers at www.loft.org.

The Flower Shop Project is a Twin Cities based theatre company. They are looking for new seedlings to cultivate in their greenhouse. If you are playwright and have a script, submit it for consideration to become a full theatrical production. If interested, read more at http://theflowershopproject.com/cms

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SMAHC DEADLINES
Arts in Education and Communities Grants
Round 1 Application Deadline: October 2, 2006
Earliest Project Start Date: December 1, 2006
Round 2 Application Deadline: December 1, 2006
Earliest Project Start Date: February 15, 2006

Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants
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Round 2 Application Deadline: December 1, 2006
Earliest Project Start Date: February 15, 2006

Next Grant Writing Workshop
October 11, 2006
Call the SMAHC office to register.

Artist Count!

Participate in the Economic Impact Study of Minnesota’s Artists
- Artists are an important part of a healthy community
- Artists have significant economic clout
- Artists contribute to the economy as well as the vitality of Minnesota.

We know that Minnesota’s artists COUNT. This is our chance to prove it.

In order to prove the economic power of Minnesota artists AND because individual artists have been excluded from previous impact studies, the McKnight Foundation has funded an Economic Impact Study of Individual Artists in Minnesota, called Artists Count. Just like the report released in March called The Arts: A Driving Force in Minnesota’s Economy that studied arts organizations in Minnesota, the result will be more attention and respect for artists and their efforts to make their art and their living in Minnesota. This study will also give Springboard for the Arts information it needs to advocate for services for artists like health care and retirement programs.

Make sure that YOU are COUNTED - It’s quick and easy to participate. Please tell other artists about this.

Complete the secure online survey about your income and expenses as an artist at:
http://www.survey.artsusa.org/MNArtistSurvey

Your information and privacy will be completely protected - the survey is housed on a secure site, with farewell protection, and the information gathered by the survey will only be reported in aggregate.
Meander
Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl

Visit 33 studios and more than 45 artists from Ortonville to Granite Falls, Kerkhoven to Canby and many points in between!

Friday, September 29, 2 pm-8 pm
Saturday, September 30, 9 am - 8 pm
Sunday, October 1, 9 am - 4 pm

Meander Evening Events
7 pm Friday September 29
Old-time Radio Show at the Madison Prairie Arts Center

7 pm, Saturday September 30
Benefit Concert for the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association at Dawson Memorial Auditorium

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