Paintings by James Graham on display at the SMAC Gallery

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery will feature the paintings of James Graham of Hutchinson from May 7 through June 26, 2015.

In describing his work, Graham says, “I had to develop a new, looser style of painting due to 11 years of Chronic Lyme’s disease. The various symptoms have caused me to change how I approached approach the canvas, and indeed, build the canvas. The limited hours of activity has pushed me to develop a style which is more immediate relying on the language of paint and my skill gained in the 27 years of painting. It has actually forced me into a style that I have always admired.

“The general theme of the exhibition is ‘Time and Narrative’, looking at the idea that time is subjective, according to the importance attributed to events that happen in it. Narrative chooses to put emphasis on different points in time, which is not a neutral series of abstract instants. It may take a few weeks or possibly a year to complete a painting, but in the end it is a completed work with certain events in the execution having been kept or passed over, yet extant just below the surface, providing a narrative within the painting. A painting that I have worked on for several months with several layers may be completely obscured as I finish said painting in a day. The various events that happened in its creation were possibly subjective but in the end become objective as I decide what to keep or not leading to a completed work.”

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Enjoy live music during the reception. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.
Scholarships still available for Rural Arts & Culture Summit

It’s not too late to apply for a SMAC scholarship to attend this year’s Rural Arts and Culture Summit, "From the Ground Up: Cultivating Creative People and Places" (June 2-4, 2015 at the University of Minnesota-Morris), which celebrates the imaginative and creative thinking that has helped to create vibrant small town cultures. Applications accepted through May 31.

The SMAC scholarship will reimburse organizations or individuals for:

- The early bird registration fee, which includes two days of speakers/workshops and meals
- Up to $75 per night for lodging
- Mileage at $.40/mile (carpooling is strongly encouraged to allow as many people as possible to participate)
- A $100/day stipend for participants who have to take unpaid time off work to attend

Go to www.racsummit.org to register for the Summit. Then, a quick and simple scholarship application is available on the SMAC website, www.swmnarts.org. Just click the “Log In” link. Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis. Funding is made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

SUMMIT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 2
- Registration/Welcome Reception: 6:30 – 9:30pm

Wednesday, June 3
- Registration and Breakfast: 7:45 – 9:00am
- Keynote Speaker Theresa Secord/ Stories from the Field, Part 1: 9:00 – 10:45am
- Breakout Sessions: 11:15 – 12:30pm
- Lunch + Optional Speaker Sheila Smith: 12:30 – 1:45pm
- From the Ground Up Stories: 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Breakout Sessions: 3:30 – 4:45pm
- Local Flavor Celebration: 3:30 – 6:00pm
- Evening dinner and entertainment: 6:30 – 10:00pm

Thursday, June 4
- Registration and Breakfast: 7:45 – 9:00am
- From the Ground Up Panel: 9:00 – 10:30am
- Breakout Sessions: 11:00 – 12:15pm
- Lunch + Optional Speakers Matthew and Charles Fluharty: 12:15 – 1:45pm
- Stories from the Field, Part 2: 2:00 – 2:45pm
- Closing Reception: 2:45 – 4:00pm

Grant review panelists needed for 2015-2016

Are you interested in . . .

- learning about all the arts activities taking place in Southwest Minnesota?
- networking with other regional artists and arts volunteers?
- weighing in on SMAC’s grant application process?
- receiving free tickets to evaluate SMAC-funded arts activities?
- being a part of bringing about arts funding in our communities?

If so, we’d love for you to consider being a grant review panelist for SMAC. Go to http://swmnarts.org/about/become-a-grant-panelist/ to learn more about panelist duties or to fill out a panelist application form. Submit the application for, along with your resume, to info@swmnarts.org or PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258.
SMAC Operating Support Grants & The Cultural Data Project

Beginning July 1, 2015, arts organizations applying for SMAC Operating Support grants will be required to complete Cultural Data Project (CDP) profiles in order to submit a CDP funder report as part of the application process.

What is the Cultural Data Project (CDP)?
“The CDP was first launched in Pennsylvania in 2004 as a statewide, web-based data collection system for nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. Based on the success in Pennsylvania, additional states became interested in adopting the CDP. Minnesota joined the project in 2012. Today, the CDP is operating in more than a dozen states, and is the emerging national model for data collection for the arts and cultural sector. Organizations, grantmakers, and researchers alike will have access to the best data available, as reported by the organizations themselves.” — CDP Website

How will SMAC be using the information you enter into CDP?
Applicants will complete their free CDP profiles and submit funder reports to SMAC in mid-August prior to their official applications in October. This information will allow SMAC to determine the amount an organization may request before they begin work on their grant budget. In the final application, this report will also take the place of the two-year financial statement that organizations were previously required to submit.

Arts organizations applying for any other SMAC grants may also submit a CDP funder report instead of a financial statement.

How will filling out a CDP profile benefit your organization?
In addition to enabling you to apply for SMAC Operating Support grants, CDP can be a helpful tool for your organization.

- Completing a CDP profile every year gives you a picture of your organization over time and allows you to easily produce a variety of reports to use in your own planning and in conversations with your stakeholders.

- After filling out a CDP profile, you’ll be able to compare your organization to others around the state and the country. For instance, you could find out how many volunteers other organizations of your budget size had last year.

- The information you provide to CDP is a helpful tool for Minnesota organizations that advocate for the arts. The recent Creative Minnesota Report, which showed how much impact the arts have on our local economies, drew from information in CDP, and Minnesota Citizens for the Arts uses CDP data when they lobby for the arts at the State Capitol. The more arts organizations participating, the better!

Hands-On CDP Workshops
SMAC will be providing workshops throughout the region in June and/or July to help arts organizations fill out their CDP profiles. Organizations will bring the necessary information about their finances, programs, and other operations, and SMAC staff will walk them through the process and be available for questions while organizations fill out their profiles.

If your organization would like to participate in one of these sessions, contact the SMAC office at 507-537-1471 or info@swmnarts.org by May 29. Dates, times, and locations will be scheduled after we hear from interested organizations.

General workshops about the Operating Support program will be held in late July. Watch for communication from SMAC for more details.

The SMAC office will be closed on Tuesday, May 25 for Memorial Day.
Public Art Workshop, June 24-25

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council (SMAC) will be sponsoring a two-day workshop on public art on June 24-25, 2015 at Prairie’s Edge Casino Resort in Granite Falls.

This free two-day workshop is created especially for those new to working in the public arena at a time when there are increasing invitations for artists and communities to participate in public space design, civic engagement projects, and public art processes. Day one of the workshop is open to artists, community members, design professionals and other cross-sector partners interested in learning more about public art processes. Day two of the workshop will be oriented specifically toward artists interested in learning and sharing best practices of public art processes.

Presenter Kirstin Wiegmann leads Forecast Public Art’s education initiative focusing on deepening educational opportunities for educators and teaching artists to increase public art learning in classroom settings. She provides guidance and resources with a focus on convening conversations, facilitating evaluative feedback, and developing interactive, educational approaches for learning about public art.

Co-presenter Carrie Christensen’s work explores the intersection of arts and community engagement. She has worked nationally and internationally on affordable housing, public art, urban agriculture, tactical urbanism, transportation equity, bike and pedestrian planning, and historic preservation efforts – which shape the foundation of her community-based practice.

SMAC will pay for attendee mileage and lodging, along with a $100 per day stipend for those who need to take unpaid time off work to attend the workshop. Information about workshop registration and more details about the workshop itself will be sent out in May.

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One of 22 wooden fish turned into art by local artists during Spicer’s “Fish Gone Wild” project in 2010.

A mosaic bench on the Appleton Memory Trail, a community art project in Riverside Park, Appleton, completed in 2011.

A view of “At the Bend of the Redwood”, a mural completed in 2011, representing the history of Marshall.
SMAC to hold public hearing on Fiscal Year 2016 & 2017 Biennial Plan

On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council (SMAC) will hold a hearing at 7:00 pm at the SMAC Office, 114 N Third Street, Marshall, MN.

SMAC is offering this to ensure response to constituent needs in the SMAC’s 2016 -2017 Biennial Plan. This hearing is designed to gather testimony about the Arts Council’s programs and policies. Commentary and recommendations will be considered prior to final submission of the Biennial Plan.

Individuals or groups can present testimony at the Marshall meeting. SMAC invites the public to address what is important to their community, suggestions for programs and services, and what special areas the Arts Council should address. Written testimony may be submitted to: Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258.

A summary of the Biennial Plan is available on the SMAC website (www.swmnarts.org) or can be reviewed at the SMAC office, 114 N Third Street, Marshall, MN. For more information call SMAC at (507) 537-1471 or toll free 1-800-622-5284 or email at info@swmnarts.org.

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May 1-2 Photography Workshop, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. Taught by Molly Schweinfurter. Information at www.mojophotographyworkshops.com, cedigomo@gmail.com, or 507-828-3282.

May 3 Artist Reception: Timothy Arand-McIlrath, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

May 3 Artist Reception: Sampson Family, 2:00-4:00 pm, Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom.

*MAY CALENDAR

*MAY 26 SMAC Grant Application DEADLINE: Individual Artists, Round III. 4:30 pm deadline for applicationsubmissions.

*MAY 9 Kids' Art Workshops, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore. 5-8 year olds: 10:00am -12:00pm. 9-14 year olds: 1:00-4:00 pm. Contact instructor Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien at 507-360-6094.

*MAY 10 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, 3:00 pm, Willmar Education Arts Center, 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Information at www.willmarorchestra.com.


*MAY 14 SMAC Artist Reception: James Graham, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music at the reception from 5:30-6:30 pm.

May 16 Everly Brothers Tribute, 8:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone.

*MAY 21 Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 13th Street, 714 13th St, Worthington. Information at: worthingtonareasymphonyorchestra.weebly.com/.

*MAY 21 Artist Reception: Deborah Moore, 7:00 pm, KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council), 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls.

May 25 SMAC Office Closed -- Memorial Day.

*MAY 26 SMAC Biennial Plan Public Hearing, 7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.


*MAY 30 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Individual Artists Round III, 9:00 am, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*MAY 30 Prairie Dance Alliance Dance Camp Showcase, 6:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Information at: http://prairiedancealliance.org/.

JUNE CALENDAR

June 1 Music on Mondays: Cassie & the Bobs, 7:00 pm, Central Park, Canby. Food available starting at 6:00 pm. Organized by Canby Arts Council. Information on Facebook: Canby Arts Council Canby MN.

June 2-4 Rural Arts & Culture Summit, University of Minnesota, Morris.

June 4-6 & 11-14 "Les Miserables", Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), Marshall. Marshall Area Stage Company production. All performances 7:00 pm, except at June 14 at 2:00 pm. Info at www.marshallareastagecompany.org.

*June 5 Artist Reception: Amanda Doster, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Winsted Arts Council, 131 Main Ave W, Winsted. Live music.

*June 6 Riverspace Passageway Celebration, 11:00 am, Riverspace Plaza, New London. Celebrating the completion of a mosaic sculpture near the current Department of Natural Resources switchback trailhead that leads to the foot of the dam and the Crow River.

June 7 Artist Reception: George Crockett, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

June 11-14 "Les Miserables", Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), Marshall. Marshall Area Stage Company production. All performances 7:00 pm, except at June 14 at 2:00 pm. Info at www.marshallareastagecompany.org.

*June 11-16 & 18-21 "Fiddler on the Roof", The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St, Willmar. Sundays at 1:00 pm; all other performances at 7:30 pm. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com.

*June 13 Kids' Art Workshops, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore. 5-8 year olds: 10:00am -12:00pm. 9-14 year olds: 1:00-4:00pm. Contact instructor Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien at 507-360-6094.

June 15 Music on Mondays: Benjamin Raye Band, 7:00 pm, Central Park, Canby. Food available starting at 6:00 pm. Organized by Canby Arts Council. Information on Facebook: Canby Arts Council Canby MN.

*June 18-21 "Fiddler on the Roof", The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St, Willmar. Sundays at 1:00 pm; all other performances at 7:30 pm. Info at www.thebarntheatre.com.

*June 18-20 & 25-28 "Into the Woods", Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Pipestone. Calumet Players production. Sundays at 2:00 pm; all other performances at 7:30 pm. Information at www.pipestonemn.com/performingartscenter/calumetplayers/

*June 19-20 Studio Hop, Willmar-Spicer-New London Area. Tour local artists’ studios 4:00-9:00 pm on Friday and 10:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday. Information at http://studiohop.wordpress.com.

June 19-20 Photography Workshop, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. Taught by Molly Schweinfurter. Information at www.mojophotographyworkshops.com, cedigomo@gmail.com, or 507-828-3282.

June 20-21 Sidewalk Art Gallery, Downtown Canby. Sidewalk Art Gallery displays are in business windows, visible from the sidewalk all day.

*June 23 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*June 23 Swift County Concert Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Appleton. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee's Summer Concert Series.

*June 24-25 Forecast Public Art Workshop, Prairie's Edge, 5616 Prairies Edge Lane, Granite Falls.

*June 25-28 "Into the Woods", Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Pipestone. Calumet Players production. Sundays at 2:00 pm; all other performances at 7:30 pm. Info at www.pipestonemn.com/performingartscenter/calumetplayers/

*June 27 New London Historical Street Theater, 1:00-4:00 pm, New London. PlaceBase Productions, in partnership with the City of New London and The Little Theatre, turns the streets of New London into a stage to showcase the local talent and rich history, legends and folklore in a Historical Street Theater production during the town’s sesquicentennial celebration Summer 2015.

June 27 "Ole & Lena's Wedding", 7:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Information at www.dawsonboydarts.org.

June 29 Music on Mondays: Russ & Dee Dee Tibbits, 7:00 pm, Central Park, Canby. Food available starting at 6:00 pm. Organized by Canby Arts Council. Information on Facebook: Canby Arts Council Canby MN.

*June 30 Montevideo Area Community Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Appleton. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee's Summer Concert Series.
**GALLERIES**

**SMAC Art Gallery.** 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. May 7-June 26: James Graham, paintings. Reception May 14, 5:00-7:00 pm. Live music from 5:30-6:30 pm. 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. Through May 12, “Fragile”, various artists. In conjunction with the play, “The Glass Menagerie”. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email 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 cahrc@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 Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net.


**KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council).** 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. Through May 15: Malena Handeen, “Good Lookin Out”, paintings. May 19-June 27: Deborah Moore, glass art. Reception & Artist Talk May 21, 7:00 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/GraniteArtsCouncil.


**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. May: Timothy Arand-McIlrath, fiber art. Reception May 3, 1:00-4:00 pm. June: George Crockett, paintings. Reception June 6, 2:00-4:00 pm. 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.

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


**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society.** 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. May 3—September 5: “Wood and Wool: A Sampson Family Odyssey”. Reception May 3, 2:00-4:00 pm. 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. 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 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. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartsCouncil.org.

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