SMAC awards $72,777 in grants to area organizations

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council has awarded $72,777 in grants to 18 organizations under the following programs: Board Initiated Grants, $2,500; Art Project Grants, $59,149; Art Legacy Project Planning Grants, $4,000; Arts Organization Development Grants, $2,880; and Equipment & Facilities Improvement Grants, $4,248.

**LOCAL ARTS INITIATIVE GRANT**

SW/WC Service Cooperative, Marshall, $2,500 to sponsor their 2015 Young Writers Conference in January 2015 for students in grades 3-8.

**ART PROJECT GRANTS** provide area organizations with up to $5,000 in matching funds to produce or present a community-served art project.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar, $5,000 for the Boston Brass quintet to perform as part of the Music at Bethel concert series.

Crow River Singers, Hutchinson, $1,014 for their spring 2015 concert.

Dassel-Cokato Community Education, $4,000 for the Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre production of *The Romancers*.

Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall, $5,000 for Southwest Minnesota Orchestra’s children’s concert, “Adventures in Space”, and a youth string concerto competition.

McLeod County Historical Society, Hutchinson, $5,000 for the production of *Singing with the Cows*, about the history of McLeod County rural life.

Meander Art Crawl, Granite Falls, $5,000 for the 2015 Meander.

Prairie Arts Continuum, Windom, $4,750 for their production of *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Prairie Winds Concert Band, Willmar, $2,555 for their 2014-2015 concert season.

RiverSong Music Festival, Hutchinson, $5,000 for their 2015 music festival.

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UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

All SMAC grants must be applied for online. Go to www.swmnarts.org for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

October 1, 2014:
  Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Start-Up

October 15, 2014:
  Arts in the Schools, Round I
  Earliest project start date: December 15, 2014

October 29, 2014:
  Art Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement
  Earliest project start date: December 15, 2014

November 1, 2014:
  Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Start-Up

December 1, 2014:
  Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Start-Up

December 15, 2014:
  Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round II
  Earliest project start date: February 15, 2015

January 1, 2015:
  Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Start-Up

January 15, 2015:
  Arts in the Schools, Round II
  Earliest project start date: March 15, 2015

FY15 Operating Support grant program cancelled while program is redesigned

Last fiscal year (2013-2014), SMAC debuted a new Operating Support grant program for arts organizations. Over this past summer, we worked with Otteson Consulting of New London to evaluate the first round of the program to assess its effectiveness, evaluate the application and review process, better understand perceptions related to the program and eligibility, and to gather suggestions for program redesign and messaging.

Otteson Consulting interviewed and surveyed SMAC staff, board members, grant review panelists, applicants to the Operating Support program, and eligible arts organizations who did not apply. Thank you to all those who participated in the evaluation.

After reviewing the evaluation findings, SMAC determined that the Operating Support program needs to be redesigned and will not be offered this fiscal year. The originally published application deadline of October 1, 2014 has been cancelled.

SMAC will take the rest of the year to continue its process of determining needs, requirements, communication methods, and an application process, resulting in a revised Operating Support program that will best serve SMAC-region arts organizations.

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS. Plan on attending one of the following workshops to learn about the requirements for your application, get your questions answered, and find out about other projects going on in the area. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register for these free workshops. Go to www.swmnarts.org for venues.

Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects

November 17, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Venue to be determined
Pipestone

November 18, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall
2014 SMAC ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council’s 2014 Annual Celebration, held at the Marshall Golf Club, was attended by 122 guests, representing all of the 18 counties in the SMAC region. Attendees were treated to a pottery exhibit by Craig Edwards at the SMAC Gallery, regional artist booths, a delicious pasta bar, the presentation of this year’s Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards, performances by the Great Plains String Quartet, Aimon Dwan, and Prairie Star Emily Lodine, and a “Spirit of the Region” raffle. Thanks to all our guests, board members, staff, artists, musicians, and volunteers for an enjoyable evening!

Top left: The Great Plains String Quartet (Worthington) plays for guests. Top right: SMAC Executive Director Greta Murray presents John Voit with the Prairie Disciple Award. Left: Guests at dinner. Below: Items from the “Spirit of the Region” raffle.

SMAC grants awarded, continued

Willmar Area Arts Council, $2,355 for Studio Hop 2015.

Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, $4,475 for their fall 2014 concerts.

Willmar Community Theatre (The Barn), $5,000 for their winter 2014-2015 theatre season, including A Christmas Carol, The Little Shop of Horrors, and The Glass Menagerie.

Winsted Arts Council, $5,000 for their 2014-2015 arts classes, exhibits, and performances.

Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra, $5,000 for their fall 2014 concert.

ART LEGACY PROJECT PLANNING GRANTS provide organizations with up to $2,000 to finalize the plans for a specific large-scale project or activity that will create or advance a strong arts legacy in Minnesota.

City of Montevideo, $2,000 for the artist selection process for a mural in Jose Artigas Plaza.

New London Arts & Culture Alliance, $2,000 to plan for a large permanent ceramic sculpture with a “Global Village” theme that will be fired in place in New London.

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

Friends of the Auditorium, Worthington, $2,880 to attend the 2014 Arts Midwest Conference.

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

Winsted Arts Council, $4,248 to purchase a sound system and choral risers.

SMAC arts calendar

Do you or your organization have a performance, exhibit, class, or other arts event coming up? Go to www.swmnarts.org to use our event submission form or email us at info@swmnarts.org to submit your event to be posted on SMAC’s area arts events calendar online and in our newsletter. Or, mail a poster to SMAC, PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258. We’d love to hear what’s going on in your community!
October Calendar

*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 3 Artist Reception: Meander Artists, 7:00-9:00 pm, KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. Featuring John White, Kerry Kolke-Bonk, Jean Menden, Dale & Jo Pederson, Celeste Suter, Nancy Bergman, Gene Stukel, Bradley Hall, Neva & Jim Foster, Tamara Isfeld, Curt & Paula Soine, Audrey Arner, Richard Handeen, and Any Kahmann. Information at 320-564-4240 or graniteareaarts@gmail.com.

*October 3 Granite Falls Community Walking Theater, 7:00-9:00 pm, Main Street, Granite Falls.

*October 3 Minneapolis Guitar Quartet with Gao Hong, 7:00-9:00 pm, Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, 1128 North Highway, Jackson. MGQ will also be conducting a masterclass/coaching session from 10:00 am-12:00 pm the next day.


October 3-4 Weekend Photography Workshop with Molly Schweinfurter, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. For photographers of all skill levels to develop your photographer’s eye and improve your composition skills. Friday: 7:00-8:00 pm at Molly’s home studio. Saturday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm shooting on location in the MN River Valley and the city of Redwood Falls. Contact Molly at cedigomo@gmail.com or 507-828-3282.


*October 3-5 Meander Art Crawl, various locations along the Upper Minnesota River. Oct 3: 12:00-6:00 pm, Oct 4: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Oct 5: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The award-winning Meander is a free self-guided tour of artist studios featuring 45 local artists from the Upper Minnesota River Valley. The event has more than 33 individual studios in and near the Western Minnesota Communities of Ortonville, Appleton, Madison, Milan, Dawson, Montevideo and Granite Falls. Information at www.artsmeander.com.

October 3-5 & 10-12 "Blithe Spirit", Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. A Noel Coward comedy. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Information at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org or 507-368-4320.

*October 4 "Goodnight Desdemona", 2:00pm & 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, Willmar. "Goodnight Desdemona" is the story of Constance Ledbelly, who is writing a doctoral thesis about two of Shakespeare’s tragedies. She finds herself transported into the worlds of Romeo and Juliet and Othello, where she interferes with the plot, gets to know the characters, and discovers her true identity. To reserve tickets, call Nikki Bettcher Erickson 320-262-9170 or email nikkibettcher@hotmail.com.

October 4 & 5 Song of the Prairie Show Chorus: "Sentimental Journey". Oct 4: 7:00 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Cottonwood, featuring Four on the Floor. Oct 5, 2:00 pm, St Stephen Lutheran Church, Marshall, featuring a surprise guest.


October 5: Artist Reception: Giovanni Lombardini, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

October 5 Pierce Pettis, 6:00 pm, De Ole Lakkensgaarda Hus, 380 8th Ave, Granite Falls. National touring singer/songwriter Pierce Pettis. Information at 320-564-4240 or graniteareaarts@gmail.com.

October 9 Artist Reception: Jan Urban, 6:00-8:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson.

October 9 Artist Reception: Deborah Larson, 4:00-6:00 pm, Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St SW, Willmar.

October 10-12 "Blithe Spirit", Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. A Noel Coward comedy. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Information at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org or 507-368-4320.

October 10-12 & 17-19 "Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe", Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm.


*October 11 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Individual Artists, 9:00 am, SMAC Office 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

October 12 The Rose Ensemble: "The Roots of Bluegrass". 2:00 pm at First Lutheran Church, 100 Church St, Marshall. 7:30 pm at Redwood Falls High School, Estebo Performing Arts Center, 100 George Ramseth Dr, Redwood Falls. Information at www.RoseEnsemble.org.


October 15 SMAC Grant Deadline: Arts in the Schools. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

October 17 Artist Reception: Nick & Nicole Fischer, 6:30-8:30 pm, KK BERGE Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls.

October 17-19 "Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe", Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Information at 507-825-5537 or www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/

*October 19 Buffalo Ridge Chorale: "For All the Saints", 4:00 pm, St John Cantius Catholic Church, Wilno. The concert will include sacred songs, tasteful Halloween songs, and a piece commissioned especially for the Chorale, composed by Dr. Paul Nesheim of Augsburg College.

*October 19 SW MN Orchestra: "Remembrance of the Great War", 4:00 pm, Schwam Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, Marshall. As part of Marshall’s the “Remembrance of the Great War: WWI Commemoration Series” concert will feature works inspired by and composed during World War I. The concert will also feature the Meadowlark Quartet.

October 23-25 & Nov 1-2 "The Comedy of Errors", 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Theater, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. (Nov 2 at 2:00 pm.) SMSU celebrates this year’s happy coincidence of the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare’s birth and the 50th anniversary of the Beatles’ arrival in the US by presenting Shakespeare’s madcap comedy of twins, mistaken identities, slapstick humor, and clever word play in a style inspired by the Beatles’ film, "A Hard Day’s Night." Dinner theatre October 25 and November 1. Information at www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts.

October 24-26 "Tales of Edgar Allen Poe", Marshall Lyon County Library, 201 C Street, Marshall. Marshall Area Stage Company radio drama. Live performances October 24-26, 7:00 pm Friday & Saturday, 2:00 pm Sunday. Radio air date TBA. Information at www.marshallareastagecompany.org.

October 25 "We Call It Magic", 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Classic magic, illusions, mindreading and comedy. Information at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/ or 507-825-5537.


*October 26 Willmar Area Symphony Orchestra: "Orchestra Masterworks", 3:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), 611 SW Fifth St SW, Willmar. Featuring vocalist Darcy Lease-Gubrud. Information at www.willmarorchestra.com.


*October 28 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

October 29 SMAC Grant Deadline: Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

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**GALLERIES**

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. July September 11-October 31: Craig Edwards, pottery. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.


Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. October: Photo Contest. 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.

*Hutchinson Center for the Arts. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Through October 3: Ellen Starr, “Explorations in Metal Clay.” September 9-October 30: Jan Urban, quilts. Reception October 9, 6:00-8:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Mon – Thurs 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

*KK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. September 1-October 4: Meander Artists Group Exhibit. Next exhibit: Nick & Nicole Fischer, “A Marriage of Line & Texture.” Reception October 17, 6:30—8:30 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4240 for information.


Minnesota Machinery Museum, 100 N 1st St, Hanley Falls. Collection of rural art. Hours: M-S 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Sunday 1:00-4:30 pm. Info at 507-768-3522 or www.mnmachinmuseum.org.

Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. October: Giovanni Lombardini, paintings. Reception October 5, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. September 22-November 22: Nan Karr Kaufenburg, linoleum block prints. 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.


*Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC). 611 5th St SW, Willmar. September 29-November 7: Deborah Larson, “Couch Culture”, paintings. Reception: October 9, 4:00-6:00 pm. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.

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