New London potter Craig Edwards exhibits at SMAC gallery

Craig Edwards of New London’s wood-fired pottery will be on exhibit at the SMAC Gallery from September 11 through October 31, 2014.

Edwards says, “My journey as a potter is one that combines my dual interests of making functional pottery and the art of tea.

“I enjoy making pottery out of a coarse stoneware clay and wood firing it in wood fueled kiln (an anagama) that I built, in New London, Minnesota, where my studio is located. The firings are between three and five days in duration. The longer firing allows me to slow down and spend some time with the process.

“The pots that come out of a longer firing are like friends from childhood that have lived a life and I am meeting them again in their old age. Some have been in the right place in the kiln and show the drama and blessing of the fire. Some may have been not so lucky and been knocked about by a bad stoke. Of course, there are also some that go through the firing and come out bland and boring with little to show of the experience.

“The woodfire is more than a tool, it is a collaborator in the creative process. The anagama allows the full force of the wood fire to express the exquisite random patterns left by the natural flow of the fire. The introduction of the fire as a collaborator creates work that introduces nature as part of the creative process.

“I received a Jerome Foundation grant in 2003, to travel to Korea and Japan to study pottery and the tea culture. Since then, I have traveled there several times to visit and work with potters who make tea ware, tea masters, and Zen masters to better appreciate how pottery functions within the art of tea. Although many pots are made for the tea ceremony, it is the

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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.

September 1, 2014:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Arts Legacy Planning, & Start-Up

September 19, 2014:
Individual Artists (Developing, Career, & Legacy)
Earliest project start date: November 15, 2014

October 1, 2014:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Arts Legacy 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

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December 1, 2014:
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December 15, 2014:
Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round I
Earliest project start date: February 15, 2015

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.

Arts in the Schools
September 4, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

September 8, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Adrian High School Library
415 Kentucky Ave, Adrian

September 9, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
New London-Spicer HS
District Office Conference Room
101 4th Ave SW, New London

Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement
September 29, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Milan Village Arts School
97 Washington Ave, Milan

September 30, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

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Become a SMAC Board Member

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Board of Directors has six positions up for election this year and three additional open positions.

The SMAC Board is made up of one representative from each of the eighteen counties in southwestern Minnesota. Members have an interest in a variety of artistic disciplines, and include artists, those actively involved in arts organizations, and arts advocates who understand the importance of the arts in our region.

The Board of Directors meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday evening at the SMAC office in Marshall to set policies, make final decisions on grant awards with input from grant review panels, share ideas and information from their representative counties, and to design programs that enable SMAC to best serve our communities. This is a perfect opportunity for any arts lover to help enrich and support an active arts environment in our region.

The six positions whose terms will expire this year and are up for election at SMAC’s Annual Celebration on September 13, 2014 are the representatives for Big Stone, Murray, McLeod, Nobles, Redwood, and Swift Counties. Several of these counties already have nominees, but SMAC is still accepting nominations of SMAC members for all of the above counties.

Three more counties currently have vacancies — Pipestone, Renville, and Yellow Medicine. Applications or nominations from SMAC members will be accepted at any time.

Application/nomination responsibilities are available at www.swmnarts.org, or contact the SMAC office at info@swmnarts.org or 800-622-5284.

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Gossman, Harp, & Renneker to perform at SMAC Gallery

Come hear the folk music trio of Bill Gossman (harmonica and Irish whistle), Andy Renneker (fiddle and banjo), and Maggie Harp (guitar), all from the New London area, perform at the SMAC Gallery in Marshall on Thursday, September 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, during Craig Edwards’ exhibit reception.

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Edwards exhibit, continued

aesthetics from this that inform the design and process of many other works.

“In 2010, I built a wood fueled kiln (anagama) in Taku, Japan, and continue to work there and in Mungyeong, South Korea. These areas have pottery traditions that date back hundreds of years, and provide a rich experience that I embrace wholeheartedly.

“A consistency between philosophy, design principles and process result in an artistic expression that resonates with my life. Hopefully creating work that is a vehicle for aesthetic contemplation as well as functional.”

Born in Yankton, South Dakota in 1949, Edwards was educated in South Dakota, Germany and Northern California. He became interested in pottery while studying with James Kanako at American River College in California. Edwards worked with several potters gaining valuable experience before moving to Minnesota in 1977. After two years in Minneapolis, Edwards was drawn to a more rural setting and moved to New London, where he operates Banner Oak Pottery. Edwards has received multiple grants from SMAC over the years.

Come meet Edwards at the SMAC Gallery during his reception from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, September 25. Enjoy live music by Bill Gossman, Maggie Harp, and Andrew Renneker from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Regular gallery hours are Mon - Fri, 8 am to noon and 1 to 4:30 pm.
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

*September 4 SMAC Grant Workshop: Arts in the Schools*, 5:30-7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Contact SMAC to register.

*September 4 Patchouli Concert/Artist Reception: Bruce Hecksel*, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson.

*September 5 Dick Kimmel & Andrea Lyn*, 7:30 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. Dick Kimmel of New Ulm is called "The Ambassador of Bluegrass." Concert is free.

*September 6 Sweet Papa Dave’s Band*, 8:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone.

*September 7 Artist Reception: Liat Smestad*, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

*September 8 SMAC Grant Workshop: Arts in the Schools*, 5:30-7:00 pm, Adrian High School Library, 415 Kentucky Ave, Adrian. Contact SMAC to register.

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*September 12-13 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.

*September 13 SMAC Annual Celebration, 4:00-9:00 pm, Marshall Golf Club, 800 Country Club Dr, Marshall.* Celebrate art & artists at the 2014 SMAC Annual Celebration. Evening include an awards ceremony for Prairie Star - Emily Lodine and Prairie Disciple - John Voit, plus a "Spirit of the Region" raffle, pasta buffet dinner, and live music by the Great Plains String Quartet and Emily Lodine.

*September 14 Aureole Trio*, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson High School, Hutchinson. Aureole Trio is an unusual blend of flute, harp, and viola. Part of the Hutchinson Concert Association Concert Series. Information at [www.hutchinsonarts.org/hutchinson-concert-association](http://www.hutchinsonarts.org/hutchinson-concert-association).

*September 19 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Individual Artists.* Includes Development, Career, and Career Legacy categories. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*September 19-21 Lakeside Writers Weekend, Lakewood Supper Club, Ortonville.* Professor Marianne Zarzana and Dr. Judy Wilson of SMSU lead workshops for writers of all skill levels. Information at [http://bigstonearts.wordpress.com/](http://bigstonearts.wordpress.com/).

*September 20 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, downtown Willmar. The festival will feature a juried art show and sale, artists’ demonstrations, music, free hands-on make and take activities for kids both big and small, a food court, and, of course, free coffee all day! Information at [www.celebrateartcelebratecoffee.com](http://www.celebrateartcelebratecoffee.com).

*September 23 A Gaelic Harp Celebration Concert*, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson.

*September 23 SMAC Board Meeting*, 7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*September 24-26 "Goodnight Desdemona", 7:30 pm, Glacial Ridge Winery, 15455 County Road 131, Spicer.* "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. Additional performances on October 4 at the Barn Theatre, Willmar. Tickets go on sale for public on September 10. To reserve tickets, call Nikki Bettcher Erickson at 320-262-9170 or email nikkibettcher@hotmail.com.

*September 25 Artist Reception: Craig Edwards*, 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live music by
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**GALLERIES**

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**Big Stone Arts Council Gallery.** 42 NW 2nd St, Ortonville. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 11:00am - 4:00pm. Info at 320-487-1001 or http://bigstonearts.wordpress.com/.

**Carnegie Cultural Center.** 205 N Freeman, Luverne. September: Plein Aire Painters. 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 September 4: Bruce Hecksel, “Guitars, Landscapes, and Guitar Landscapes.” 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. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4240 for information.


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**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.mnmachinerymuseum.org.

**Nobles County Art Center.** 407 12th St, Worthington. September: Liat Smestad, photography. Reception: September 7, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

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

**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society.** 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. 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.

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**Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC).** 611 5th St SW, Willmar. August 12-September 29: Greg Harp, photography. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.
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Grant guidelines, grant applications, arts calendar, news and contact info

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