SMAHC Artist Retreat: April 27, 2013

Come to the historic Danebod Folk School in Tyler, MN on April 27 to be inspired at SMAHC’s 2013 Artist Retreat. In addition to a full day of sessions on Saturday, join us the night before for entertainment, networking, and on-site overnight lodging. Performances during the weekend include Luther Cole (7:00 pm Friday), who will share his music and highlights of his 40-year solo artist career made more difficult because of Asperger’s Syndrome, and Marshall Taiko (1:00 pm Saturday), led by Chad Przymus, who will present later on during the day.

You’ll be able to customize your retreat by choosing from several options for each session. Go to page 4 to read about the workshops, activities, and presenters.

Cost for the retreat is $15 for the day of workshops (including meals) on Saturday (April 27), or $35 for the workshops and meals on Saturday plus lodging on Friday night (April 26). (Note: Registration fees are now lower than the amounts listed in the previous issue of Voices.)

Register at www.smahc.org or call 800-622-5284.
A successful Minnesota Arts Advocacy Day at the Capitol

On March 7, nearly 700 Arts Advocates from every corner of the state took over the Capitol to ask legislators to support an increase in arts funding for the next two years. It was a good day for us as legislators heard about how important the arts are to their neighbors and constituents. In hundreds of meetings in the Capitol that morning, advocates delivered three messages:

1. **Please devote at least 50% of the Legacy Arts & Culture Fund to the Minnesota State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils system** so that it can get out in grants and services to all 87 counties. Right now the RACs and MSAB can only meet 50% of the grant requests due to lack of funds and high demand. Right now the MSAB/RAC system receives only 43% of the Arts & Culture Fund.

2. **Please oppose earmark projects from the Legacy Arts & Culture Fund that would only serve one district.** Some legislators have come up with several projects that would divert Legacy dollars from all 87 counties into a single project in just their district. We oppose these projects because they should go through the same competitive, accountable MSAB/RAC system so that there is oversight of where the money goes.

3. **Please oppose placing new taxes on the nonprofit arts, including ticket taxes.** The good news on this item is that the Governor withdrew his proposal just a few days after Arts Advocacy Day. However, the legislature may still want to pursue broadening the sales tax so we'll have to keep an eye on it.

To contact your legislators about MN arts issues, go to www.mncitizensforthearts.org/actnow.

— Minnesota Citizens for the Arts

Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre places first at MACT*Fest

Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre’s production of *The Diviners* placed first in the 2013 Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT) Festival on Sunday, March 17. They and the Dakota Fine Arts Consortium of Burnsville will now represent Minnesota at the Region 5 American Association of Community Theatres (AACT) Festival in Fargo, ND, April 26-28, 2013.

Two additional public performances of "*The Diviners*" have been scheduled at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center: Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm and Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. Admission will be a free-will donation accepted at the door. Proceeds from these performances and a silent auction will help cover the Region 5 festival and traveling expenses.

Congratulations to *The Diviners* cast, crew, and musicians: Isaac Olson, Alison Basney*, Ron Hungerford*, Tom Langemo*, Lisa Kotila, Ruby Bauman, Shara Marquez, David Metcalf*, Becky Hungerford, Neal Hungerford, Tom Nelson, Sam Rydberg, Scott Hanson, John Ryan*, Nathan Hanson, Butch Amundson*, Linda Metcalf* and Deb Moen. *Outstanding Achievement Award winner
SMAHC funds available for Rural Arts & Culture Summit attendees

Because the SMAHC board believes that attendance at the Rural Arts & Culture Summit is so important, it has established a grant to cover expenses for people from the SMAHC region to attend. A quick and simple application form will be available on the SMAHC website, www.smahc.org.

The SMAHC grant will reimburse organizations or individuals for:

- The early bird registration fee, which includes a full day of speakers/workshops and meals
- Up to $25 per night for lodging in campus apartments
- Mileage at $.40/mile (carpooling is strongly encouraged to allow as many people as possible to participate)
- A $50/day stipend for participants who have to take time off work to attend.

Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis, so get your application in early. Early bird registration for the Summit is through April 30. Funding is made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

More about the Rural Arts & Culture Summit, June 5-6, 2013

Don’t miss this opportunity to network with artists, arts organizations, community leaders and city planners. Join the conversation! This year’s Rural Arts and Culture Summit, "Leveraging Arts and Culture to Build Thriving Communities," celebrates the transformative power of arts-based community development in rural towns. Hosted by the Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota-Morris, this event will gather leaders from all over the country to share innovative models for bridging partnerships between the arts and community issues, such as health, environment, sense of place, livability and economic development.

The Summit will feature a wide variety of presentations, panels, networking opportunities, and hands-on workshops. Keynote speakers include: John Davis, a nationally recognized leader in developing rural communities by engaging artists and arts organizations to strengthen the economy of their region; June Holley, who has mobilized dozens of organizations to collaborate, self-organize, and create an environment that would help these businesses innovate and work together, through Network Weaver; and Michael Strand, Department Head and Professor of Art at North Dakota State University and a potter who investigates the potential of craft as a catalyst for social change.

CONNECT with other arts and culture makers, organizers and community leaders who are interested in the creativity that sustains rural communities every day

LEARN about innovative models, historical contexts, and collaborative approaches to building audiences, fostering community interaction, and enhancing livability through arts engagement.

CREATE with artists who are dedicated to building community through their work - pottery, songwriting, murals and more!

CATALYZE ideas for your own community . . . and leave energized to continue the work!

CELEBRATE our stories of life in rural America, a life rich with culture and creativity through fun daytime and evening activities!


The Rural Arts and Culture Summit is a partnership between the Center for Small Towns, Springboard for the Arts, the Forum of Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota-Morris. Sponsors include the McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board/Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund, and Art Works.
UPCOMING SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES

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

April 1, 2013: Arts Legacy Project Planning
April 1, 2013: Arts Organization Development/Equipment & Facilities, Round III
April 19, 2013: Arts in the Schools, Round II
May 1, 2013: Arts Legacy Project Planning
May 1, 2013: Individual Artist, Round II (Development & Legacy only)
May 17, 2013: Art Project & Arts Legacy, Round III

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Workshops are free, but advance registration is encouraged. Contact the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net to register.

Art Project & Arts Legacy Grant Workshop
   April 18, 4:30-6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, Marshall

SMAHC AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE

April 15, 2013: Prairie Disciple Award nominations —honoring an outstanding arts advocate.
SMAHC Gallery to feature the pottery of Chris Boedigheimer

Chris Boedigheimer of Litchfield will exhibit his pottery at the SMAHC Gallery May 2 through June 28, 2013. Boedigheimer graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, emphasis in Ceramics. He has spent the last two years apprenticing under Craig Edwards in New London, MN with a special interest in learning to fire traditional wood fired kilns.

SMAHC is excited to showcase the work of a potter in its gallery, the first time it has been able to do so since moving to its new location. Talking about his work, Boedigheimer shared that many methods may be used to heat a kiln to fire pottery, but wood-fired kilns add a little something extra. Boedigheimer says, “Wood-firing is more traditional, more earthy, using natural materials. It results in a certain amount of spontaneity. I like a little mystery, a little chance. Ash from a wood-fired kiln can mix with glaze in unusual ways, creating unique patterns. Mixing your own glazes allows you to change ingredients to try and guide your results.” Boedigheimer also has been experimenting with using coiled rope techniques to impress patterns into the clay, resulting in pottery that is pleasing to the eye and interesting to touch.

The public is invited to visit the SMAHC gallery in downtown Marshall to meet Chris Boedigheimer at a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 2. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

SMAHC Memberships and Donations Received
February 23—March 25, 2013

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APRIL CALENDAR

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**April 1 Arts Organization Development Grant Deadline.

**April 1 Women’s Expo at the Blue Note Room, 320 3rd Ave, Winsted, hosted by the Winsted Arts Council.

April 5 Dollars for Scholars Silent Art Auction. Kick-off event 5:00-9:00 pm at the Redwood Falls Golf Course Clubhouse, 101 E. Oak St, Redwood Falls. Features artwork created by local artists. Bidding begins April 5 and runs until May 1. Info at 507-644-8023 or triley@redwood.mntm.org.

April 4 Artist Reception: Donna Jean Carver, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, North American State Bank, 2800 S 1st St, Willmar.

April 4-6 & 11-13 Hutchinson Theatre Company: Hot Property, 7:00 pm at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts. Tickets and more information available at www.hutchtheatre.org.

April 5-7 Opland Singers: “Love & Marriage”, Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 3:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Tickets: 872-722-2787.

April 6 Dr. Jose Panganiban, pianist, 2:00 pm, First English Lutheran Church, 245 Hughes St, Tyler. Free mini-concert of selections by Chopin & Liszt. More info at https://www.facebook.com/events/390419011056070/

April 7 Granite Area Arts Council 5th Annual Anniversary Art Show, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Prairie’s Edge Casino Resort Conference Center, Granite Falls. Artists and artisans will welcome to exhibit and demonstrations, along with entertainment and refreshments. Contact the Granite Area Arts Council for additional information or for an exhibit application at GraniteAreaArts@gmail.com or 320-333-6132.

April 7 Exhibit Opening: Area Art Show, 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. Info at 507-372-8245 or noblearts@knology.net.

April 7 & 9 The Diviners - Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre, at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center, Cokato. Free will donation. For more info, call 320-286-4120 or email colleen.compton@dc.k12.mn.us.

April 11-13 Schoolhouse Rock Live!, 7:30 pm at the Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre, Marshall. Dinner theatre on April 12.

**April 11-14 Leaving Iowa**, 7:30 pm Thurs-Sat, 2:00 pm Sunday at The Barn Theatre, Willmar. Info at 320-235-9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com.

**April 11-14 The Sound of Music**, 7:30 pm at the BARC Auditorium, Windom.

April 12 Artist Reception: JoAnn Almich, 7:00-9:00 pm, KK Berge Gallery, Granite Falls. More information at GraniteAreaArts@gmail.com or 320-564-4039.

April 12-14 Opland Singers: “Love & Marriage”, Fri & Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 3:00 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Tickets: 872-722-2787.

April 12-14 Charlie Cox Runs With Scissors at the Lake Benton Opera House. April 12 & 13: 7:30 pm, April 14: 2:00 pm. Tickets: Adults $10, Seniors/Students $9. Call 507-368-4620 or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com.

**April 15 SMAHC Prairie Disciple Nomination Deadline.**

April 15 New Odyssey, 7:00 pm, Redwood Valley Performing Arts Center, 100 George Ramseth Dr, Redwood Falls. Redwood Concert Association. Tickets: 507-637-8598.

**April 18 Grant Workshop** for potential Art Project & Arts Legacy project grants. 5:00-6:30 pm at the SMAHC office in Marshall. Contact us to register for this free workshop: 800-622-5284 or email: smahcinfo@iw.net.

**April 19 Arts in the Schools Grant Deadline.**

**April 18-21 Leaving Iowa**, 7:30 pm Thurs-Sat, 2:00 pm Sunday at The Barn Theatre, Willmar. Info at 320-235-9500 or www.thebarntheatre.com.

April 19-21 "Art & Soul" Artists of MN Spring Show in St Cloud. Presenters include Deb Magelssen, acrylic & watercolor artist; Alison Toering, speaking on the Art of the St John’s Bible which will be on display; and Willicey Tynes, oil & sculpture artist. Tynes will also judge the spring show entries. More information and registration materials at www.artistsofminnesota.org, or call Flora Shinkle at 320-597-2863.

**April 19 & 21 Crow River Singers Spring Concert**, April 19: 7:00 pm at First Congregational-UCC, 31 4th Ave SW, Hutchinson. April 21: 2:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin, St SW, Hutchinson.

April 19-21 Schoolhouse Rock Live!, 7:30 pm Fri-Sat, 2:00 pm Sun at the Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre, Marshall. Dinner theatre April 20. Info and tickets at www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts

**April 19-21 Prairie Arts Chorale: It Takes Two.** April 19: 7:30 pm, Redwood Falls Performing Arts Center (Redwood Valley HS), Redwood Falls. April 20: 7:30 pm, Dawson Memorial Auditorium, Dawson. April 21: 4:00 pm, St Stephen Lutheran Church, Marshall. prairieartschorale.org

April 19-21 Charlie Cox Runs With Scissors at the Lake Benton Opera House. April 19 & 20: 7:30 pm, April 21: 2:00 pm. Tickets: Adults $10, Seniors/Students $9. Call 507-368-4620 or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com.

April 21 Abbey Road Band, 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Center, 3rd Street & Eureka Ave, Montevideo. Minnesota Valley Community Concert Association. Contact Beth Hampton at 269-5848.
**April 21 Crow River Area Youth Orchestra: Folk From Distant Lands, 4:00 pm, Hutchinson Middle School Gymnasium.**

**April 23 SMAHC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at the SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.**

April 26 "Takin’ it to the Limit" - A Tribute to the Eagles, 7:00 pm at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center, Cokato. Tickets: $25-Adult & $7-Youth. Info at 320-286-4120 or email colleen.compton@dc.k12.mn.us.

**April 25 & 28 Prairie Arts Chorale: It Takes Two.**

April 27: 7:30 pm, Luton Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg. April 28: 4:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer. [http://prairieartschorale.org/](http://prairieartschorale.org/)

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**GALLERIES**

**SMAHC Art Gallery** March 11-April 26: Jesse White, paintings and painted objects. May 2 - June 28: Christopher Boedighheimer, pottery. Artist Reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm on May 2. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM at 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

ARTmeyerson, 105 4th St. N., Atwater. To schedule an appointment, call Sue Meyerson at 320-220-0970 or 320-974-3609.

Barn Theatre Art Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. 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. April: Raku Pottery. May: Suzanne Napgez, watercolors. Hours are Tues – Fri, 1 - 5 PM and Sat 10 - 2 PM. For more info, email cahrcl@yahoo.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](http://www.claycoyote.com) or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 N Main St, Hutchinson. March 16-April 16: Carol Gustavson: Japanese shibori kimonos. Info at 320-587-7278 or [www.hutchinsonarts.org](http://www.hutchinsonarts.org)

Java River Cafe, 210 S 1st St, Montevideo. More information at 320-269-7106.

KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. April: JoAnn Almich. Artist Reception April 12, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm . Call 320-564-4039 for information.


Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, Milan. For information on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit [www.milanvillageartsschool.org](http://www.milanvillageartsschool.org).

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. April: Annual Area Art Show. Reception April 7, 1:00-4:00 pm. May: Anna Johannson, quilts. Reception May 5, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

North American State Bank, 2800 S 1st St, Willmar. April-May: Donna Jean Carver, paintings. Artist Reception: April 4, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Bank Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.


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](http://www.tokheim-stoneware.com) for more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com


**Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery.** Info at 320-235-8560 or [willmarareaarts council.org](http://willmarareaarts council.org)

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