SMAHC Debuts New Name, Logo, and Website

After a recommendation from the board of directors and a vote by our members at our Annual Celebration on September 14, 2013, SMAHC is now the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council!

The majority of our funding (96%) comes from the State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation, and is restricted to arts activities. Because of this, all of our grant programs are also restricted to arts activities only. There was concern that our name — “Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council” — and our purpose — “the promotion of the arts and humanities in Southwestern Minnesota” — were misleading to the public and causing confusion for grant applicants, so a change was recommended and approved. “Humanities” has been removed from our name, and our purpose is now “to promote and encourage the development of the arts in the 18 counties of Southwest Minnesota.”

The name change provided the perfect opportunity to update our logo in a colorful, clean, and artistic way. The vibrant greens and blue celebrate our rural area and tie in well with the Legacy logo, which often appears next to ours. The stylized prairie grass provides continuity from our previous logo and represents our region. The circles suggest prairie grass seeds or prairie flowers, a paint palette, holes in a wind instrument, or the faces of our regional community. The combination of these elements gives us a logo that is artistic, easy to read, and clearly represents our organization.

The logo designers, 360 Design House of Canby, took cues from the new logo while creating our new Southwest Minnesota Arts Council website, www.swmnarts.org. The new website is more colorful and visual, with straightforward navigation and clean displays of information. Grant materials can be accessed quickly, and a more user-friendly content management system makes it easier for staff to showcase gallery exhibits, feature upcoming workshops and deadlines, and keep you up to date on news and events. Check it out at:

www.swmnarts.org

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Grantwriting Workshop for Arts Organizations

Join us to learn about all of the art-related grant programs available for non-profit organizations in the 18-county Southwest Minnesota region.

Tuesday, October 8
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Fort Belmont Museum
217 Belmont Lane, Jackson

Go to www.swmnarts.org or call 800-622-5284 to register for this free workshop.

What is Art?

Check out SMAC’s new video, “What is Art? : Building Creative Vision” at www.swmnarts.org. Created for us by Andrew Nordin and Lisa Bergh of New London, the short video uses examples from regional artists to show how art is not just about the medium, but about how you use it.

Holly DeGrote Exhibit

You can still view the acrylic paintings of Holly DeGrote in the SMAC Gallery through November 1. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:30 pm.

New SMAC Contact Information

We now have new email addresses to go along with our new website. For now, our old address will forward to our new ones.

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2013 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council’s 2013 Annual Celebration, held at Key Largo on Lake Shetek near Slayton, was attended by 93 guests, hailing from 16 of the 18 counties in the SMAC region. Attendees enjoyed a late-summer boat cruise on Lake Shetek, regional artist booths, a delicious home-style meal, music, a spirit raffle, and the presentation of this year’s Prairie Disciple Award. Thank you to all our guests, board members, staff, artists, musicians, and volunteers who made this event and SMAHC’s endeavors possible.

Left: Bonnie Van Moorlehem of Minneota displays her artwork. Below left: Attendees buy spirit raffle tickets. Right: 2013 Prairie Disciple Jerry Deuchsle of Luverne (center) with his nominator Mary Peterson of Luverne and SMAC Executive Director Greta Murray. Middle & bottom right: Guests enjoy a ride on Lake Shetek aboard the “Why Knot.”

Right: Jim Wuerffel of Lakefield sang and played during the social hour and after dinner. Left: Guests at dinner.
SMAC AWARDS $77,952 IN GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

**Art Project Grants** provide arts organizations with up to $5,000 in matching funds to produce or present a community-serving art project.

**Blue Mound Area Theatre**, Luverne, $3,200 for a James Sewell Ballet performance of “Lover”.

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, Hutchinson, $5,000 for the Symphony’s spring 2014 season with a masterclass by guest soloist Dr. Erin Aldridge, and $3,785 for the spring 2014 seasons of the Intro to Strings and Varsity Strings programs, including a field trip to the St Paul Chamber Orchestra.

**Dakota Wicohan**, Morton, $5,000 for “Star Stories”, a digital storytelling residency with Dallas Goldtooth.

**Friends of the Orchestra** Marshall, $2,610 for the SW MN Orchestra’s “Prairiemusic: Big Music in a Small Space” recital series and $5,000 for their children’s concert and youth string concerto competition.

**Green Earth Players**, Luverne, $5,000 for a production of “Willy Wonka”.

**Hutchinson Photography Club**, $1,650 for their 2013 showcase exhibit.

**Meander Art Crawl**, Granite Falls, $5,000 for the 2014 Upper Minnesota River Arts Crawl.

**RiverSong Music Festival**, Hutchinson, $5,000 for their 2014 festival.

**Willmar Community Theatre (The Barn)**, $5,000 for their 2013-2014 winter season.

**Calumet Players**, Pipestone, $1,715 for their 2014 Children’s Theatre program.

**Walnut Grove Community Club**, Walnut Grove, $4,938 for their 2014 Arts & Music Festival.


**Arts Legacy Planning Grants** provide area art organizations with up to $2,000 to complete a thorough planning process for large-scale arts projects.

**City of Canby**, $667 to conduct a community survey on Canby Arts Council engagement.

**Arts Organization Development and Equipment/Facilities Improvement Grants** provide arts organizations with up to $5,000 in matching funds to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities.

**New London Arts & Culture Alliance**, $3,989 for office equipment and a consultant to help define New London as an “art campus”.

**Prairie Arts Council**, Lester Prairie, $4,800 for Prairie Arts Center start-up and office renovation.

**Small Development Grants**, with monthly application deadlines, provide area art organizations up to $2,000 for organizational development & management projects that will impact the organization's stability.

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, Hutchinson, $135 for a planning follow-up meeting.

**City of Canby**, $1,980 for arts council strategic planning.

**Small Equipment Grants**, with monthly application deadlines, provide area art organizations with up to $2,000 to purchase equipment that will help them fulfill their mission.

‘52 Wing Restoration Committee**, Appleton, $2,000 to purchase speakers for the bandstand.

**Swift County Concert Band**, Appleton, $1,808 to purchase concert bells.

**Board Initiated Grant**

**SW/WS Service Co-op**, $2,500 to sponsor the 2013 Conference for Young Artists.
In Memoriam

Duane Penske of Vesta
November 1, 1962—September 22, 2013

SMAC Memberships & Donations Received
August 27—September 25, 2013

James & Sydney Massee, Appleton • Ralph & Norma Dovre, Canby • Bradley & Melanie Benson, Dawson • Audrey & Randall Fuller, Granite Falls • Patty Siverson, Hendricks • Scott Wallace, Hendricks • Martin & Jean Bunge, Heron Lake • Crow River Area Youth Orchestra, Hutchinson • Cindy Reverts, Luverne • S. Todd Pushing, Madison • Prairie Arts Chorale, Marshall • Helen & Doug Devereaux, Marshall • Vincent & Anne LaPorte, Marshall • Paula Nemes, Marshall • Anne Rockman, Marshall • Arthouse, New London • Kristin & Ryan Allen, New London • Dennis Hansen, Pipestone • Nan & Mike Kaufenberg, Redwood Falls • Friends of the Arts, Renville • Kelly Muldoon, Slayton • Beatrice Ourada, Spicer • Cynthia Livingston, Tracy • Janet Olney, Willmar • Hy Vee Food Store, Worthington

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 1 Conference for Young Artists: Early Bird Registration Deadline. This conference on November 6, 2013 nourishes students’ creative and artistic talents by exposing them to a variety of visual and performing art forms. Held at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Information at www.swsc.org/page/830. Contact Andrea Anderson at andrea.anderson@swsc.org or 507-537-2257, or Sue Gorecki at sue.gorecki@swsc.org or 507-537-2258 if you have questions.

October 3 Artist Reception: Carolyn Olson, 4:00-6:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Exhibit runs September 23 - October 28, 2013. Information at www.willmarareaartscouncil.org

October 3 Schubert Trio Concert, 8:00 pm at the Campus Religious Center, SW MN State University, Marshall.

October 3-6 & 10-13 "Nunet Boulevard", Lake Benton Opera House production, Lake Benton. October 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 at 7:30 pm, October 6, 12, 13 at 2:00 pm. Visit www.lakebentonoperahouse.org, call 507-368-4620, or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com for information and tickets.

*October 4-6 Meander Art Crawl, Upper Minnesota River Valley (Ortonville, Appleton, Madison, Milan, Dawson, Montevideo and Granite Falls). Free self-guided tour of artist studios featuring 45 local artists. Oct 4 12:00-6:00 pm, Oct 5 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Oct 6 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Information at www.artsmearander.com.

October 5 Artist Reception: Curt Gander, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Meet oil painter Curt Gander at his opening reception. The exhibit, entitled "A Hutchinson Perspective", runs from October 4 through October 26, 2013.

*October 8 Conference for Young Artists: Registration Deadline. This conference on November 6, 2013 nourishes students’ creative and artistic talents by exposing them to a variety of visual and performing art
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October 10-12 Have Fun With Your Photography!, Redwood Falls. Friday 7:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. This course taught by Molly Schweinfurter is designed for enthusiastic digital photographers of all skill levels looking to enhance and improve their photo taking experience, while exploring the Minnesota River Valley and the “Scenic City” of Redwood Falls. Cost: $95. To register call or email Molly at 507-828-3282 or cedigomo@gmail.com. More info at www.facebook.com/pages/Mojo-Photography/402451619822655.

October 10-13 & 18-20 “Angel Street” – Calumet Players production, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. Visit www.pipestonemnnesota.com/performingartscenter/ or call 507-825-2020 (toll free: 877-722-2787) for information and tickets.

*October 12 Individual Artist Grant Review Panel, 9:00 am, SMAC Office, Marshall.

October 12 Under Western Skies: A Celebration of Western Art, Prose and Poetry, 6:30 pm at Kornerstone Kraving & Bakery, Canby. Sponsored by the Canby Arts Council. Tickets for the meal (chili & Texas toast) are $7 in advance and $8 at the door. For more information about this event please contact Ellie Beman, 507-829-4715.

October 13 Artist Reception: David Strom, 2:00-4:00pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12st St, Worthington. Exhibit runs October 1-31, 2013. For more info, contact Jean Bunge at 507-372-8254 or noblearts@knology.net.


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

*October 15 SMAC Grant Deadline: Operating Support. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*October 18-20 Lakeside Writers Workshop, Lakewood Supper Club, 1073 Lakeshore Drive, Ortonville. Dr. Judy Wilson will cover the basics of literary art in the form of the short story Friday: welcome reception 7:00 pm, Saturday: workshop 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Sunday: workshop 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. For more information and to register go to: www.bigstonearts.com or call Maureen Stares at 320-265-6121.

October 18 Charlie Albright, pianist, 7:30 pm, MCC Auditorium, Slayton. Presented by the Prairie Music Concert Association For more information call Linda Wing at 570-836-8443.

*October 20 SW MN Orchestra: "It's a Classic!", 4:00 pm, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall. The program includes the world premiere of Marshall resident Robert Whitcomb's “Concerto for Harpsichord, Woodwinds, Strings and Percussion”.

*October 22 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.


October 24 The Hunts, 8:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. The Hunts are an indie-folk band from Virginia made up of seven young brothers and sisters. Visit www.pipestonemnnesota.com/performingartscenter/ or call 507-825-2020 (toll free: 877-722-2787) for information and tickets.

October 25-27 "The Scarlet Pimpernel" radio drama, Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall. Oct 25-26 7:00 pm, Oct 26 2:00 pm. Admission: $5. The show will also be broadcast on KMHU 1400 AM at a later date as a 3-part serial. Information at www.mascmnn.org, or contact Paula Nemes at 507-532-2754 or nemespd@hotmail.com.
*October 27 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Fall Concert, 3:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 5th St SW, Willmar. www.willmarorchestra.com.

*October 27 Buffalo Ridge Chorale Fall Concert, 4:00 pm, St John Cantius Church, Wilno. Contact Donna Kurth at 507-694-1662 for information.


GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. September 9—November 1: Holly DeGrote. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM.

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. September 10 - November 1: “Getting There: Modes of Transportation”, various artists. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

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

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne. October: Carnegie 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, 28 N Main St, Hutchinson. October 4 - 26: Curt Gander, oil paintings: "A Hutchinson Perspective." Artist Reception October 5, 7:00-9:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

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

KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. September 3 - October 6: Meander Arts Crawl Artists. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4039 for information.

*Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. September 24-November 22: Betty Beer, oil, pastel, charcoal with collaborative poems by area writers. Artist Reception November 10, 2:00-4:00 pm, with poetry readings from 2:30-3:30 pm. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 PM. Other times by appt. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.

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.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. October: David Strom. Reception October 13, 2:00-4:00 pm. November: Paul Swanson. Reception November 3, 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 23: Mark C. Christianson, photography. 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 23 - October 28: Carolyn Olson, quilt artist. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaarts council.org.
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