Shalese Sands’ wildlife paintings at the SMAC gallery

The acrylic and oil wildlife paintings of Shalese Sands of Willmar will be on exhibit at the SMAC Gallery from May 8 through June 27, 2014.

Sands says, “Ever since I could hold a pencil, I have had a love of drawing and animals. So it was only natural that I combine my two loves. My passion for art has only grown throughout the years and my love of animals has kept up with it.

“When my family and I took a vacation to Yellowstone in 2009, my inspiration skyrocketed. We were able to get very close to a large bull elk—something I’ve never done before but had always wished to experience. I discovered the sublime in a powerful way, a feeling I hope is portrayed in all my art. From that point on, I have wanted to excel in the field of wildlife art while continuing my passion for equestrian art.

“I have always been attracted to the beauty of animals. Whether it’s a majestic elk or a little bird, every animal is beautiful in its own way. My goal is to portray that beauty in my artwork. A lot of my work is inspired by what I have seen or what I hope to see.

“The experiences I had in Yellowstone in 2009 allowed me to observe some of my favorite subjects for the first time, and that trip has only made my passion for wildlife art stronger. I hope that those who view my work are able to see the love I have for wildlife, and that my pieces will give people another look into the splendor of nature.”

Sands graduated in the spring of 2011 from Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN with a B.A. in Studio Art and hopes to make wildlife/equine art her full-time profession.

The public is invited to visit the SMAC Gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Enjoy live music by Jerry Saetveit, Andy Renneker, and Maggie Harp from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Regular gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

Saetveit, Renneker, & Harp to perform at the SMAC Gallery

Come hear Jerry Saetveit, Andy Renneker, and Maggie Harp perform at Shalese Sands’ exhibit opening at the SMAC Gallery in Marshall on Thursday, May 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Saetveit (violin and whistle), Renneker (fiddle and banjo), and Harp (guitar) are from the New London/Willmar area.
SMAC awards $106,099 in grants to artists and organizations

Grants to Individual Artists: $22,926

*Individual Artist Career* grants provide up to $5,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career.

**John Larson**, Milan, $5,000 to create a new series of large-scale ceramic sculptures.

**David Peterson**, Marshall, $3,500 to commission a piece of music by Dr. Paul Salerni for the Branderson Duo (David Peterson, trombone and Rachel Brandwein, harp).

*Individual Artist Career Legacy* grants provide up to $7,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota.

**Ron Adams**, Willmar, $7,000 for a historical mural for the Health & Human Services Building in Willmar.

*Individual Artist Development* grants provide up to $1,500 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development.

**Mary Mulenburg**, Glencoe, for $1,500 for a computer to be used for photography processing, and for printing, matting, and framing of photographs for an exhibit entitled “It’s All One World”.

**Rosa Elena Pearson (R. Elena Prieto)**, Marshall, $1,426 to create and compile a collection of original poetry entitled “Gods, Stars, Frost, Fire”.

**Saara Raappana**, Marshall, $1,500 to prepare and submit a manuscript entitled “The Bird-Hungry Sky” for publication, and to do poetry readings throughout the SMAC region.

**Philip Scheevel**, Spicer, $1,500 for a ventilation and dust collection system for wood carving.

**Jesse White**, Westbrook, $1,500 to frame his mixed media paintings.

Grants to Organizations: $83,173

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


**Buffalo Ridge Chorale**, Hendricks, $5,000 for their 2014-2015 concerts including a jazz ensemble and a commissioned work by Dr. Paul Nesheim.

**City of Cottonwood**, $2,400 for music performances during their summer weekly Central Park Market.

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, Hutchinson, $4,963 for a joint concert of Handel’s “Messiah” with the Crow River Singers.
Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall, $5,000 for a concert as part of the WWI Commemoration Series.

Granite Falls Riverfront Revitalization, Granite Falls, $3,500 for a community walking theatre project at the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum.

Jackson County Library, Jackson, $1,360 for a concert and workshop by the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet with Gao Hong.

Lac qui Parle Valley Community Education, Madison, $1,725 for their summer “Shakespeare for Everyone” program, including workshops for elementary school students in Appleton and Madison, culminating in performances of “Shakespeare Unshackled”, and a community theatre production of “The Merry Wives of Windsor”.

Prairie Arts Chorale, region-wide, $2,362 for their 2014-2015 concert season.

Prairie Dance Alliance, Marshall, $5,000 for their ballet production of Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker”.

Rhythm of the River, Jackson, $5,000 for their 8th annual music festival.

Arts Legacy Project grants provide area organizations up to $20,000 to produce or present high quality arts events that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota.


Worthington Okabena Windsurfers, Worthington, $18,200 for three public art projects during the Regatta Festival.

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.

Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, Dawson, $1,456 for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility assessment and consultation with VSA Minnesota.

Friends of the Auditorium, Worthington, $2,000 for a professional strategist from MAP for Nonprofits to assist with creating a new budgetary design and programming strategic plan during a board retreat.

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, $2,000 for training with Lori Jacobwitz to develop the skills and tools to execute a previously developed fund raising plan, and to set up a database tracking system.

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

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, $1,832 for a computer, conference phone, and beverage cooler.

Arts Organization Start-up Grants provide newly formed art organizations up to $2,000 to develop articles of incorporation, by-laws, and apply for their 501(c)(3) status.

RiverSong Music Festival, Hutchinson, $2,000 for development of articles of incorporation and by-laws and 501(c)(3) nonprofit filing.
SMAC receives recognition for effective use of Legacy funds

Conservation Minnesota and Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA) recognized the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council at Arts Advocacy Day on March 27, 2014 for the impact the organization is having statewide utilizing funds provided by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

“For the past few years, our organizations have been singling out communities that have done a good job of utilizing Legacy funds, and this year, we decided to include the State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils and some other organizations as a nod to the tremendous work they are each doing,” said Paul Austin, Executive Director of Conservation Minnesota.

The Minnesota State Arts Board and each of the eleven Regional Arts Councils received “Legacy Partners” awards for effective and extensive use of public panels to make grant decisions. Between them, the twelve agencies worked with 768 people providing more than 34,000 volunteer hours of expertise on the best use of arts state dollars.

“Other agencies should look to the Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils on how to effectively use public input in decision making,” said Sheila Smith, Executive Director of MCA. “While no process is perfect, their work takes place in transparent, open meetings and has resulted in great impact in arts access statewide.”

Bergh & Nordin awarded Forecast Public Art grant

Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin of Rural Aesthetic Initiative in New London received a McKnight Mid-Career Professional Development Grant of $5,000 through Forecast Public Art to expand the territory of The Traveling Museum, a mobile lab/exhibition venue for contemporary art and ideas. Learn more about their project at www.thetravelingmuseum.com.

MAY CALENDAR

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May 1 “Estar in el Prairie” Exhibit Opening, 7:00-9:00 pm, K.K. Berge Building, 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. Exhibit features portraits of Western MN’s emerging Latino community. Info at www.cureriver.org or 320-269-2984.

May 2 SMSU Drama Club Playwriting Festival, 7:30 pm, Black Box Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Part of SMSU’s Fine Arts Celebration April 3 - May 10, 2014.

*May 2-3 SMAC Artist Retreat, Danebod Folk School, Tyler. SMAC-region artists gather for workshops, activities, and networking.

May 2-4 Al Opland Singers Spring Show, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday 3:00 pm. Information at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/ or 507-825-2020.

May 3 & 4 May Day Paper Event, DEMO inc, NW corner of Cty Rd 3 and South 71, Svea. Manipulate pigmented fibers with this creative process. Limit 10 participants per session: Saturday, May 3: 10:00-11:45 am, 12:00-1:45 pm, 2:00-3:45 pm. Sunday, May 4: 12:00-1:45 pm, 2:00-3:45 pm, 4:00-5:45 pm. Contact Monica Villars at 320-231-2696 or MonicaAVillars@gmail.com.
May 3 SMSU Drama Club Directing Scenes Showcase, 5:00 pm, Black Box Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.


May 4 Artist Reception: Kim Horkey, 2:00-4:00 pm, Remick Gallery, Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 4th Ave, Windom.

May 4 6th Annual Granite Area Art Extravaganza, 10:00 am—4:00 pm, Prairie’s Edge Casino Resort Conference Center, Granite Falls. Area artists sell their work and demonstrate. Free and open to the public. For more info, visit our website at www.graniteareaarts.org, email us at GraniteAreaArts@gmail.com or call at 320-564-4240.

May 4 Artist Reception: Tricia Mikle & Friends, 2:30-4:30 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.

*May 4 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Young Artist Concert, 3:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 5th St, SW Willmar. Concert featuring Young Artists Competition winners. Info at www.willmarorchestra.com.

May 5-6 & 8-10 Mack Bailey, folk singer/songwriter. May 5, 7:00 pm, High School Auditorium, Hutchinson. May 6: 7:30 pm, Business, Arts, & Recreation Center, Windom. May 8: 7:30 pm, Murray County High School Auditorium, Slayton. May 9: 7:00 pm, Estebro Performing Arts Center, Redwood Falls. May 10: 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Center, Montevideo.

*May 8 Artist Reception: Shalese Sands, 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Enjoy live music by Jerry Saetveit, Andy Renneker, and Maggie Harp from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

May 8 Davina and the Vagabonds (RiverSong Music Series), 7:00 pm, Crow River Winery, 14848 Highway 7 E, Hutchinson. Tickets available at: www.riversongfestival.org.

May 8-10 Tokheim Stoneware Spring Open House, 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. May 8: 2:00-8:00 pm, May 9: 10:00 am-8:00 pm, May 10: 10:00 am—6:00 –pm. Info at www.tokheim-stoneware.com.

May 9 "Night for the Arts": Hutchinson Center for the Arts Annual Fundraiser, 6:00-9:00 pm, Crow River Golf Club, 915 Colorado St NW, Hutchinson. Tickets available at Hutchinson Center for the Arts: 320-587-7278 or info@hutchinsonarts.org.

May 9 & 10 Weekend Photography Workshop with Molly Schweinfurter, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. This course is for photographers of all skill levels looking 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.

May 9-11 "Leaving Iowa", Renville County West small gym/theatre, 301 NE 3rd St, Renville. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2:30 pm. Production by Friends of the Arts.

*May 10 “Meet at the River”: Lac qui Parle River Stories Map, 1:00-3:30 pm, Lac qui Parle County Park. Locals will talk about “true happenings” along the River, artist Susan Armington will lead an art activity to make “river map boxes”, and Dave Craigmile will lead a nature walk. A final river map painting will be presented to the Lac qui Parle History Center at the end of July. Info at lpchistorycenter@lpco.com or 320-598-7678.


*May 16 Artist Reception: John Larson, 5:00-8:00 pm, Milan Community Center at the GMI building (Old School), 408 N 4th St, Milan. Larson's show, "Symbolon: Unadorned Works in Clay, Wood, and Paper" will be on exhibit Friday, May 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

May 18 DEMO Inc Annual Fundraising Auction, 1:00-4:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 Fifth St SW, Willmar. Auction will feature art, theatre tickets, pizzas, art materials, etc. Info: Monica at 320-231-2696.

May 21 Financial Training for Arts Orgs: Nonprofits Assistance Fund, 10:00 am–2:30 pm, Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall. The workshop will focus on financial assessment and planning, along with fundamental nonprofit financial topics. Visit our website, www.swmnarts.org for more information and to register.


*May 22 Unveiling of Adirondack Chair Art, 5:00 pm, Spicer City Park. Votes for the people’s choice award winner. Project by the Spicer Beautification Committee.
May 26 SMAC OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day.


May 29 The Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band (RiverSong Music Series), 7:00 pm, Crow River Winery, 14848 Highway 7 E, Hutchinson. With special guest Trainwreck, featuring Trent Shaw and Samantha Lee. Tickets available at: www.riversongfestival.org.

*May 30 Artist Reception: Hutchinson Sculpture Stroll, 7:00-8:30 pm, downtown Hutchinson.

**JUNE CALENDAR**

**June 1 Artist Reception: Anita Plucker**, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. Information at 507-372-8254 or noblearts@knology.net.

*June 1 Buffalo Ridge Chorale Spring Concert, 4:00 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Hendricks.

*June 6 Prairie Dance Alliance Dance Camp Showcase, 6:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Showcase of student participants in Prairie Dance Alliance's 2014 Dance Camp.


June 6 & 7 Weekend Photography Workshop with Molly Schweinfurter, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. This course is for photographers of all skill levels looking to develop your photographer’s eye and improving 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.


*June 16-17, 19-24, & 26-28 "Gypsy", The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, Willmar. All performances at 7:30 pm except June 22 at 1:00 pm. Information at www.thebarntheatre.com or 320-235-9500.

*June 17 Swift County Concert Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Appleton. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee summer concert series.

June 19-22 & 26-29 "Cats", Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 East Main St, Pipestone. Calumet Players production. Thurs, Fri, & Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2:00 pm. Information at www.pipestoneminstia.com/performingartscenter/ or 507-825-2020.

*June 20 & 21 Studio Hop, Willmar-Spicer-New London Area. Friday 3:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Information at http://studiohop.wordpress.com/.

*June 24 Montevideo Area Community Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Appleton. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee summer concert series.

*June 24 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*June 25 Quarter to 4:30 at Central Park Market, 5:00-7:00 pm, Central Park, Cottonwood. Central Park Market features music, produce, baked goods, crafts, and meals served by local non-profit organizations, and is held on Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 pm, June 25, 2014 to August 27. www.facebook.com/CentralParkMarketinCottonwood.

June 28 Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Info at www.dawsonboydarts.org or 320-769-2955 ext 246.

Check www.swmnarts.org for more June events!

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GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. May 8—June 27: Shalese Sands. Reception May 8, 5:00-7:00 pm, with live music by Jerry Saetveit, Andy Renneker, & Maggie Harp. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-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. 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 or http://bigstonearts.wordpress.com/

Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. May: Suzanne Napgezek & Carolyn Olson, watercolor & fiber. June: Lynda Jacobsen, chair collection. Hours are Tuesday – Friday, 12 - 5 PM and Saturday 1-4 PM. For more info, email cahrc@outlook.com or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery. 17614 240th St, Hutchinson. Hours are Monday - Thursday 10 - 5 PM; Saturday 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. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.


KK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. May: “Estar in el Prairie”, portraits of Western Minnesota’s emerging Latino community. Reception May 1, 7:00-9:00 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4039 for information.


Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. May: Tricia Mikle & Friends, junk mail collages. Reception May 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. June: Anita Plucker, watercolors. Reception: June 1, 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. Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 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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