Arts Advocacy Day is February 28, 2017

Join arts advocates coming from every corner of the state to the Capitol in St. Paul to protect state funding for the arts.

There were a lot of changes at the Minnesota legislature, just as there were at the federal level, this election. It's time to come together as one arts community and make sure the arts are protected.

Register Now at artsMN.org!

Arts Advocacy Day is your chance to make a difference. Our decision makers need to know about the strong arts community in Minnesota. You will be with many people who also support the arts. What could be better than that? Once you are registered you will be assigned to a team which will be led by your own personal guide around the Capitol grounds. After attending the morning rally where you will learn the "Message of the Day," your team leader will help you meet your legislators and advocate for the arts.

This year you can also experience the beautiful and newly renovated State Capitol. Tours of the building will be available between visits with legislators so you can take time to see for yourself the art and architecture.

You will meet great people from every corner of the state who love the arts. Working together we will prove again the strength of Minnesota's arts community. Help MCA help you protect arts Legacy funding, making sure we remain the strongest arts community in the country.

If you’re interested in ride sharing to the Capitol, SMAC staff will attempt to help coordinate vehicles and pick-up spots throughout the region where possible. Call the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or email at info@swmnarts.org once you’re registered, if interested.

See page 7 for information on contacting your State legislator on supporting the arts!
**UPCOMING SMAC GRANT & NOMINATIONS DEADLINES**

SMAC grants must be applied for online. Go to [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org) for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

**February 1, 2017**

- Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round II
  (Earliest project start date: March 15, 2017)
- Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start Up*

**February 8, 2017:**

- Individual Artist, Round II
  (Earliest project start date: April 15, 2015)

**March 1, 2017:**

- Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start Up*

**March 15, 2017:**

- Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects, Round III
  (Earliest project start date: May 15, 2017)

**March 29, 2017**

- Art Study Opportunity for Youth
  (Earliest project start date: May 15, 2017)

**April 1, 2017:**

- Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start Up*

**April 14, 2017**

- 2017 Prairie Disciple Award Nomination

*Earliest project start date for monthly deadlines is the 1st of the following month.

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**GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS.** Plan on attending the following free workshop to learn more about the programs for this year and the application process. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or [info@swmnarts.org](mailto:info@swmnarts.org) to register.

**Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects**

*February 1, 2017*

5:00 – 7:00 pm

SW MN Arts Council

114 N 3rd St, Marshall

**Art Study Opportunity for Youth**

*February 23, 2017*

5:00 – 7:00 pm

SW MN Arts Council

114 N 3rd St, Marshall

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**The “SMAC Grant Process” Series**

Ever wonder what kind of process a SMAC grant goes through from start to finish? We are publishing a series here and on our media accounts in steps to make it easier to understand.

1. **It all starts with an idea!** An individual, organization, or school has an idea for an arts project or event they can clearly envision a plan and budget for, but they don’t think they have the financial support to make it happen on their own.

2. **Time for a little research!** Visit our grant page at [swmnarts.org/grants/](http://swmnarts.org/grants/) and decide which grant you think fits your project best. When clicked on, each grant gives important details like guidelines, deadlines, evaluation criteria, application questions, budget forms, and tutorials for navigating the online system. Contact us at 800-622-5284 or [info@swmnarts.org](mailto:info@swmnarts.org) with any questions and for guidance in choosing the right grant to apply for.

3. **Attend a workshop!** SMAC hosts free grantwriting workshops for every grant we offer. Staff can also set up conference calls or travel to your county to do in-person custom workshops for your group. You’ll receive specific grant application advice for your project and get your questions answered!

*To be continued!* The next step will be to apply online, so watch out for more on that in our March newsletter.

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**CLEAN WATER, LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT**
SMAC seeks Board Representative for Pipestone County

The SW MN Arts Council seeks an individual to serve on its Board of Directors as a Pipestone County representative. The Board meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday evening at the SMAC office in Marshall. The board sets policies, makes final decisions on grant awards with input from the grant review panel, shares ideas and information from their representative counties, and helps enable SMAC to best serve our communities.

To learn more and to fill out an application, go to www.swmnarts.org/about/become-a-board-member/.

Funding Opportunity from ArtPlace America

ArtPlace America is now accepting projects for the next round of its National Creative Placemaking Fund. They have $9.5 million available for projects that work with artists and arts organizations to build stronger, healthier communities anywhere in the United States. If you or someone you know has a great project or idea please consider applying and sharing! Deadline to register is February 14th and more details can be found at bit.ly/NCPF2017.

FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL MEDIA:
Two Topics, One Awesome Workshop

SMAC to host on February 25th in Marshall

Join the SW MN Arts Council and arts organizations across the region for a two-part workshop that will build exceptional board member and volunteer FUNDRAISING teams -- and then teach those teams how to use the powerful tools of SOCIAL MEDIA to grow donor bases and engagement with larger audiences.

~ Choose to attend just one session or attend both; lunch will be provided ~

This workshop is FREE (Registration is required by February 15)

SESSION #1: Fundraising
9 am - 12:00 pm • Marshall Lyon Co Library
Led by Carlo Cuesta of Creation in Common

Higher board member and volunteer engagement in fundraising is achievable and does not have to be dependent on an individual’s personal wealth and connections. To be successful at improving engagement, organizational leaders need to understand and know how to measure, activate, and position their board’s and volunteers’ unique fundraising strengths.

During this interactive workshop, participants will be able to:

- Build a common language between staff, board, and volunteers about fundraising
- Understand how to identify and measure fundraising strengths
- Learn how to align board member and volunteer assets to the organization’s fundraising efforts.

SESSION #2: Social Media
1:00 pm - 4 pm • Marshall Lyon Co Library
Led by Darren Johnson of Ascension Development Group

Now that you feel more comfortable with creating a fundraising plan, this session will help your organization use social media to:

- Increase online giving
- Increase monthly supporters
- Promote your fundraising events
- Increase page likes and followers
- Get your message out to more people
- How to engage Millennials

In addition to the use of social media you will learn about Search Engine Optimization (SEO):

- How important is it that your organization is actually “found” online?

Both sessions to take place at Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall.

To Register: Contact SMAC at 800-622-5284, or register online at www.swmnarts.org
Minnesota Shorts Play Festival is taking submissions

The Minnesota Shorts Play Festival will be taking submissions of short plays (10 pages or less) through March 1, 2017.

Minnesota writers can submit up to two short plays in a pdf format.

On the title page provide your postal address, name and phone contact. The plays are sent to judges in March, with 7 scripts chosen from Minnesota writers and 7 scripts from national writers. The ninth annual festival will be performed Sept. 7 & 8, 2017 at the Lincoln Community Theatre in Mankato.

Each night the audience chooses a Best of the Fest award, with one playwright earning $100.

Simply email your script to mnshorts@yahoo.com. The performances are family friendly, so nudity and excessive curse words will make your script ineligible. For more information, go to www.mnshorts.com or call coordinator Greg Abbott at 507-420-1881.

Saint John’s Pottery Jerome Foundation Emerging Artist Program taking applications

The Saint John’s Pottery Jerome Foundation Emerging Artist Program is a studio residency for artists to experience a community-centered approach to ceramic art using local clay and natural materials. Eligible individuals include emerging visual artists of any discipline (ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, painting, etc.) from Minnesota or New York City.

Two award recipients are selected each year via jury to participate in residencies for The Saint John’s Pottery in Collegeville, MN, during the month of June. Participants are provided studio space, clay, access to technical assistance, an award of $3,600, and room and board. Works are later fired in the Johanna Kiln, the largest wood-firing kiln in North America.

Application Deadline: February 20th, 2017. Award recipients will be notified in March for each June residency. For more information about applying visit online at www.csbsju.edu/pottery or contact Ryan Kutter, Studio Manager at 320-363-2930 and rkutter@csbsju.edu.

The Crow River Drumline Association launches Phoenix Phlyers

Phoenix Phlyers is a new drumline for students and young people with special needs.

“This is the first in the Midwest, and to our knowledge, only the third drumline in the world that caters to individuals with special needs,” said Richie Kuttner, president of the drumline association. “It will be open to middle school students through age 21. It may expand in the future to no age limit whatsoever.”

The idea for the drumline was sparked earlier this year when Phoenix Drumline saw the FREE Players Drumline, a special needs performance ensemble from New York, which was the first drumline of this kind. After the performance, Phoenix director TJ Larum, who is a childhood behavioral therapist, and Kuttner, who had worked for four years at Aveyron Homes in Hutchinson, talked. It was brought to the Crow River Drumline Association Board and has been made a reality.

For more information, email Kuttner at crda.phoenixdrumline@gmail.com, or visit www.phoenixdrumline.org.

MN State Arts Board Grant Deadlines for Fiscal Year 2018

Arts Learning: February 24, 2017

Minnesota Festival Support: March 31, 2017

Arts Access: April 21, 2017

Literary or Performing Arts Artist Initiative: May 19, 2017

Folk and Traditional Arts: June 2, 2017

Community Arts Education Support: July 14, 2017

Arts Tour Minnesota: July 21, 2017

Visual Arts Artist Initiative: August 4, 2017

Partners in Arts Participation: September 15, 2017

Cultural Community Partnership: September 29, 2017

For more information, please visit: www.arts.state.mn.us/calendar/
**Made Here accepting submissions for Spring/Summer Showcases**

*Made Here*, a project of Hennepin Theatre Trust, is accepting artists’ submissions for its upcoming Spring/Summer 2017 Showcase exhibition. Each selected *Made Here* artist will receive $500, professional installation support, networking opportunities and more.

The *Made Here Showcases* temporarily fill empty storefronts and commercial spaces that are in transition with art by local artists, turning the WeDo™ Minneapolis Cultural District into a walkable urban art gallery.

For this round, artists and artist groups are invited to submit proposals that interpret the word, “Future.” *To be eligible, artists and artist groups must be residents of Minnesota. For artists in Greater Minnesota that are selected, a hotel room will be available to aid in the travel expenses and time needed to install.*

**Deadline for submissions is February 13, 2017.**

For more information and to apply, visit: madeheremn.org/opencalls. For any artist inquiries, please contact Artist Coordinator Hannah Novillo: Hannah.Novillo@hennepintheatretrust.org

**Resources for Nonprofits: Blue Avocado**

Blue Avocado is the bimonthly newsletter of American Nonprofits, a membership organization that provides practical financial information and support to U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, staff, stakeholders and volunteers. It is created by and for community-based nonprofits.

Blue Avocado publishes six times per year through an HTML newsletter delivered to more than 64,000 subscribers. American Nonprofits is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit.

Blue Avocado speaks for and from the people in community-based nonprofits. Check them out at: www.blueavocado.org

**Minnesota Theater Alliance launches new online Human Resources toolkit**

The state-wide Minnesota Theater Alliance (MTA) presents its launch of a new online Human Resources toolkit for performing arts organizations and artists. Performing Arts Human Resources Toolkit Series (or “PAHRTS”), can be accessed at www.pahrts.mntheateralliance.org/.

PAHRTS was initially launched with a survey of performing arts organizations and individuals on topics of human resources and a series of workshops was held to give theater makers human resource information and training applicable to their field. HR professionals provided training in areas such as Hiring & Firing, Compensation & Negotiation, Diversity, Collaboration, and more. Information was compiled from the training series, as well as survey findings to create the PAHRTS online toolkit.

The online toolkit is intended to be an easily navigated resource with relevant content. MTA is committed to keeping the resources updated, and hopes to be a place that emerging HR topic resources can also be available, such as regarding the recent changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Overtime Rules. Visit this online toolkit today, and bookmark it for the future!

**Community Gathering for the Arts in Ghent**

Come to celebrate at this community gathering to feed body and soul through music, poetry and the arts in rural southwest Minnesota! There will be a potluck at 5:30 pm where you are encouraged to bring a dish, followed by an “open stage” where you are encouraged to share through reading, music, and more.

Events to take place at the Ghent Legion Hall, 107 North Chapman St, Ghent, MN on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

For more information, contact Darwin Dyce at 507-476-2042.
Mn Artists seeks proposals from Minnesota-based artists

Mn Artists is seeking proposals of all disciplines to serve as “guest curators” for one-night events at the Walker Art Center. Guest artists will propose a central topic, idea, theme or question arising from their artistic practice or research. Guest curators will then work with Mn Artists and Walker staff to conceptualize and produce a multi-faceted event that activates their idea.

For artist in SMAC’s region, it’s important to note that travel and lodging will be covered for accepted artists who live in greater Minnesota.

Proposals are due on Wednesday, February 8 at 3 pm CST.

For further information and details on how to apply, please read the full call for proposals on Mn Artists website at: www.mnartists.org/content/mn-artists-presents-your-name-here-call-proposals

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Mn Artists Interim Program Manager, Emily Gastineau, with any questions on the parameters of this project.
Email: emily.gastineau@walkerart.org

Open call to MN artists

Hutchinson Center for the Arts is seeking proposals for their 2018 Exhibition Season. HCA welcomes exhibition proposals from Minnesota artists at all career stages and working in all types of media. Solo and Group shows accepted.

Deadline for submission: April 1, 2017.

All proposals should include the following information:

- Artist statement/bio – 1 page maximum
- Résume
- Representative images (10 -15 images)
- Checklist to accompany images (title, date, medium, dimensions)
- E-mail address/Website

Before applying visit for more information: www.hutchinsonarts.org/engage/artist-opportunities/

Email submissions and questions to director@hutchinsonarts.org with subject line “2018 Exhibition Proposal”

“Friends of SMAC” Update

What have they been up to? A lot! For a full list, search #ArtsInSWMN on Facebook, Instagram, or Tumblr, or take a peak in our “Friends of SMAC” photo album on our Facebook page!

Here’s one highlight from January when Dali went to the artist reception at Hutchinson Center for the Arts’ new exhibit, Machines Water Light. He’s standing in front of pieces done by Mary Jo Wentz, who worked with collage and alcohol inks.

Within the last year, Hutchinson Center for the Arts received several SMAC grants making exhibits like this possible, including an Operating Support Grant and an Equipment & Facilities Grant to help with purchasing exhibition equipment, like lights and hanging supplies.

Look for another “Friends of SMAC” highlight next month!

Call for Art: 24th National Watermedia Exhibition in Moorhead, MN

Deadline for entries is March 1, 2017

Red River Watercolor Society is hosting this national juried art show June 19-23, 2017 at the Hjemkomst Center.

There will be 11 different exhibition awards given, ranging from $1,250 to $100.

Eligibility: Open to all artists 18 years of age or older, working in two dimensional water soluble media (watercolor, gouache, casein, egg tempera and acrylic) on a single piece of paper or yupo, canvas is not acceptable. Original work only, no supervision, class work, no work from photographs not created by the artist.

For a complete list of eligibility rules, to apply, and more information, visit: www.redriverws.org/Wordpress/events/
Contact your state legislator about supporting the arts

MN House Districts in our region

12A, Jeff Backer (R). Counties: Big Stone. 651-296-4929, rep.jeff.backer@house.mn

16A, Chris Swedzinski (R). Counties: Lac qui Parle, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, and part of Redwood. 651-296-5374 or 888-234-1242, rep.chris.swedzinski@house.mn

16B, Paul Torkelson (R). Counties: Part of Redwood and Renville. 651-296-9303, rep.paul.torkelson@house.mn

17A, Tim Miller (R). Counties: Chippewa, Renville, Swift, and part of Kandiyohi. 651-296-4228, rep.tim.miller@house.mn

17B, Dave Baker (R). Counties: Part of Kandiyohi. 651-296-6206, rep.dave.baker@house.mn

18A, Dean Urdahl (R). Counties: Meeker and part of McLeod. 651-296-4344 or 800-341-0510, rep.dean.urdahl@house.mn

18B, Glenn Gruenhagen (R). Counties: Part of McLeod. 651-296-4229 or 800-920-5861, rep.glenn.gruenhagen@house.mn

22A, Joe Schomacker (R). Counties: Lincoln, Murray, Pipestone, Rock and part of Nobles. 651-296-5505 or 888-727-6307, rep.joe.schomacker@house.mn

22B, Rod Hamilton (R). Counties: Cottonwood and part of Jackson, Nobles, and Redwood. 651-296-5373 or 800-735-2463, rep.rod.hamilton@house.mn

23A, Bob Gunther (R). Counties: Part of Jackson. 651-296-3240 or 800-684-4598, rep.bob.gunther@house.mn

MN Senate Districts in our region

12, Torrey N. Westrom (R). Counties: Big Stone. 651-296-3826, sen.torrey.westrom@senate.mn

16, Gary H. Dahms (R). Counties: Lac qui Parle, Yellow Medicine and parts of Lyon, Redwood, and Renville. 651-296-8138, sen.gary.dahms@senate.mn

17, Andrew Lang (R). Counties: Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Swift and the majority of Renville. 651-296-4918, sen.andrew.lang@senate.mn

18, Scott J. Newman (R). Counties: McLeod and Meeker. 651-296-4131, sen.scott.newman@senate.mn

22, Bill Weber (R). Counties: Lincoln, Nobles, Pipestone, rock, and parts of Jackson, Lyon, Murray, and Redwood. 651-296-5650, sen.bill.weber@senate.mn

23, Julie A. Rosen (R). Counties: Part of Jackson. 651-296-5713, sen.julie.rosen@senate.mn

Follow these helpful steps:

1. Visit www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts to enter your address and confirm who represents you.

2. Write and send a letter or email to all applicable legislators! If you prefer, you can also call with the contact information provided.

Your letter can be short and simple! All you need:

- Your name and home address
- An opening sentence that either says: “Thanks for meeting with us” or “I’m sorry we didn’t get to meet with you” “on Arts Advocacy Day. I just wanted you to know that I would like your help in protecting the Legacy funding, making sure we remain the strongest arts community in the country.” If you have more time, you can add a few notes about the arts in your town and how important they are to your community!

Send your letters to the following addresses:

Representative (fill in name)
c/o MN House of Representatives
State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator (fill in name)
c/o MN State Senate
State Capitol Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Join Minnesota Citizens for the Arts’ “Arts Alert” email list to hear the latest arts news from the MN Legislature!

Visit www.artsmn.org or send email to staff@artsmn.org to join.

You can also connect to MCA on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/mncitizensforthearts/
**FEBRUARY ARTS EVENTS**

*February 1, SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Organizational Development, Legacy Project Planning, Arts Organization Start-Up, and Equipment & Facilities Improvement*, Applications due by 4:30 pm.

*February 1, Free Grant Workshop for Art Projects and Art Legacy Projects*, 5 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 North 3rd St, Marshall. Contact SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

February 1 and recurring every Wednesday, **Society for Preservation of Old Timey Skills (SPOTS)**, 11:30 am - 1 pm, Jackson Center for the Arts, 309 2nd St, Jackson. Time and space to visit, work on your art and crafts projects, and share your talent with others. This is not a class, so no cost and no need to register. Share common interests and learn from each other. Bring your handiwork and join! Any questions contact the Center: 507-849-7415, jacksoncenterforthearts@gmail.com www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com/

*February 2, 9, 16 & 23, Winsted After School Art Club for grades 1-6, 3:15-4:15 pm, Winsted Art Center, 141 Main St W, Winsted*. Students can explore their creative sides while learning about artists. Instructor Rosanne Hansen will help young artists develop their artistic skills and learn new techniques in this 4 week class. Projects differ from previous sessions. For more information visit winstedartscouncil.org/ call 320-485-3330 or email winstedartscouncil@gmail.com.

February 3, **Chad Elliott Concert**, 7:30 pm, Jackson Center for the Arts, 309 2nd St., Jackson. With Iowa origins, Chad Elliott demonstrates a love of folk, roots, and singer-songwriter music. Reservations suggested, limited seating. Call 507-849-7415 or visit www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com for more information.


February 4, **Kevin Kling & Simone Perrin: Winterfest Weekend Entertainment**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium 601 9th St, Dawson. Author and storyteller Kevin Kling is joined by accordionista and singer Simone Perrin to bring us their newly-debuted show “Kindly Relying on the Strangeness of Others.” These charming performers are both tender and hilarious. For more information visit www.dawsonboydarts.org or call 320-312-2311.

February 5, **Viewing of Rivers of the Rockies documentary**, 2 pm, K.K. Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. Featuring the waterways and wildlife of Rocky Mountain National Park, CO. by Nick Molle.

Contact information: graniteareaarts@gmail.com, 320-564-4240, https://www.facebook.com/ GraniteAreaArtsCouncil/

*February 6 & 20, Willmar After School Kids Art Club*, 3:45-5 pm, Willmar Area Arts Council, 321 4th St SW, Willmar. 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, $3 per session, please preregister (or direct questions) by contacting Willmar Area Arts Council at 320-235-8560, willmararts@gmail.com, www.willmarareaarts council.org

February 6 and recurring on Mondays, **Beginning Guitar Lessons, 4-5 pm**, Jackson Center for the Arts, 309 2nd St, Jackson. Must bring your own guitar. For more information contact the Center at 507-849-7415, jacksoncenterforthearts@gmail.com www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com/

February 6, “Gayle MORE” painting class, 6-8 pm, Jackson Center for the Arts, 309 2nd St, Jackson. Beachside view, to register for the class and for more information contact the Center: 507-849-7415, jacksoncenterforthearts@gmail.com www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com/


*February 8, Grant Application Deadline: Individual Artist, Round II*. Applications due by 4:30 pm.

February 9, **Pet Love**, 6-9 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin SW, Hutchinson. Put on by HYPE 15 and HCA, enter your best pet video into the contest, let your pet create original artwork to take home, get a quality picture of your pet (costumes optional) and more. Grand prize includes 30 minute Pet Communication Reading with Ilga Cimbulis. For more information and to enter, contact 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

February 9, **Open Jam Session, 6:30 pm**, Jackson Center for the Arts, 309 2nd St, Jackson. Monthly Open Jam Session and Song Circle, always held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. All skill levels welcome. For more information contact the Center at 507-849-7415, jacksoncenterforthearts@gmail.com www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com/

Music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, this is based on the 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this story of friendship and revenge is humorous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. Information and tickets at [www.thebarntheatre.com](http://www.thebarntheatre.com) or (320)235-9500.

**February 10-12 & 17-19, Calumet Players Always A Bridesmaid**, 7:30 pm on Feb. 10-11 & 17-18, 2 pm on Feb. 12 & 19. Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 Main St E, Pipestone. This heartfelt comedy follows four friends who are determined to keep the promise they swore over 30 years ago: to be in each other's weddings, no matter what! For tickets and more information contact: 507-825-2020, calumetplayers@gmail.com.

**February 11, SW MN Arts & Crafts Guild Meet**, 10 am, Marshall Adult Community Center, 107 S 4th St, Marshall. Finishing Woven Worry Doll from last session. Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month December-May. Learn something new, have fun, and bring a friend! Contact cuank@mvtwireless.com for more information.

**February 17-19, Calumet Players Always A Bridesmaid**, 7:30 pm on Feb. 17-18, 2 pm on Feb. 19. Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 Main St E, Pipestone. This heartfelt comedy follows four friends. For tickets and more information contact: 507-825-2020, calumetplayers@gmail.com.


**February 19, Cornstock**, 5:30 pm, Legion Hall, 107 N Chapman St, Ghent. Community gathering to celebrate the arts in rural SW Minnesota. Potluck at 5:30 pm followed by an “open stage.” More details on page 5.

*February 20, SMAC Office and Gallery closed for Holiday.*

*February 21, SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts Organizational Development and Art Legacy Project Planning*, (tentative depending on if applications are received), 5 pm Conference Call, contact SMAC office for instructions at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org.

**February 21, Southwest Minnesota Orchestra Concerto de Camera**, 7:30 pm, First Lutheran Church, 100 Church St, Marshall. For more details on the year's events, call 507-537-7103.

**February 23, Artist Reception for Elementary & Middle School Annual Youth Art Exhibit**, 4:45-6 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin SW, Hutchinson. Exhibit runs from February 13-23. High school Annual Youth Art Exhibit will run from February 27-March 9, reception date TBA. Information at 320-587-7278 or [www.hutchinsonarts.org](http://www.hutchinsonarts.org).

*February 23, Free Grant Workshop for Art Study Opportunity for Youth*, 5 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 North 3rd St, Marshall. Contact SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

**February 23, SMSU Symphonic Chamber Winds and Redwood Valley H.S. combined concert**, 7:30 pm, Estebo Performing Arts Center at Redwood Valley H.S., 100 George Ramseth Dr, Redwood Falls. For more details on the year's events, call 507-537-7103.


*February 25, Two SMAC hosted half day sessions: Fundraising* 9 am-12 pm, Marketing with Social Media 1-4 pm. Marshall Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall. See page 3 for more details.

*February 25, Watercolor Class*, 2-4 pm, Winsted Art Center, 141 Main Ave W, Winsted. $15, includes all supplies. Charlotte Laxen leads this introductory class, she is a Winsted based artist but teaches all over Minnesota and even internationally. For more information visit winstedartscouncil.org/ call 320-485-3330 or email winstedartscouncil@gmail.com.

**February 28, Arts Advocacy Day at the Capitol**, see details on page 1.

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

**EARLY MARCH ARTS EVENTS**

*March 1, SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Organizational Development, Legacy Project Planning, and Arts Organization Start-U Applications due by 4:30 pm.

**March 2, Southwest Minnesota State University Chorale Farewell Concert: Requiem by John Rutter**, 7:30 pm, First Lutheran Church, 100 Church St, Marshall. For more details
March 3, West Central Concert Series Presents Russian Quattro, 7:30 pm, Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St, Willmar. Russian Quattro features two violins and two cellos. A bevy of classical favorites and memorable pops tunes will make for a charming evening of music. For tickets and more information: http://www.westcentralconcertseries.org/, WCCConcertS@gmail.com, 320-584-9227.

*March 4, 11, 18, & April 1, Winsted Drama Class for grades K-2, 9-10 am, Winsted Arts Council, 141 Main Ave W, Winsted. Amy Ohlemacher-Lonetti leads your little one in stretching imaginations and creativity while building self confidence. 4 class sessions. To register and for more information: 320-485-3330, winstedarts council@gmail.com, http://winstedarts council.org/.


*March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8, 22, 29 & May 6, Winsted Kids on Stage Drama Camp for grades 3-6, 10 am-12 pm, Winsted Arts Council, 141 Main Ave W, Winsted. Amy Ohlemacher-Lonetti leads this class for older kids! Theater skills and self-confidence are interwoven in this 8 class camp that culminates in a performance! To register and For more information: 320-485-3330, winstedartscouncil@gmail.com, http://winstedarts council.org/.

March 4, Dennis Curley & Friends: A Tribute to John Denver, 7 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St, Worthington. This musical evening celebrates Denver’s songs, focusing on the hits and fan favorites. For tickets and more information: 507-376-9101, fot@frontiernet.net, FriendsoftheAuditorium.com


GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Through February 24: Curt Soine, Decoy Art. Gallery Hours: M-F 8 am-1 pm and 1-4:30 pm.


Brandenburg Gallery. 213 E Luverne St, Luverne. Gallery Hours: M-F 8 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm. Information at 507-283-1884.

The Founders Gallery. 2nd floor in Founders Hall at Southwest State University, 1501 State St, Marshall. Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Information at 507-537-6266.


Jackson Center for the Arts Gallery. 309 2nd St, Jackson. Through February: Oil paintings by the late Mark Olson, former Jackson Police Officer. The Olson family will proudly exhibit selections from Mark’s lifetime collection. Gallery Hours: M, W, F: 2-5 pm, T, Th: 10 am-1 pm. Info at 507-849-7415 or www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com.


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 milanvillageartsschool.org.

In Memoriam:
Leo Dangel

On Tuesday, December 13th, Leo P. Dangel passed away at the age of 75 at the Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, SD.

In 1968, Leo began teaching writing and literature full time in the English Department at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, a position he held for twenty-five years. While teaching at SMSU, he became a poet and continued writing poetry for the rest of his life. His poems, which usually portray Midwest farm life, have appeared in many journals and anthologies. He has five books of poems and has won a Nebraska Book Award. He retired from teaching in 1993 as a professor emeritus, and the Leo Dangel Creative Writing and Literature Scholarship at SMSU was named in his honor. In 1997, Leo Dangel won the SMAC (then SMAHC) Prairie Star award.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be sent to: Leo P. Dangel Creative Writing and Literature Scholarship, Mount Marty College, and Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, SD.


Redwood Falls Public Library. 509 S Lincoln St, Redwood Falls. Library Hours: M-TH 10 am-8 pm, Fri. 10 am—5 pm, Saturday 10 am-2 pm. Info at 507-627-8650 or www.redwoodfallslibrary.org.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Ave, Windom. Through March 25: *Give it Your Best Shot: Focus on Cottonwood County Reflections*, photography exhibit. The exhibit features photographs of “Reflections” taken in Cottonwood County by local photographers. Gallery Hours: M-F 8 am—4 pm, Sat. 10 am—4 pm. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email chhs@windomnet.com.


*Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC). 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Gallery hours are M-F 8 am—4 pm, and during events. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.

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