Area Schools Awarded $26,137 in SW MN

Arts Council Grants

**ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS GRANTS:** Grants to schools to provide residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Up to $2,000 (field trips), or $4,000 (residencies). No cash match required.

**Dawson-Boyd Schools,** Dawson, $4,000 for 3 different week long residencies with 3 different artists. Susan Armington will facilitate 6th grade students in creating 3 wall panels with paint, text, and collage using Minnesota history and geography as the subject matter for the visual art installation. Anne Krocak will teach 5th grade students about public art while they create glass mosaic stepping stones to be used on the school playground. Ross Sutter will teach 4th grade students how to build and play a one-stringed dulcimer and lumberjack folk toy, as well as learn folk songs and dances.

**Edgerton Public School,** Edgerton, $2,443 and **Ellsworth Public School,** Ellsworth, $2,443 each for hosting artist-in-residence Ross Sutter. The 4th and 5th graders in both districts will work with Sutter to build and play a one-string dulcimer. Students from both schools will come together for an event to play the dulcimer and other Scandinavian song-games and dances.

**Hills-Beaver Creek School,** Hills, $3,075 for artist residency of Anne Krocak to teach their students how to make a glass and ceramic mural to be installed in the commons of the school.

**Lac qui Parle Valley School,** Madison, $4,000 for a week long artist residency with Karla Nweje to work with the 2nd graders of Madison and Appleton elementary schools to create daily interpretative dances regarding the life cycle of a seed, which works in conjunction with lessons being taught in their classrooms. There will be a performance in each school at the end of the residency to showcase the dances.

*Area school grants continued on page 4.*

Above: Ceramic and glass mural created last year at Hills-Beaver Creek School, “What Brings Us Together.”

Right: Ceramic and glass mural created last year at Hills-Beaver Creek School, “What Brings Us Together.”

**Right:** Mural done during the Susan Armington Artist Residency at the Minnesota Children’s Museum. Armington will be one of 3 Artist Residency projects at Dawson-Boyd Schools.

**Left:** Karla Nweje will be visiting Lac qui Parle Valley School for an Artist Residency.

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UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

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.

December 15, 2016:
Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects, Round II
Earliest project start date: February 15, 2017

January 1, 2017:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning*

January 18, 2017:
Arts in the Schools, Round II
Earliest project start date: March 15, 2017

February 1, 2017
Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round II
Earliest project start date: March 15, 2017

Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning*

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*

March 15, 2017:
Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects, Round III

March 29, 2017
Art Study Opportunity for Youth
Earliest project start date: May 15, 2017

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

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 to register.

Arts in the Schools
December 14, 2016
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Arts Organization Equipment/Facilities Improvement
December 19, 2016
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Individual Artists
January 5, 2017
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

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

The SW MN Arts Council office will be closed for the holidays on:
Friday, December 23
Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2
Curt Soine decoy art to be exhibited at SMAC Gallery

Decoy art by Curt Soine of Granite Falls will be on display in the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery from January 12 through February 24, 2017. Curt has been carving and painting for over 30 years and is now retired from a career with UPS, which he says enables him to focus more on his art.

Curt received an Individual Artist Development grant in 2014 for attending a workshop throughout 2014-2015 to learn oil painting techniques for the decoys he carves himself. After carving the pieces, Curt traveled to the Krausman’s Woodcarving Studio in Gwinn, Michigan for a 6 day course from Keith Mueller on painting the carvings with oil paints. Curt had previously only painted with acrylic, but felt oils would allow for enriching his abilities and range of techniques.

Before this class Curt says he gained knowledge for painting and carving by relying on books and the advice of other decoy carvers, as well as attending the National Fish Decoy Association’s Minnesota competition in Perham for the last decade and being a member of the Minnesota Decoy and Wildfowl Carving Club shortly after. Curt has also attended other shorter instruction classes before the more extensive trip to the Kausma’s Woodcarving Studio.

Curt regularly displays, sells, and enters competitions with his decoy art. He has won a number of “Best of Shows,” been published multiple times, exhibited at multiple galleries, had several local arts council shows and has had experience being an Artist in Residence. Rodney Osvold, an original founder of the National Fish Decoy Association, says that Curt’s skills improve every year and that he is “well on his way to becoming one of the top Master Carvers in MN.” Curt has also been a featured artist in The Meander Upper MN Valley Art Crawl since 2007.

Recently Curt was named the 2016 Carver of the Year at the Rudy Zwieg Decoy and Sporting Collectible Show in Alexandria.

Doug Lodermeier Sr., published author, designer and book designer, was so impressed by Curt and his wide range of talents and interests in decoy art that he featured him in his book, “Minnesota Duck Decoys - Yesterday’s & Today’s Folk Artists.” Doug says he was impressed not only by Curt’s skill but “his interest in the history and contributions in carrying on and preserving some of America’s truest forms of folk art.”

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for Curt’s artist reception from 5-7 pm on Thursday, January 12. Light refreshments and live music will be provided. Regular Gallery hours to visit the exhibit are M-F 8 am-12 pm and 1-4:30 pm.

Enjoy music from special guest Jerry Ostensoe, of Sacred Heart, during the artist reception for Curt Soine on Thursday January 12, 2017 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Jerry is a lifetime resident of southwest Minnesota and sings about the prairie and its people in a style that blends blues, country, and folk.

Dana Weiss’s pottery is still on display at the SMAC Gallery through December 22, 2016
Area Schools Awarded $26,137 in SW MN Arts Council Grants, continued

Lakeview Elementary, Cottonwood, $1,933 for week long artist residency by Ross Sutter to teach students to build and play a one-stringed dulcimer. Students from Bert Raney Elementary school with gather with Lakeview’s to play, sing, and perform folk dances at the end of the residency.

Ortonville Public School, Ortonville, $3,543 for “Friday Art Days,” where local artist Naomi Shanti will come into the classrooms of K-3 and 6 graders every Friday of the semester to teach projects that explore art history (past and present), and the understanding of themes such as line, color, shape, and value. In May, two art shows will be held to teach students how to showcase their work.

Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, $4,000 for Jazz saxophonist, Rob Dixon, to complete a residency with the SMSU Jazz Ensemble that includes 4 hours of rehearsal time and 2 performances. It will also include clinics with the jazz bands at Canby and Marshall (with performances at those schools in the evening as well).

Willmar Public Schools, Willmar, $700 for a 7th & 8th grade trip to the MNSOTA Mid-Level Orchestra Festival in Faribault, MN. They will then perform a concert in their community using the same music literature from the festival.

VSA Minnesota to hold 2 discussions in SMAC region on Dec. 13

The staff of VSA Minnesota, the state organization on arts and disability, invites you to join them for a cup of coffee, a chocolate chip cookie or two and some conversation on how people with disabilities engage with the arts community in your area.

Craig Dunn and Jon Skaalven are interested in hearing from people with all types of disabilities. People who are blind or deaf, people who live with mental illness or a developmental disability and people who have physical disabilities or other disabilities brought on by medical conditions. Craig and Jon hope to discuss: What you are doing in the arts and what barriers you might be experiencing that are keeping you from doing what you would like in the arts. They would also love to hear from people who work in arts settings who have questions about how to serve people with disabilities more effectively through their arts presentation or program.

Jon will share information about and distribute applications for VSA Minnesota’s Emerging Artist Grant Program for artists with disabilities. The program, with a deadline in early 2017, provides six grants of $2,000 for chosen artists to create new work in the coming year. Craig will talk about plans for hopes to increase the participation of people with disabilities; both as self-employed artists and as employees in organizational settings.

Please join the VSA Minnesota by taking part in discussion with some light refreshments at either one of these locations:

- December 13, 2-3:30 pm at Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N. 3rd St, Marshall, MN.
- December 13, 6-7:30 pm at Cottonwood County Historical Museum, 812 4th Ave, Windom, MN.

Two very important final notes: If you plan to attend, let the VSA Minnesota know so they bring enough cookies! Even more importantly, if you need a sign language interpreter to participate in the gathering, they must hear from you no later than end of the day Friday, December 9th, so they can arrange for an interpreter to be present.

RSVP’s and requests for an interpreter should be sent to Craig Dunn at craig@vsamn.org or make a quick call to 800-801-3883. More information about VSA Minnesota can be found at vsamn.org.
Call to Artists: Bemidji Sculpture Walk 2017

The Bemidji Sculpture Walk is Northern Minnesota’s premiere public art venue. This year is the 19th Annual Sculpture Walk.

Submissions are juried based on their conceptual strength, originality, and workmanship. Selected works will be installed and displayed for 12 months in highly visited and curated outdoor locations throughout downtown Bemidji.

All artwork will be advertised as for sale or loan unless otherwise specified by artist. Due to high visibility and tourism rates in Bemidji, sculptures are frequently discovered by visitors to our downtown and works are purchased each year. The BSW does reserve a 25% commission on all successful sales of submitted art which is sold during the contract year.

Cash Awards

- $300 Honorarium awarded to all 20 jury-selected artist participants each year.
- $250 Critic’s Choice Runner-Up Award chosen by select jury.
- $500 Critic’s Choice First Place Award chosen by select jury.
- $500 Honorarium awarded to participants with 2 or more works accepted in the same program year.
- $1000 People’s Choice Award decided by public online poll.

To get more details and to apply, visit: www.bemidjisculpture.org/submit-work

Plan Ahead for the Rural Arts and Culture Summit

June 6-8th at the University of Minnesota, Morris. SMAC will have grants available to help offset costs for people from our region who wish to attend the Summit.

For more information about the Rural Arts and Culture Summit, visit www.racsummit.org

Hinge Arts seeking applications for artist residencies

Hinge Arts is now accepting applications for their Residency program at the Kirkbride Campus in Fergus Falls, MN. Hinge Arts at the Kirkbride is a community development and artist residency program which activates cultural programming at or related to the historic Fergus Falls State Hospital, or the “Kirkbride Building.” Artists can apply to two types of residency programs: Career Development or Creative Placemaking.

Applications are due December 16 for residencies taking place between April 2017 and September 2017.

For more information and to download the application, visit: www.springboardforthearts.org/fergus-falls/hinge-arts/

Looking for more arts opportunities?
Visit swmnarts.org/category/opportunities
SMAC board member Nemes to retire; new board members Aakre, Sterner, and Swanson elected

Paula Nemes of Marshall (representative for Lyon County) will retire at the end of the year having served two full terms on the SMAC Board of Directors as treasurer, for a total of 6 years. SMAC appreciates all of the time, expertise, and enthusiasm Paula has contributed to the SW MN arts Council and to her communities. Thank you!

Joyce Aakre of Dassel has been elected as the new Meeker County board representative. Joyce is a long term arts appreciator and a Norwegian Rosemaling artist. She has served on multiple school, community education and historical society boards, as well as volunteered with multiple local organizations, including the Discover Dassel Committee, Master Gardener Tour for Meeker County, Light of Love and Flowers of Mercy/Ecumen of Litchfield, and more, all throughout Meeker county. She feels her involvement and contacts in the Dassel and Litchfield community will be an asset to our board and she looks forward to becoming more familiar with other parts of her county as well!

Michele Knife Sterner of Marshall has been elected as the new Lyon County board member. Michele enjoys drawing, making crop art and using iron pours. She has participated in multiple Marshal Area Stage Company (MASC) performances, plays a variety of musical instruments and is experienced in traditional American Indian style dancing. Michele says that through her work with the “Access, Opportunity, and Success” program at Southwest Minnesota State University, she has had the opportunity to work with artists from many backgrounds and cultures who work in many mediums, as well as experience with a wealth of diverse performance based programming.

Claire Swanson of Granite Falls has been elected as the new Yellow Medicine County representative for our board. Claire has been a basket weaver since the 1980’s, and she teaches as well as sells her art work. She has been a member of the steering committee for the Meander Art Crawl since its conception, working with local artists, businesses, non-profits and local government to help facilitate cooperation to ensure a successful event. She is excited to help promote and sustain the arts through her membership on our board, and to encourage artists of all levels to explore their abilities.

SMAC seeks Board Representatives for Lincoln and Pipestone Counties

The SW MN Arts Council seeks individuals to serve on its Board of Directors for Lincoln County and Pipestone County as representatives. The Board 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.

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

*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.

December 1, SWWC Registration Deadline for Digital Photography Contest. This competition offers students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and photography skills. Students also attend a workshop by a local, professional photographer. More information at [www.swsc.org/photography](http://www.swsc.org/photography) or 507-537-2273. Event will be held on December 8th.

December 1, Southwest Minnesota State University Men’s Glee Club & Bella Voce, “Deepest Winter Night,” 7:30 pm, First Lutheran Church, 100 Church St, Marshall. For more details on this event, visit [www.smsu.edu/go/music](http://www.smsu.edu/go/music) or call 507-537-7103.

*December 2, Reception for Christmas Market Exhibit, 6:30 pm, KK BERGE Gallery, 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. Exhibit runs until December 31. For more information call 320-564-4039 or visit [www.facebook.com/GraniteAreaArtsCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/GraniteAreaArtsCouncil).

*December 2 & 4, Crow River Singers Winter Concert, Dec. 2: 7 pm at New Journey UCC, 31 4th Ave SW, Hutchinson. Dec. 4: 2 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Featuring traditional holiday songs. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/CrowRiverSingers](http://www.facebook.com/CrowRiverSingers), call (320) 587-0710 or email info@hutchinsonarts.org.

*December 2, David Harris performance, 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, Willmar. Special performance by the very funny and talented David Harris. For tickets and more information call 320-235-9500 or visit [TheBarnTheatre.com](http://TheBarnTheatre.com).

*December 2, Lake Benton Opera House Christmas Show, 2 pm & 7:30 pm. Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, Lake Benton. Actors and actresses from past Opera House musicals perform their favorite Songs of the Season. Tickets are $11 at the door. For more information call 507-368-4620, email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com, or visit [www.lakebentonoperahouse.org](http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org).

December 2-4 & 9-11, Opland Christmas Festival of Music, “Christmas from the Heart,” Dec. 2-3 & 9-10: 7:30 pm, Dec. 4 & 11: 3 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. The Al Opland Singers share their joy of the season through song. For ticket reservations and more information, call 507-825-2020, or visit [pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscen](http://pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscen).

*December 3, Kids on Stage 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, 3 pm, River of Life Church, 170 Main Ave W, Winsted. Part of Winsted Arts Council’s theatre performances and Winsted Winter Festival. For more information visit [winstedarts council.org](http://winstedarts council.org)/ call 320-485-3330 or email winstedarts council@gmail.com.

December 3, A Very Prairie Christmas, 7:30 pm. Schwans Community Center for the Performing Arts, 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall. Southwest Minnesota State University’s Jazz Ensemble, Choiral, Bella Voce, Men’s Glee Club, and Southwest Minnesota Orchestra. For more details on event, visit [www.smsu.edu/go/music](http://www.smsu.edu/go/music) or call 507-537-7103.

December 3, Pioneer Public Television broadcast of Brulé Holiday Concert with Worthington Symphony Orchestra, 8 pm. The concert was filmed Nov. 24th, 2015 at the Worthington Memorial Auditorium. To read the article, visit [swmnarts.org/news-events](http://swmnarts.org/news-events) and search under “Concert.”

December 4, The Church Basement Ladies present Away in the Basement: A Church Ladies Christmas, 2 and 4 pm. Willmar Education And Arts Center, 611 5th St SW, Willmar. West Central Minnesota Youth For Christ is bringing the ladies back to Willmar for a double header. The 3rd new musical comedy from the Church Basement Ladies. For tickets or information call 320-235-0119.

*December 4, New Odyssey Christmas Concert, 4 pm, Schwans’ Community Center for the Performing Arts, 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall. Part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council’s concert series, New Odyssey’s hilarious Christmas production will feature comedy, skits, costumes, audience participation, and door prizes provided by MAFAC! Tickets available at the door and in advance at MAFAC and Marshall Hyvee. For more information call 507-532-5463, email mafac.arts@gmail.com, or visit [www.mafac.net](http://www.mafac.net).

December 7, Southwest Minnesota State University Student Recital, 1:30 pm, SMSU Fine Arts Theatre, 1501 State St, Marshall. For more details on this event, visit [www.smsu.edu/go/music](http://www.smsu.edu/go/music) or call 507-537-7103.

December 8, Southwest Minnesota State University/Community Concert Band, “The British Are Coming!!” 7:30 pm, SMSU Fine Arts Theatre, 1501 State St, Marshall. For more details on this event, visit [www.smsu.edu/go/music](http://www.smsu.edu/go/music) or call 507-537-7103.

December 9 -11, An Evening of Christmas Elegance, 7 pm,
Prairie Arts Center, 506 - 6th St, Madison. Lac qui Parle Players present Christmas Choir Concert. For tickets and more information call 320-698-4747 email tickets@prairieartscenter.com or visit www.prairieartscenter.com.

December 9-11, Opland Christmas Festival of Music, “Christmas from the Heart,” 9-10: 7:30 pm, Dec. 11: 3 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. The Al Opland Singers share their joy of the season through song. For ticket reservations and more information, call 877-722-2787, or visit pipestonemnnesota.com/performingartscenter.

December 10, SW MN Arts & Craft Guild: Simple Beaded Bracelet, 10 am, Marshall Community Center, 107 S 4th St, Marshall. SW MN Arts & Craft Guild meets monthly. Contact cuank@mvtvwireless.com for more information.

December 10, Southwest Minnesota State University’s TubaChristmas, 2 pm, SMSU Student Center Upper Level, 1501 State St, Marshall. For more details on this event, visit www.smsu.edu/go/music or call 507-537-7103.

December 10, Home for the Holidays - A Kat Perkins Christmas, 7 pm, Willmar Education and Arts Center, 611 5th St, Willmar. A blend of traditional Christmas songs and heartwarming storytelling with Kat’s modern spin and show-stopping original holiday music. Kat was in the top 5 of NBC’s 6th season of The Voice. For more information visit www.willmarlakesarea.com/events/home-holidays-kat-perkins-christmas.

December 10, Monroe Crossing: Bluegrass Holiday, 7 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th St, Worthington. An electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heartfelt originals. For more information and tickets call 507-376-9101 email fota@frontiernet.net or visit FriendsoftheAuditorium.com.

December 13, VSA Minnesota: Discussion on arts and disability. 2 pm at Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. 7 pm at Cottonwood County Historical Museum, 812 4th Ave, Windom. See more details on page 4.

December 13, Southwest Minnesota Orchestra Holiday Cheer!, 7 pm, Holy Redeemer Church, 503 W Lyon St, Marshall. For more details on this event, visit www.smsu.edu/go/music or call 507-537-7103.

*December 14, Free Grant Workshop for Arts in the Schools, 5 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 North 3rd St, Marshall. Contact SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

*December 15, Grant Application Deadline: Art Project and Art Legacy Projects. Applications due by 4:30 pm.

December 15-17, HYPER15 Presents Escape the Room: Holiday Edition, 6:30 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. You have 45 minutes to Escape The Room Before The Grinch Steals Christmas! For more information visit www.hutchinsonarts.org/engage/hype-15 email info@hutchinsonarts.org or call 320-587-7278.

December 16, Deadline to register for Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT) Play Festival. For more details visit www.mact.net/?page=MACT-Events/MACT-Fest-2017-593 or email LPint@bevcomm.net.

December 16-18, Sounds of the Season: A Holiday Variety Show, Dec. 16-17: 7:30 pm, Dec. 18: 2 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, Willmar. Join two children as they are trying to watch their favorite holiday classic cartoons and Christmas shows on a Saturday morning only to be constantly interrupted by a group of carolers from the West Central Singers who are trying to convince the children to join them on their outing of caroling around town. Information and tickets at www.thebarntheatre.com or (320)235-9500.

*December 19, Free Grant Workshop for Equipment and Facilities Improvement, 5 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 North 3rd St, Marshall. Contact SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

December 22, Home for the Holidays - A Kat Perkins Christmas, 7:30 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main, Pipestone. A blend of traditional Christmas songs and heartwarming storytelling with Kat’s modern spin and show-stopping original holiday music. Kat was in the top 5 of NBC’s 6th season of The Voice. For tickets or more information call 877-722-2787 or visit pipestonemnnesota.com/performingartscenter/events/calendar.

*December 23-26, SMAC Office and Gallery closed. Gallery closed until January 12.

December 31, Theatre of Fools: New Year’s Eve of Serious Nonsense, 7 pm, Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St, Worthington. A play about the tenacity of love surviving the flaws, blunders and stupidities of living a lifetime with another clown. It weaves the tricks and illusions of Lloyd Brant and Rosie Cole’s signature show Serious Nonsense, with their real backstage story. For more information and tickets call 507-376-9101 email fota@frontiernet.net or visit FriendsoftheAuditorium.com.
JANUARY ARTS EVENTS

*January 1, SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Organizational Development and Legacy Project Planning. Applications due by 4:30 pm.

*January 2, SMAC Offices closed.


*January 4, SWWC’s Conference for Young Writers, 8 am – 2 pm, SMSU, 1501 State St, Marshall. Must have preregistered online. Students learn that writing is a skill that can open up a lifetime of opportunities. Classes feature speakers and hands-on activities. Keynote speaker will be Geoff Herbach, an author from Minneapolis. Information at www.swsc.org/page/831.

*January 5, Free Grant Workshop for Individual Artists, 5 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 North 3rd St, Marshall. Contact SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

*January 7, SMAC Grant Review Panel: Art Project and Art Legacy Project, 9 am, SMAC office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*January 6, Dennis Warner Concert, 7:30 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St Ste #3, Worthington. Folk/Americana musician with smooth vocals, distinguished songs, enthusiastic personality and stellar talent playing on both six and twelve string guitars. For more information email noblearts@vastbb.net or call 507-372-8245.

*January 8, Artist Reception, Lissa Potter, 2 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St Ste #3, Worthington. Wheel thrown, hand built, altered and functional stoneware along with painting and collage. For more information email noblearts@vastbb.net or call 507-372-8245.


*January 12, Deadline for Submission to Hutchinson Sculpture scroll. For more information call 320-587-5151, email info@hutchinsonpublicarts.com or visit hutchinsonpublicarts.com/submit-art.

*January 12, SMAC Artist Reception: Curt Soine, Decoy Art, 5-7 pm. Musical guest Jerry Ostensoe from 5:30-6:30 pm. SW MN Arts Council, 114 North 3rd St, Marshall. See details on page 3.

January 13, Pop Wagner Concert, 7:30 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St Ste #3, Worthington. Cowboy anthems and old time fiddle tunes set toes a-tappin’ while he serves up spellbinding rope tricks and tall stories- all with a good dose of friendly humor. For more information email noblearts@vastbb.net or call 507-372-8245.

January 13, Rachel Ries Concert, 7:30 pm, Jackson Center for the Arts, 309 2nd St, Jackson. Accompanied by electric guitar and piano, Rachel Ries hails from the prairies of middle America with a clear voice. Reservations suggested, limited seating. For more information call 507-849-7415 or visit www.jacksoncenterforthearts.com.


January 14, SW MN Arts & Craft Guild: Woven Worry Doll, 10 am, Marshall Community Center, 107 S 4th St, Marshall. SW MN Arts & Craft Guild meets monthly. This Saturday the project will be starting part one of 6” woven worry doll, finishing next month on February 11. Contact cuank@mvtwireless.com for more information.

January 15, Bernie King & The Guilty Pleasure, 2 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main, Pipestone. A local up tempo bluegrass band. For tickets or more information call 877-722-2787 or visit pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscalendar.

*January 17, SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts Organizational Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, and Start Up (tentative depending on if applications are received), 5 pm Conference Call, contact SMAC office for instructions at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org.

*January 18, Grant Application Deadline: Arts in the Schools. Applications due by 4:30 pm.


January 21, Sapiro & Smith Dance: Flappers & Suffragettes, 7
January 27-28, Calumet Players Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Captain’s Dinner, 6:30 pm dinner, 7:30 pm show, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main, Pipestone. Cash bar and dinner provided by the Hatfield Roadhouse. Reservations needed, please call 877-722-2787 or visit pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/eventcalendar for more information.


*January 28, SMAC Board Meeting and Retreat, 9 am, location TBD.

*January 28, Watercolors Class with Char Laxen, 2 pm, Lindenwood Apartments, 215 Linden Ave W, Winsted. Through Winsted Arts Council, for more information call 320-485-3330 email winstedartsCouncil@gmail.com or visit winstedartsCouncil.org.

*February 1, SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Organizational Development and Legacy Project Planning, 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 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, SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts in the Schools, 9 am, SMAC office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

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-debutsw 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.

GALLERIES


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. December: The combined works of The Ceylon Woodcarvers Association: Wall art and sculpture. January/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-5 pm, Sat. 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.


Redwood Falls Public Library. 509 S Lincoln St, Redwood Falls. Through December 31: Area Artists, New Works by artists of Redwood & Renville counties. 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. Gallery Hours: M-F 8 am - 4 pm, Sat. 10 am- 4 pm. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com.


*Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC). 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Through December 31: “Voices Within the Cloth,” Works by Fibre Artist Pauline Prawl. Gallery hours are M-F 8 am- 4 pm, and during events. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaarts council.org.

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