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2011 Prairie Disciple: Nancy Geiger

The board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council is pleased to announce that this year's Prairie Disciple Award recipient is Nancy Geiger of Willmar. The Prairie Disciple award acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern MN.

Janet Olney nominated Nancy for this award because of her extensive involvement with the arts, not only in our region but at the state level as well. Janet shared in the nomination application, "I first met Nancy when she was production manager for The Barn Theatre in the mid-1980's. I was impressed by the knowledge, enthusiasm and ease she exhibited in this role. She has continued to be actively involved with The Barn by serving as a board member, as well as acting in plays."

Nancy served on the Board of Directors of the Willmar Area Arts Council from 1999 to 2003, part of that time as President. In 1997, Nancy was one of a small group of people involved in starting the "Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!" Willmar-area arts festival that occurs in the Fall. She has worked tirelessly for this event every year since. Her enthusiasm and dedication have contributed to the festival's success.

Nancy is active at Bethel Church serving on their arts committee and directing "Notes of Praise", a children's choir, from 2007 to 2009. She is also instrumental in their "If it's Tuesday, it must be Bethel," summer outdoor concert series.

In addition, Nancy served on the State Arts Board and has participated in Arts Advocacy Day at the capitol. In 2009 she received the Willmar Community Foundation Award in Philanthropy.

To summarize, Janet Olney wrote, "Nancy's enthusiasm and positive approach to life have had an affirming effect on everyone who has had the privilege to work with her. Having someone with this level of dedication to the arts in the region has a huge positive impact on everyone."



Thank you Nancy,

for your endless support of the arts!

Candy Anderson: Nancy is a passionate supporter of the arts not only in Willmar, but in the region and the state.

Tim Ostby: What sets Nancy apart from others in her support for the arts is the joy and energy she brings to the endeavor. She is creative and persistent. She deals with obstacles in a positive fashion that energizes others who are involved in the effort. She is someone that inspires confidence that a project can be successful.

Adam Geiger: Most importantly, she taught us that art isn't something reserved for the large cities and museums. Meaningful art can happen anywhere at anytime—even if you find yourself in an old dusty barn in rural Minnesota.

Letters of support also written by:

Cheri Buzzeo • Wayne Nelson • Robert Booker • Tim Ostby • Beverly Dougherty • Candy Anderson • Adam & Jennifer Geiger • Luke Geiger • Marcia Kleberg • Dr. Mari Thorkelson • Fred Cogelow • Suzanne Napgezek • David Moody • Irene Whitmyre • Connie Feig • Connie VanDerBill Medin

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FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: Join SMAHC for an artist retreat on the peaceful shores of Lake Shetek with tasty meals and (optional) overnight accommodations all available onsite.



Workshop sessions include:

- A Visual Arts Critique
- Social Media
- Performance Issues & Answers
- "What a Gallery Wants"
- Improv Theater
- Yarn Bombing
- Public Art
- Artist Residencies
- Entertainment by Smitty & the Sound followed by a jam session—all welcome to participate

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Meet representatives from the *Minnesota State Arts Board, Springboard for the Arts, Forecast Public Art, MNArtists.org* and other arts agencies.

Network with fellow artists, research resources to your artist needs. relax and find inspiration for your art!

Register now by calling the SMAHC office at 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471 or online at www.smahc.org.

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Art Organizations: register today!
June 8-11, 2011
Fergus Falls, MN
For details on the conference, check out:
<http://racsummit.org>

Arts Census: BE COUNTED!

Census
Deadline
EXTENDED:
May 31, 2011!

*Do you sing? Act? Dance? Write?
Draw? Paint? Sculpt? Photograph?
Weave? Play an instrument?
Compose?*

SMAHC, in partnership with the Minnesota State Arts Board, invites anyone who engages in a form of creative expression to participate in the MN Arts Count census.

Go to www.MNArtsCount.com to complete the census. If you prefer, paper surveys are available by calling 800-748-3222 ext. 225.

www.smahc.org
Grant guidelines, grant applications,
arts calendar, news and contact info

Memberships and Donations

Received March 28 - April 26, 2011

- Elaine & Paul Hagen, Belview
- Mary Anne Bennett, Brainerd
- Howard & Jody Mohr, Cottonwood
- William Krinke, Echo
- David Pichaske, Granite Falls
- Hutchinson Center for the Arts
- Southwest Initiative Foundation, Hutchinson
- Joyce & Les Young, Hutchinson
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- Green Earth Players, Luverne
- Terry & Sandy Culhane, Marshall
- Lyon County Commission, Marshall
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- Allan & Marlene Josephson, Taunton
- Viola Knott, Tracy
- Dave & Dee Anna Dorsey, Willmar
- John & Karin Gilbertson, Willmar
- Jacob & Ruth Polta, Willmar
- Business, Arts & Recreation Center (BARC), Windom
- Susan Selden, Wood Lake
- Matthew & Rhonda Fueston, Worthington
- Kathleen Kusz, Worthington
- Nobles County Commission, Worthington

Galleries and Opportunities

SMAHC Art Gallery, 1210 E College Dr., Marshall. Experience large scale abstract acrylic artwork by Erik Gran of Silver Lake, MN. Exhibit runs until July 1. Hours: Mon - Fri from 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

ARTmeyerson, 105 4th Street North, Atwater. Presents works by acclaimed wood sculptor Fred Cogelow. Opening reception Friday, June 24 with music 7 - 10 PM by Jerry Ostensoe Band. Show runs June 24 - July 8, by appt and by event. Call ahead: (320) 212-2702 or ellam@frontier.com

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne. Presents the Rock County Fine Arts Juried Transparent Watercolor Show, May 31 to June 27. Hours are Tues – Fri, Noon - 5 PM and Sat 1 - 4 PM. Cost to participate is \$10 for one entry, \$20 for two entries, \$25 for three entries. For prospectus or more info, email marypet@iw.net or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. Hutchinson. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM. You can always call ahead for an appointment. Visit www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net

Kaleidoscope - An Artists' Gallery, 90 Central Ave NE, New London located in the Banner Oak Pottery Building. Hours: 10 - 5 PM Mon - Sat. Featuring the work of Carol Gustavson, Shirbori Japanese textile artist from May 12 through June 15. Artist reception May 12 from 4 - 8 PM.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. April 5 - May 13 "High School Art Stars" exhibit. May 17- June 24 "For the Bride" exhibit features the work of Charles Autry. Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 PM. Evenings and Saturdays by appointment. 507-532-5463. Visit www.mafac.net for more information.

Milan Village Arts School in Milan. Classes in May include Silversmithing, Jewelry, Photography Techniques and more. To view all the class offered throughout the year, visit their website: www.milanvasageartsschool.org

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th Street, Worthington. "Bi-Annual Quilt Show" runs May 7 - 27 with opening reception May 7 from 1:30 - 4 PM. June 5 - 30: Paintings by Barb McGee & mixed media by Tim Anderson with opening reception June 5 from 2 - 4 PM. Hours: Mon -Fri 2 - 4:30 PM. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Potatoe Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar. "Bill Bjostad Talks Art" on Saturday mornings from 10 AM - Noon starting April 16. New topic every Saturday.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. "HAVE YOU SEEN ART?" exhibit featuring 12 Cottonwood county artists begins May 1 with a reception from 2 - 4 PM. Exhibit runs through Sept 3. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134

Tokheim Pottery, 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Spring Open House: May 12, 13, 14 - Thurs 4-8 PM, Fri & Sat 10-8 PM. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com For more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com

William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. April 1 – May 7, 2011: Fine Arts Celebration and Graduating Seniors Exhibit. Whipple Gallery hours are Mon - Thurs 8 AM - 11 PM. Fri 8 AM - 5 PM. Sunday 1 - 11 PM. Closed Saturdays and holidays.

Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar. June 1 - 30: works of artists participating in the 2011 Studio Hop will be exhibited.

MAY CALENDAR

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****May 1** Art Show at the Milan Village Arts School, Milan. 9 AM.

May 2 Call for Entries DEADLINE for fiber/textile artists for the upcoming "WWW." Exhibit in Northfield. Exhibit: June 29 - August 6. The exhibit explores via artist interpretations how communications technology has influenced contemporary life. Brochures are available upon request. For info, email: wwwexhibit@northfieldartsguild.org

May 6 "World to Willmar" Richard Yague and friends from the Twin Cities present: A night of notable classical, Broadway & contemporary tunes. Performed at The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St., Willmar with two shows at 5 PM and 8 PM. \$15 general admission. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or online: www.thebarntheatre.com

****May 6, 7, 13, 14, 15 Prairie Arts Chorale "Broadway... Here & Now".** Concerts at Redwood Valley High School, Redwood Falls (May 6); Unity Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg (May 7); BARC, Windom (May 13); Marshall Middle School (May 14); Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer (May 15). Concerts at 7:30 PM; except for May 14 at 4 PM.

****May 7 "Monroe Crossing"** Blue Grass music at its finest performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. 8 PM. Adults \$15 and Students \$5. For tickets: call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787. Box office open 10 - 5 PM Mon - Sat.

May 7 Burning River Brass *"From State to Screen"* presented at the Willmar Education and Arts Center. 7:30 PM. Burning River Brass presents classics from the concert stage to the big screen. Email: WCCConcertS@gmail.com

****May 14 SMAHC Artist Retreat at Lake Shetek.** A day of workshops and networking. For info or to register, go online: www.smahc.org or call 800-622-5284 or email: smahcinfo@iw.net

****May 14 Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Sleeping Beauty"** at Fulda Public Schools.

May 14 "All Fiber Exhibit" Entry Deadline. Entry application due to the Elk River Arts Alliance for exhibit to be held June 8 - July 9, 2011. For more info, call 763-441-4725 or check their website: www.elkriverart.org

****May 14 - 15 Zenon Dance performance** at the Historic Palace Theatre, 104 E Main St., Luverne. 7 PM, May 14. 3 PM, May 15. For info and tickets, contact 507-283-2765.

****May 16 "Words for our Great River"** Poetry Reading and Community Writing Workshop led by author Florence Dacey. For teens and adults. No previous creative writing experience is needed. Dacey will share some of her poems about the MN River. 6 - 8 PM at the Redwood Falls Public Library, 509 South Lincoln. Free. Registration limited to 30. Contact 320-839-2494 or email dixie@cureriver.org

****May 17 Student Art Show at Lakeview Public Schools in Cottonwood of student's work related to a field trip to the MN Center for Book Art and the MN Institute of Art & Sculpture Gardens.**

May 18 SMAHC DEADLINE: Legacy Grants for Organizations & Communities Round III

****May 18 "Words for our Great River"** Poetry Reading and Community Writing Workshop led by author Florence Dacey. For teens and adults. No previous creative writing experience is needed. Dacey will share some of her poems about the MN River. 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Ortonville Public Library, 412 Second St. NW. Registration limited to 30. Contact 320.839.2494 or email dixie@cureriver.org

May 19 "Lorie Line" performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. 7:30 pm. All tickets \$38. To order tickets call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787. Box office open Mon - Sat 10 AM - 5 PM.

May 21 Legacy Grant for Established Career Artists Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 9 AM.

May 24 SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 7 PM.

****May 26 Worthington Area Community Orchestra performance.** 7:30 PM at Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St., Worthington.

May 26 - Sept 8 Glacial Ridge Winery Summer Concert Series. Live music from Minnesota musicians. Every Thurs 6:30 - 8:30 PM at 15455 Old Mill Road, Spicer. Visit website: glacialridgewinery.com. For more info, call 320-796-9463 or email: lisa@glacialridgewinery.com

JUNE CALENDAR

June 8-11 Rural Arts and Culture Summit in Fergus Falls. For more info, go online at <http://racsummit.org>

June 10 Request for Proposal: College of Visual Arts, Saint Paul "Portals on Western Exhibition Program". An invited artist will receive a commission of \$2,000 to cover all expenses including development of proposals, costs of production, materials, and/or other expenses. For a full RFP visit: www.cva.edu/gallery/portals_on_western/

****June 12 Chippewa Valley Youth Club Ukulele Orchestra performance,** Trinity Lutheran Church, 202 South 13th Street, Montevideo.

****June 15-18 & 21-24 "Don't Hug Me County Fair"**, a musical comedy, performed at The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St., Willmar. Box Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM weekdays. Call to reserve seats: 320-235-9500 or online: www.thebarntheatre.com

****June 18 - 19 Studio Hop featuring 27 artists at 16 studios in Willmar, Spicer & New London!** June 18 from 10 AM - 5 PM. June 19 from noon - 5 PM. Visit www.studiohop.org for more info.

****June 21 Swift County Concert Band Summer Concert in the Park sponsored by Appleton 52 Wing Restoration Committee.** Performed at Riverview Band Stand, Appleton. 7 PM.

****June 23 Kaffe-Cafe-Kahwa Mugs Display at Bethel Church Outdoors,** 411 Becker Ave SW, Willmar.

****June 28 Notables USAF Band Summer Concert in the Park sponsored by Appleton 52 Wing Restoration Committee.** Performed at Riverview Band Stand, Appleton. 7 PM.

****June 29 - 30 Young Stars Workshop and Performance "Law and Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit"** sponsored by the Hutchinson Theatre Company. Performances held at New Century Charter School, 1000 5th Ave SE, Hutchinson. 7 PM. Tickets \$5. For more info, contact marystamps@mchsi.com or 320-234-6911.

Organization Spotlight:

Hutchinson Center for the Arts (HCA) was recently built on the premise that the arts in the Hutchinson area will be strengthened when the art groups join forces and share resources. The Center is now preparing to open their art gallery at 28 Main Street North. The 2,000 sq ft center will be used as an art gallery, offices, meeting space, coffeehouse, exposition area, artist reception space, and for classes and ticket sales to partner member events.



For more information, contact:

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- Encourage diversity in the arts and provide better experiences for the underprivileged and underserved.
- Provide children with quality arts opportunities and **experiences they currently can't get through the educational system.**

The first fundraiser for the new organization is *Night of the Arts* set for June 11 at the fairgrounds. The evening includes silent and live auctions, dinner, dancing and entertainment by members of the partner organizations. The Celebrity Art Auction will include the sale of artwork **created by local 'celebrities' partnered with working artists.**

The mission objectives of the HCA are to:

- Coordinate activities of arts organizations in the Hutchinson area and encourage cooperation and collaboration, improvement of programming and improvement of artistic excellence.
- Supplement activities of existing arts organizations, incubate new activities, and encourage a greater arts presence and awareness of quality arts.
- Educate the public to the importance of the arts, arts education, and the impact of the arts on community life and the economy.
- Increase participation in quality arts activities.
- Encourage working artists to locate in Hutchinson.
- Develop a supportive arts environment to create economic and social advantages for artists.
- Share resources and talents including: facilities, business systems, human resources, specialized skills, and access to more funding.

Current HCA Art Partners include:

- Crow River Arts
- Historic Hutchinson
- Hutchinson Theatre Company
- McLeod County Agricultural Society
- RiverSong Folk Music Festival
- Hutchinson Parks, Recreation & Community Education



New gallery opens in region

Kaleidoscope Gallery is a new cooperative where artists display their work, which is for sale, share the expense of operating the gallery and take turns working there. The new gallery is located in the Banner Oak Pottery building in New London.

98 Central Ave NE
 New London, MN 56273
 320-295-0767

Hours:
 10am to 5pm Monday - Saturday
 April 1 - Dec. 31

What's Happening? ... Get it in VOICES

... publicize arts activities and events in your area!
 Submit upcoming dates for the June VOICES by May 15, 2011.





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