



# VOICES for Art

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## MARCH 8: ARTS ADVOCACY DAY @ The Capitol

Each year, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts invites arts advocates to the Minnesota History Center and State Capitol to talk about the arts, make new friends, and educate legislators about the importance of the arts to Minnesota.

Through this big day, we show the strength of Minnesota's arts community. Each year, there are representatives from small rural choirs and suburban community theaters, presenters and big organizations, museums and art centers of all sizes, painters, tenors, dancers, cellists, French horn players, and arts administrators joining together to send a message to our legislators. Past participants have enthusiastically reported two things about Advocacy Day:

First, they feel empowered by gathering together with like-minded people.

Second, they say that Arts Advocacy Day is the best arts networking event of the year. This is the only time that arts lovers of all kinds gather together in one place.

Participation in events like Arts Advocacy Day has led to significant increases in state arts funding, including 1997's \$12 million Arts Initiative and the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund for which the unified voice of the arts community was critical to securing.

Our legislators need to be educated about the importance of the arts to our state every year. On Arts Advocacy Day, we are out in full force to say "Please support state arts funding!"

Be a part of the team! Contact the SMAHC office to join arts advocates from the SW MN region or register directly with MCA online at [www.mncitizensforthearts.org](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org) by March 4th!



Arts Advocacy Day 2010: SMAHC supporters on the capitol steps

### Arts Advocacy Day Schedule March 8, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. Meet at the Minnesota History Center, St. Paul
- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Coffee
- 8:00 a.m. Advocacy Class for new attendees
- 8:30 a.m. Advocacy Seminar & Join your team
- 9:30 a.m. Walk/ride to Capitol
- 9:30-1:00 p.m. Legislator appointments

*You and your team will be led by an experienced advocate who has participated in past Advocacy Days and knows what to do. Your team will visit a series of legislators during the course of the day, giving you plenty of time to get to know your teammates and the issues you are discussing.*



*MCA is a grassroots advocacy organization. They organize members of the arts community to demonstrate the importance of the arts in Minnesota and to affect the outcome of legislative decisions by making sure that elected officials understand the impact that the arts have in their districts. The coalition includes artists, audiences, arts educators*

*and arts organizations, big and small, and the general public in metro, suburban and rural areas who believe, as we do, that the arts contribute in positive ways to communities statewide.*

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## Tales of a First Time Arts Advocate

by Rachel Lee Joyce

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As the barista at my morning coffee shop, my neighbor's dog, and my co-workers with adjoining cubes would enthusiastically testify, I detest mornings. And I am wont to share my cranky disposition with all man or beast that cross my path before a thermos of light roast and 11 am. Add to that my attitude problems with authority figures and my feelings of powerlessness at the hands of government and it is easy to see why an 8:00 am call for arts advocates at the capitol for Advocacy Day was a hard sell for me. But my passionate belief in the arts as a catalyst for social change and crucial component of individual and cultural transformation trumped my disdain of sunrises and a few years ago I joined with a thousand or so other arts enthusiasts and became an **arts advocate for MCA's Advocacy Day**. The experience was so exhilarating that I am prepared to forego the snooze button for all Advocacy Days to come.

After traveling by chartered bus with a group of inspired co-workers to the capitol, I was greeted at the entrance with beaming smiles, complete information packets, and bottomless coffee by MCA volunteers. When I entered the advocacy gathering room I was stunned. Hundreds upon hundreds of arts-workers and supporters were inside preparing for the **day's activities**. **Until recently, I have been a freelancer, accustomed to working alone and rarely caught a glimpse of what I often considered the mythical "arts community."** I considered arts activists to be much like Snuffleupagus, often sighted but somehow never around where I was. But in that room I was thrilled to see I was indeed part of a large, motivated group of individuals from every part of the state who are compelled to work for government support of the arts.

The packet of information gave me everything I needed to navigate the day. I was assigned to a team of advocates who would travel together throughout the day to our appointments with individual legislators. The team leaders held up large signs in the meeting hall so they were easy to spot. I found my team leader, read background information about the legislators I was scheduled to meet and tips for the meetings while waiting for the other group members and basking in the energy of the room. Advocacy teams are made up of people who live in a legislator's district (voters!), people from an organization that has toured to a legislature's district or artists that have done residencies in that district.

Once our group was assembled we started making our way **through the capitol to the representative's offices**. Our leader was an experienced advocate and trained conveying **the message of arts advocacy day to the legislator's**. As we traveled through the capitol (our numbers were impressive and dominated the halls) **many employee's greeted and encouraged us**. Although this was my first time, many capitol regulars witness this display every year and welcome our involvement.

The meetings with representatives took place in their office or, if the legislator was in a scheduled committee meeting, in the hallway outside the meeting room. Each of the six legislators our group met with was enthusiastic to meet us and hear what brought us to the capitol that day regardless of their voting record in the arts. Each group has a few minutes to greet the representative, clearly state the mission of **the group's visit, which is to prevent cuts in state funding to the arts**, and share any personal connections with the arts in the representatives district. Several of the reps I met with told us about what arts they enjoyed, plays and concerts they had seen that year, or about artists visiting their **children's school**. I was surprised to find how personally reps had decorated their office spaces. The various mini-shrines to sports teams, family photos, artwork and taxidermy made the atmosphere much more relaxed. Maybe not so much the taxidermy. Although not each legislator supported the current spending allotment for the arts, no one argued the point with us or quizzed us for facts and figures.

When we wrapped up our individual meeting in the afternoon, our group met up with other random arts advocates, easily recognizable in their arts advocates pins and heads raised high, for lunch. I was so energized hearing about arts initiatives throughout the state and could not wait to report back to my friends and co-workers on the bus back to south Minneapolis. And none of my apprehensions about a coffee-less, contentious day with callous politicians were warranted. Instead, I had an inspiring day fueled by the energy of hundreds of positive, dedicated arts advocates filled with thoughtful encounters with similarly positive and dedicated elected officials. So if you are considering being a first-time participant I urge you to cast off all doubt and sign up today to represent the arts for your area.

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## Mark your Calendar: May 14-15 SMAHC Artist Retreat

As in years past, SMAHC will host a weekend retreat for artists on the peaceful shores of Lake Shetek. Tentative session topics in the works include: writing critiques, visual art critiques, gallery expert Q&A, photographing your work, poetry & bookmaking, one-on-one artist consulting and an evening jam session.

Network with fellow artists and find inspiration for your art!

Registration details coming soon!

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## Upcoming SPRING workshops

Stay in touch with SMAHC in the next few weeks as we finalize plans to host workshops and learning events for artists and arts organizations for Spring 2011.

While details are not absolutely final, we are working on the following topics:

- **“Public Art 101” taught by FORECAST PUBLIC ART to be held in Willmar area**
- Artist Networking opportunities
- **“Asset Mapping and Financial Success” for arts organizations to be held in Marshall**
- **“Matting and Framing your work” to be held at the Milan Village Arts School**

Final details and registration information will be posted on our website and emailed to everyone in our database. If you would like to make sure we have your email address, go to our website ([www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)) and click on the green button on the left column of our home page where it says **“Sign up for Email Updates”**.

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## UPCOMING GRANT PROGRAM DATES:

February 7	DEADLINE: Art Projects / Arts Org. Dev.
February 12	PANEL: Legacy for Orgs & Comm.
February 22	BOARD ACTION: Legacy for Orgs.
February 24	WORKSHOP: Arts & Learning / Art Study Opportunity for Youth (Marshall)
March 5	PANEL: Art Projects / Arts Org. Dev.
March 10	WORKSHOP: Legacy for Established Career Artists (Marshall)
March 22	BOARD ACTION: Art Projects / Arts Org. Dev.
April 1	DEADLINE: Arts & Learning / Legacy Artists

## MN SHORTS PLAY FESTIVAL ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

The Minnesota Shorts Play Festival is accepting short play submissions to its third annual festival, which will be Sept. 8-9 in Mankato, MN. The deadline to enter is April 4, 2011.

Plays will be submitted for blind judging in April. Twelve winning playwrights will receive \$100 each after the performance of the play; an additional four will receive \$50. All winning playwrights must find actors, rehearse and have their play ready to perform Sept. 8 or 9 in Mankato.

Sets should be kept to a minimum. The festival will provide one table and two chairs for props. All other props must be provided by the winning playwrights. Submissions should be kept to 15 pages or less, in a Microsoft Word or PDF format. E-mail your submissions to [mnshorts@yahoo.com](mailto:mnshorts@yahoo.com). Winners will be announced in May. Limit of two submissions per playwright.

For more information, go to [www.mnshorts.com](http://www.mnshorts.com) or call festival coordinator Greg Abbott at 507-420-1881.

[www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)  
Grant guidelines, grant applications,  
arts calendar, news and contact info

Galleries and Opportunities

The SMAHC Art Gallery exhibit by Deb Connolly of Danvers. This exhibit runs until April 1, 2011. Visit the Gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at 1210 E College Drive in Marshall. Enter through the glass door on the east side of the building.

The Carnegie Cultural Center located at 205 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne. Hours are Tuesday – Friday, Noon - 5 PM and Saturday, 1 - 4 PM. Call 507-283-8294 for more information.

Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St. Hutchinson. Regular Hours are Monday - Saturday 10-5pm - Sunday Noon to 4. You can always call ahead for an appointment. Check out [www.claycoyote.com](http://www.claycoyote.com) or email Betsy or Tom at [claypot@hutchtel.net](mailto:claypot@hutchtel.net)

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. January 11 - February 19, Dale Streblov Exhibit - **“Created Order”** featuring large scale oil paintings. Hours: Tues - Fri 12 - 5:30 PM. Evenings and Saturdays by appointment. 507-532-5463. Visit [www.mafac.net](http://www.mafac.net) for more information.

Milan Village Arts School in Milan. Classes in February include Norwegian Knife Making, Scandinavian Flat Plane Carving, Intro to Timber Framing: Make a Trestle, Basic Leatherworking, Watercolor... and more. To view all the class offered throughout the year, visit their website at [www.milanvillageartsschool.org/](http://www.milanvillageartsschool.org/)

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th Street, Worthington. February features artists John and Linda Kolb. Their opening reception is Sunday, February 6 from 2 - 4 PM. Hours: M-F 2 to 4:30 PM. Free. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. **“God’s Creation: Lester’s Observation”** by photographer Lester Rupp from 2-4 PM. Gallery Hours: M-F 8- 4 PM & Sat 10-4 PM. Free. For more information, call (507) 831-1134 or email [cchs@windomnet.com](mailto:cchs@windomnet.com)

Tokheim Pottery, 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Visit [www.tokheim-stoneware.com/](http://www.tokheim-stoneware.com/) for more information about the gallery or call 320-769-2142. Email [info@tokheim-stoneware.com](mailto:info@tokheim-stoneware.com)

William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. January 10 through February 18, 2011 features the faculty and staff art show. Whipple Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 AM to 11 PM. Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM. Sunday, 1 to 11 PM. Closed Saturdays and Holidays.

Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, Willmar.

CALENDAR

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See the latest calendar events and opportunities on the SMAHC website: [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)

Check out the Marshall Area Arts Calendar for the latest arts events in the Marshall area: [www.marshallareastagecompany.org/artscalendar.pdf](http://www.marshallareastagecompany.org/artscalendar.pdf)

**What’s Happening? ... Get it in VOICES**

... publicize arts activities and events in your area!

Submit upcoming dates for the February VOICES by January 20, 2011.

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Times: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Admission: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person for inquiries: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_



FEBRUARY

Immediate: Call for Artists for Rock County Fine Arts Juried Transparent Watercolor Show 2011 to be held at Carnegie Cultural Center in Luverne. Show dates: May 31 to June 27. For a prospectus, to preregister, or any other questions, please contact Mary Petersen at (507) 283-8154 or email: [marypet@iw.net](mailto:marypet@iw.net)

**February 5 "The Danger Committee"** Winterfest Weekend at Memorial Auditorium presented by the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, 601 9th Street, Dawson. 7:30PM. Adults \$15 Students \$5. For tickets, call the box office phone: 320.769.2955 Ext. 246.

February 7 SMAHC Deadline: Art Projects and Arts Organization Development Grants

\*\*February 10-13, 17-20 Alone Together Again, a winter comedy show presented by the Barn Theatre, Willmar. All shows are at 7:30 pm, with the exception of Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. For ticket information call the Barn Theatre office at 235-9500 or email [info@thebarntheatre.com](mailto:info@thebarntheatre.com)

February 10-13 **"A Mother in My Head"** presented by the Little Theater in New London. 7:30PM shows; 2PM Sunday matinee. Advanced tickets - 2 for \$15.00; Day of Show - 2 for \$17.00. Please call the Theatre and leave a message to reserve your tickets: 320-354-2559.

**February 11 Dueling Pianos "Deuces Wild"** performing at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, Jackson. Sponsored by the JCC Community Education. 7:30 PM. Reserved Seating, Tickets \$15. For more information, call (507) 847-6627 or email [pam\\_grussing@jccschools.com](mailto:pam_grussing@jccschools.com)

February 11, 12, 13 & 18, 19, 20 "Glorious" presented by the Calumet Players at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center in Pipestone. The hilarious comedy of the worst singer in the world. Showtimes 7:30 pm except Sunday 2PM. Tickets are available at the box office at Pipestone County Museum. Open Monday thru Saturday 10 to 5 pm, 113 South Hiawatha in Pipestone. Call for information at (507) 825-2020 or (877) 722-2787.

\*\*February 12 Seth Glier presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association performing at the Cottonwood County Historical Society Museum in Windom. 7:30 PM. for ticket information, call (507) 831-3560 or email [bboldt@mindspring.com](mailto:bboldt@mindspring.com)

\*\*February 12 Dustin Lee presented by the Tyler Arts Council as part of the Coffee House Series performing at the First English Lutheran Church in Tyler. 7 PM. For ticket information, call (507) 247-3811.

February 12 Arts Legacy for Organizations & Communities Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 9:30 AM.

February 17-19, 25-27 **"Doubt"** presented by SMSU Theatre in Marshall. 7:30 PM, except Feb. 27 matinee at 2 PM. Dinner theatre available Feb. 18 & 26. Tickets: \$12 Adult, \$10 Student. Dinner Theatre tickets: \$32 Adult, \$30 Student. Reservations at [www.smsutickets.com](http://www.smsutickets.com) or by calling 507-537-7103 or email: [nadine.schmidt@smsu.edu](mailto:nadine.schmidt@smsu.edu)

\*\*February 20 RedHead Express at the Schwan Comm. Center for the Performing Arts presented by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, Marshall. 4PM. Tickets: Adult \$15, Student \$10, Child (Under 12) \$5. Call for more info: (507) -532-5463 or email [mafac@starpoint.net](mailto:mafac@starpoint.net)

February 22 SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 7 PM.

February 22 *Te Deum* presented by the SMSU Concert Choir at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. 7:30 pm. For more information, 507-537-7103.

February 24 Free Grant Writing Workshops for Arts & Learning Grants and Art Study Opportunity for Youth at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. Pre-registration is required - call (800) 622-5284 or (507) 537-1471.

MARCH

March 3 Ilya Yakushev presented by the West Central Concert Series at the Willmar Education and Arts Center in Willmar. 7:30 PM. Gold Medal Winner of the 2005 World Piano Competition, ILYA YAKUSHEV is a native of St. Petersburg, Russia where he won his first award at age 12 as a prize winner of the Young Artists Concerto Competition. For more information email [WCCConcertS@gmail.com](mailto:WCCConcertS@gmail.com)

March 4 Lake Wobegon Brass Band Concert at the Performing Arts Center in Dassel. 7:30PM. Tickets: Adults \$15, Youth \$5. Reserved seating available at Dassel Comm. Ed office or by calling 320-286-4120.

**March 3 Southwest Minnesota Orchestra "Annual Children's Concert"** at the Schwan's Community Center for the Performing Arts in Marshall. 7:30PM. For more info, contact 507-537-7103.

March 5 Minneapolis Guitar Quartet performing at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, Jackson. Sponsored by the JCC Community Education and Jackson County Library. 7:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (507) 847-6627 or email [pam\\_grussing@jccschools.com](mailto:pam_grussing@jccschools.com)

\*\*March 5 Sam Baker presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music and Bluegrass Association performing at the Cottonwood County Historical Society Museum in Windom. 7:30 PM. for ticket information, call (507) 831-3560 or email: [bboldt@mindspring.com](mailto:bboldt@mindspring.com)

March 5 Arts Projects and Arts Organization Development Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 9:00 AM.

March 8 Arts Advocacy Day at the Capitol sponsored by Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA). Join your fellow arts advocates at the MN History Center and State Capitol in St. Paul to meet your legislators and talk about art support. Register online by visiting [www.mncitizensforthearts.org](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org) by March 4, 2011. Contact: 651-251-0868 or [mncitizensforthearts.org](http://mncitizensforthearts.org)

March 10 Free Grant Writing Workshop for Legacy Grants for Established Career Artists at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. Pre-registration is required - call (800) 622-5284 or (507) 537-1471.

March 11 Skilly & Duff Irish Quartet: **"Like a Trip to Ireland."** 7:30PM St. Patty's Day celebration at The Little Theater in New London. For ticket information, please contact: [mick@Midwestinfo.net](mailto:mick@Midwestinfo.net) or call 320-859-3536.

**\*\*March 11 "The Bottom Line Duo"**, Bass & Cello, MAFAC Concert, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts in Marshall. 7:30PM. Tickets available at the door: Adult \$15, Student \$10, Child (Under 12) \$5.

March 11 - **13 "Attack of the Giant Grasshoppers & Pom Pom Zombies"** presented by the Pipestone Performing Art Center. Fri & Sat at 7PM; Sun matinee 2PM. For info and tickets, contact 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787.

**\*\*March 12, 13, 18, 19 "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music"** performed by the FungusAmongus Players at the Dassel History Center and Ergot Museum. 7 PM and 2 PM matinee. All tickets \$15 includes dessert. Tickets available at Dassel Comm. Ed office or by calling 320-286-4120.

March 15 New London Fine Art Festival submission deadline. For details go to [www.newlondonfineart.com](http://www.newlondonfineart.com) or email: [nlonfaf@gmail.com](mailto:nlonfaf@gmail.com)

March 18 - 20 & 25-27 **"Gilligan's Island, The Musical"** presented by the Green Earth Players at the Palace Theater in Luverne. Fri & Sat at 7:30PM; Sun matinee 2PM. For info and tickets, contact 507-283-2765.

**March 19 "Broadway Meets Lake Benton"** at the Lake Benton Opera House. Two shows at 2PM and 7:30 PM. General admission tickets are available at the door for \$10. [www.lakebentonoperahouse.org](http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org)

March 20 - Springstock! at the Community Center in Renville sponsored by the Arts Council and Friends of the Arts. A gathering of poets, storytellers, and musicians. 4:30PM. For more information or questions, call Ed at 320-329-8164 or e-mail: [valleyhouse@tds.net](mailto:valleyhouse@tds.net)

March 22 SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Office, 1210 E. College Drive, Marshall. 7 PM.

March 24-26 and March 31—**April 2 "Forever Plaid"** Dessert Theatre by the Hutchinson Theater Company. 7:00 PM shows held at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Tickets \$17.50 at [www.hutchtheater.org](http://www.hutchtheater.org)

March 26 "Club Swing" presented by the Prairie Music Concert Association at the Murray County Central School Auditorium in Slayton. 5 great singers with a backup quartet bring songs, events and personalities of the Swing Era. 7:30 PM. For ticket information, call (507) 836-8443 or email [elwing@iw.net](mailto:elwing@iw.net).

\*\*March 28-29 SMSU Jazz Ensemble with guest bassist, Mr. Rodney Whitaker. March 28 at SCCPA in Marshall @ 7 PM. March 29 at Pipestone Area Schools Auditorium @ 7:30 PM. For more info, contact 507-537-7103.

**March 31 "The Mousetrap"**, MASC Dinner Theatre, Marshall American Legion, Dinner 6 pm, Show 7 pm.

## RESOURCES

Arts Education News from the Perpich Center - visit the blog at [artseducation.typepad.com:80/](http://artseducation.typepad.com:80/)

MNArtists.org is an online database of Minnesota artists and organizations from all disciplines. [mncitizensforthearts.org](http://mncitizensforthearts.org) provides news and features about the local arts scene from a variety of sources and a calendar of arts events in Minnesota.

The Minnesota State Arts Board - [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us)

## SMAHC AWARDS INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANTS

At the January 25 meeting, the SMAHC Board of Directors voted to award a total of \$54,246 under the Individual Artist programs for both Developing and Career Artist categories with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation.

The Individual Artist—Career grant program awards up to \$5,000 to aid area professional artists. Eight grant recipients received the following funding:

- Carol Gustavson, Grove City \$5,000 to create Shibori art pieces
- Douglas Holtquist, Ortonville \$5,000 to mentor with kiln glass artist
- Robert Dorlac, Marshall, \$4,850 to frame art work for exhibition
- Robert Mattson, New London \$5,000 to purchase a printing press
- Joseph Paddock, Litchfield \$5,000 to complete second volume of trilogy of narrative poems called "Circle of Stones"
- David Strom, Windom \$5,000 to produce a new body of work
- Arthur Norby, Spicer \$4,830 to create & exhibit new works
- James Austerman, Mountain Lake \$4,656 to upgrade music equip.

The Individual Artist—Development grant program awards up to \$1,500 to aid area emerging artists. Ten grant recipients received the following funding:

- Kristin Allen, New London \$1,495 to create new wire sculptures that will be finished for exhibit and photographed
- Dempsey Schroeder, Pennock \$1,500 to attend Swannanoa Gathering & Fiddle Week in North Carolina
- Janet Olney, Willmar \$1,500 to develop portfolio with new work
- Jedd Peters, New London \$1,500 to rent gas kiln, purchase materials & create new works for a juried art fair
- Don Sherman, Ortonville \$1,500 to create combined media images, prepare and exhibit new works
- Joyce Meyer, Canby \$1,500 to create new works by combining photographic images expressing human nature
- Michele Skogrand, Montevideo \$1,415 to create new works
- Terry Kempfert, Hutchinson \$1,500 to attend a calligraphy seminar
- Gene Stukel, Granite Falls \$1,500 to develop artistic or impressionistic look to landscape photography
- Paul Beckermann, Dassel \$1,500 to purchase recording equipment

### Poll Shows Minnesotans Oppose Raids on Legacy Funds

A recent poll conducted by the Minnesota Environmental Partnership found that, "Two-thirds of Minnesotans say we must not let elected officials raid constitutionally dedicated conservation funds to solve short-term state budget problems."



## Memberships and Donations Received Jan 1 - Jan 28, 2011

- Big Stone County Commissioners
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- Helen Pedersen, Marshall
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- Dan & Elizabeth Hampton, Montevideo
- Gossman Pottery, New London
- Gregory & Margaret Harp, New London
- Don & Bonnie Sherman, Ortonville
- Pat Beyers, Pipestone
- Tom & Sharon Hollatz, Redwood Falls
- Kelly & Joseph Muldoon, Slayton
- The Barn Theatre, Willmar
- Donna Jean Carver, Willmar
- Michael Woll Investments, Worthington

Thank you to our members, sponsors and donors!

## PUBLIC ART PLANNING GRANTS AWARDED

SMAHC funded four \$2,000 Public Art Planning Grants for research & development through Forecast Public Art. Funds for these grants are made possible by the SW MN Arts & Humanities Council with funds from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Gail Holinka, Worthington, to develop a public art advisory board and public art policies

Kristin Allen, New London, to design a permanent public sculpture for a site within the city of New London

Lisa Bergh, New London, to explore new programming opportunities for ARThouse

Upper MN Valley Regional Development Commission, Appleton, to create a regional public art plan for 5-county region

*Forecast Public Art is a St. Paul-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen and advance the field of public art—locally, nationally and internationally—by expanding participation, supporting artists, informing audiences and assisting communities.*



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