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FY2000 Summary: Production, Presentation & Image Grants

<u>Number</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>MSAB</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Youth</u>
<u>Presentation</u>									
SP 920	Cultural Diversity Office, Southwest	Marshall	10th Annual Prairie Festival Pow-Wo	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$3,000	800	200
SP 903	Friends of the Auditorium	Worthington	Oct - Dec 1999 Performing Arts Seas	\$4,902	\$4,902		\$4,902	1560	
SP 905	Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Ir	Ihlen	First round Presenter Series (3 events	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$5,000	405	30
SP 908	Cottonwood County Historical Societ	Windom	Contemplation & Image: Drawings	\$1,480	\$1,000		\$1,000	2500	
SP 910	Crow River Arts, Inc	Hutchinson	The Children's Theatre Co. of Minne	\$3,050	\$3,050		\$3,050	220	50
SP 916	Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Ir	Ihlen	Second Round Presenters Series	\$5,000	\$4,000		\$4,000	405	30
SP 919	English Department, Southwest Stat	Marshall	Freya Manfred & Ross Sutter	\$1,166	\$1,166		\$1,166	400	40
SP 944	New London Arts Project	New London	Visual Arts show	\$1,689	\$1,428		\$1,428	800	200
SP 931	Plum Creek Library System	Worthington	Jim Jayes Puppeteer, Summer Readin	\$2,384	\$2,384		\$2,384	1700	1300
SP 942	Pipestone Performing Arts Center	Ihlen	Third round presenters series	\$4,000	\$2,500		\$2,500	405	30
SP 935	Minnesota Crafts Council	New London	Svend Bayer 10 day kiln building wo	\$4,935	\$2,500		\$2,500	37	12
SP 941	New London Arts Project	New London	Neer Park Music Festival	\$4,800	\$4,059		\$4,059	700	200
<i>Presentation</i>				<i>Total</i>	\$41,406	\$34,989	\$34,989	9932	2092
<u>Production</u>									
PR 914	Buffalo Creek Players, Inc.	Glencoe	Mystery/Comedy & Children's Theatr	\$4,080	\$4,080		\$4,080	400	50
PR 913	Rock County Commissioners	Luverne	Rock County Millennium Celebration	\$2,410	\$2,410		\$2,410	4000	2000
PR 912	Redwood Area Theatre	Redwood Fall	South Pacific	\$4,225	\$4,225		\$4,225	1040	40
PR 940	Southwest Minnesota Orchestra	Marshall	Two concerts in Fall 2000	\$5,000	\$2,114		\$2,114	300	125
PR 909	Crow River Area Youth Orchestra	Hutchinson	1999-2000 Season	\$4,400	\$3,000		\$3,000	2474	1434
PR 921	Calumet Players, Inc.	Pipestone	"The Emperor's New Clothes"	\$1,630	\$1,630		\$1,630	400	250
PR 904	Prairie Arts Chorale	Slayton	"Music for the Spirit"	\$1,679	\$1,679		\$1,679	550	50
PR 917	The Calumet Players	Marshall	"Clue: the Musical"	\$2,960	\$2,960		\$2,960	630	25
PR 943	Benton-Fremont Committee	Lake Benton	Benton-Fremont Days pagaent	\$1,220	\$1,220		\$1,220	250	50

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PR 902	The Choralaires	Litchfield	Fall Concert	\$1,491	\$1,491		\$1,491	350	50
PR 901	Willmar Community Orchestra	Willmar	Concert and student string musician	\$2,213	\$2,213		\$2,213	640	240
PR 900	Crow River Arts/Hutchinson Commu	Hutchinson	Handel's "Messiah"	\$2,505	\$1,670		\$1,670	275	25
PR 899	The Calumet Players	Marshall	"Moon Over Buffalo"	\$1,818	\$1,818		\$1,818	400	25
PR 906	Southwest Minnesota Orchestra	Marshall	1999-2000 Season	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$5,000	300	100
PR 923	Lac qui Parle Valley School/Commu	Madison	"Good News"	\$3,625	\$3,625		\$3,625	1050	300
PR 933	Redwood Area Theatre	Redwood Fall	Children's & Pre-Teen/Teen Theatre	\$1,420	\$1,100		\$1,100	340	40
PR 932	Rock County Fine Arts Association	Luverne	2000-2001 Season	\$2,905	\$500		\$500	3500	
PR 930	Big Stone Arts Council	Clinton	Big Stone Iron Pour	\$4,995	\$4,223		\$4,223	1800	
PR 929	Willmar Community Theatre, Inc.	Willmar	Hayloft Players Workshop	\$4,494	\$3,800		\$3,800	1100	200
PR 928	Marshall Area Stage Company	Lynd	Rogers & Hammersteins "Cinderella"	\$3,103	\$3,103		\$3,103	1000	450
PR 915	Prairie Arts Chorale	Slayton	A Collage of Musical Theater	\$3,632	\$3,632		\$3,632	560	50
PR 924	Cottonwood County Historical Societ	Windom	"Works of Babe"	\$1,220	\$1,220		\$1,220	2500	500
PR 938	District 465 Comm Educ/Litchfield C	Litchfield	"Fiddler on the Roof"	\$1,454	\$1,454		\$1,454	1148	202
PR 922	Ivanhoe Centennial	Ivanhoe	Pageant of the history of Ivanhoe	\$1,800	\$1,800		\$1,800	400	200
PR 936	Main Street Willmar	Willmar	Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! Festi	\$1,661	\$1,000		\$1,000	628	628
PR 937	The Calumet Players, Inc	Pipestone	"Steel Magnolias"	\$925	\$925		\$925	400	20
PR 898	Green Earth Players	Luverne	1999-2000 Season	\$3,940	\$3,940		\$3,940	2808	988
PR 918	Cosmos Lions Club	Cosmos	A Community Play	\$455	\$455		\$455	225	25
PR 934	Council for Arts & Humanities in R	Luverne	2000 Blue Mound Writers Series	\$5,000	\$3,382		\$3,382	500	50
PR 927	Willmar Community Theatre, Inc	Willmar	"Proposals" comedy by Neil Simon	\$1,633	\$1,633		\$1,633	1950	150
Production				Total	\$82,893	\$71,302	\$71,302	31918	8267
Grand Total				\$124,299	\$106,291		\$106,291	41850	10359

FY2000 Summary: Local Arts Development, Challenge Rolling Plains Grants and Cultural Bank Insurance

<u>Number</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>MSAB</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Challenge</u>									
CH 34	Pipestone Performing Arts Center, I	Ihlen		\$500	\$500	\$500			
CH 33	Big Stone Arts Council	Ortonville		\$500	\$500	\$500			
<i>Challenge</i>				<i>Total</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		
<u>Cultural Bank</u>									
CB 207	Fulda Public Schools/Community E	Fulda	"I Remember Mama" 4/14-4/16, Ele	\$400	\$400			\$400	
CB 204	Friends of the Auditorium	Worthington	Peking Acrobats	\$400	\$400			\$400	
<i>Cultural Bank</i>				<i>Total</i>	\$800	\$800		\$800	
<u>Local Arts Development</u>									
LA 19	Southwest Minnesota Orchestra	Marshall	Hire manager for performance prod	\$4,000	\$4,000		\$4,000		
LA 17	Milan Village Arts School	Montevideo	Part-time coordinator, Membership	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000			
LA 16	Willmar Area Arts Council	Kandiyohi	Revised 2000 edition Art Registry	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$500	\$3,250		
LA 15	DEMO Inc	Willmar	Equipment, fundraising & office su	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000			
LA 13	Council for Arts & Humanities in R	Luverne	Maintain Executive Director positio	\$4,000	\$4,000		\$4,000		
LA 12	Nobles County Art Center	Worthington	Purchase digital camera & web site	\$4,000	\$4,000		\$4,000		
<i>Local Arts Development</i>				<i>Total</i>	\$23,750	\$23,750	\$8,500	\$15,250	
<u>Rolling Plains</u>									
RP 1	Pipestone County Historical Museu	Pipestone	Rolling Plains Mobile Visual Arts	\$250	\$250		\$250		
RP 2	Granite Falls Arts Council	Granite Falls	Rolling Plains Mobile Visual Art G	\$250	\$250		\$250		
<i>Rolling Plains</i>				<i>Total</i>	\$500	\$500	\$500		
				<i>Grand Total</i>	\$26,050	\$26,050	\$9,500	\$15,750	\$800

FY2000 Summary: Arts in Education Communities, Including ArtBridge Grants

<u>Number</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>MSAB</u>	<u>SW MN FND</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Youth</u>
ArtBridge Intergenerational										
AB 52	Independent School District #518	Worthington	Intergenerational Project - Design an	\$2,500	\$2,500			\$2,500	900	600
AB 51	Independent School District 129	Montevideo	Intergenerational Residency with Ma	\$2,500	\$2,500		\$2,500		265	112
AB 48	Dassel-Cokato Youth Trusth	Cokato	Intergenerational Residency with Qui	\$2,040	\$2,040		\$2,040	\$0	18	35
AB 46	Redwood Area Communities Foun	Redwood Fall	Intergenerational Residency "Tied to	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500		\$0	100	50
AB 50	Yellow Medicine East High School	Granite Falls	Intergenerational Residency with Jerr	\$2,500	\$2,500			\$2,500	30	120
AB 49	McLeod West	Brownton	Intergenerational Residency with 2 m	\$2,500	\$2,500			\$2,500	700	400
AB 47	Lake Benton Public School Distric	Lake Benton	Intergenerational Project of creating	\$1,091	\$1,091		\$1,091	\$0	300	26
AB 53	Big Stone Arts Council	Ortonville	BSAC Art and Storytelling Project	\$2,500	\$2,500			\$2,500	500	50
ArtBridge Intergenerational				Total	\$18,131	\$18,131	\$2,500	\$5,631	\$10,000	2813 1393
Arts in Education & Communities										
MK269	McLeod West Schools	Hutchinson	Travel to dance workshop in Berea,	\$600	\$600		\$600	\$0	2200	35
MK280	Adrian High School	Adrian	Field Trip to Park Square Theatre, St	\$600	\$600		\$600	\$0	60	54
MK278	Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Com	Graceville	Jack and the Beanstalk	\$1,405	\$1,405		\$1,405	\$0	175	240
MK277	Clarkfield Community Education	Clarkfield	Prairie Fire Theater will bring two pr	\$1,100	\$1,100		\$1,100	\$0	300	50
MK276	KMS High School	Kerkhoven	Margot Fortunato Galt poetry residen	\$800	\$800	\$677	\$123	\$0	120	97
MK274	Echo Community Education	Echo	Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Peter	\$1,430	\$1,430		\$1,430	\$0	180	115
MK273	Lac qui Parle Players	Madison	Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Peter	\$801	\$801		\$801	\$0	455	80
MK272	BDRSH School	Renville	Field trip to Great American History	\$600	\$600		\$600	\$0	98	98
MK281	Pipestone County Historical Societ	Pipestone	Wayne Manthey & Chuck Derby resi	\$1,225	\$1,225		\$1,225	\$0	117	20
MK270	Lakeview Middle School	Wood Lake	Field trip to "Cinderella", Children's	\$600	\$600		\$600	\$0	310	48
MK289	New London-Spicer School Dist #	Spicer	7 hour day pottery residency	\$800	\$800		\$800	\$0	28	28
MK268	Willmar Public Schools, ISD #347	Willmar	Great American History Theatre "Or	\$600	\$600		\$600	\$0	420	350
MK271	Willmar Senior High School	Willmar	Margot Galt Residency	\$1,145	\$1,145	\$1,145		\$0	395	360
MK282	Lester Prairie Community Educati	Lester Prairie	Field Trip to the Guthrie for tour and	\$392	\$392		\$392	\$0	30	20
MK283	McLeod West Schools	Brownton	Raymond McLain & Mike Stevens Bl	\$900	\$900		\$900	\$0	1400	400
MK284	Bert Raney Elementary	Granite Falls	American Family Theatre "Pinocchi	\$600	\$600		\$600	\$0	900	900
MK267	Southwest Star Concept School	Okabena	Marcia McEachron residency, create	\$2,497	\$2,178	\$2,178		\$0	200	40
MK288	Prairie Dance Alliance/SW MN D	Marshall	Summer Dance Workshop 2000	\$1,470	\$1,470		\$1,470	\$0	265	60
MK290	Luverne Elementary	Luverne	Climb Theatre	\$1,500	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$0	270	600
MK291	Murray County Central School	Slayton	Timothy Hasenstein visual art reside	\$1,025	\$1,025		\$1,025	\$0	641	320
MK292	Lester Prairie CAPP/ISD 424	Lester Prairie	Delecia Bey Photography residency	\$816	\$816		\$816	\$0	150	50

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MK293	Fulda Public Schools	Fulda	Prairie Fire Children's Theatre	\$1,125	\$1,125		\$1,125		\$0		312	153
MK294	Crow River Arts, Inc.	Hutchinson	Watercolor classes w/Spanish translat	\$618	\$618		\$618		\$0		300	50
MK295	Prairie Arts Theatre	Kerkhoven	Prairie Fire Children's Theatre "Alice	\$1,285	\$1,285		\$1,285		\$0		390	40
MK297	Calumet Players Children's Theatr	Pipestone	Missoula Children's Theatre "The Wi	\$1,500	\$1,500		\$1,500		\$0		150	125
MK296	Marshall Public Schools	Marshall	Anne Sugnet,visual & writing reside	\$900	\$900		\$900		\$0		50	50
MK287	Bonanza Educational Center	Ortonville	Don Sherman & Brent Olson photogr	\$1,289	\$1,289		\$1,289		\$0		1000	200
<i>Arts in Education & Communities</i>				<i>Total</i>	\$27,623	\$27,304	\$4,000	\$23,304	\$0		10916	4583
<i>Grand Total</i>					\$45,754	\$45,435	\$6,500	\$28,935	\$10,000		13729	5976

FY 2000 Individual Artist Grants Summary

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>McKnight</u>	<u>MSAB</u>
Artist Residency Internship						
4	Kathleen Zare	New London	Internship with Timothy Hassenstein	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
6	Jerry Ostensoe	Sacred Heart	Internship with Ross Sutter	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
TOTAL Artist Residency Internship:				\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Career Grant						
377	Chris Nowatzki	Luverne	Produce body of work connecting raku firing from orient with openi□ flam	\$1,500	\$1,500	
406	Sally Jo Sorensen	Dassel	Revise full-length manuscript & enter contests	\$1,500	\$1,500	
386	Julieta Alvarado	Marshall	Engraving 200 unpublished keyboard pieces	\$1,500	\$1,500	
405	Daniel Rieppel	Marshall	Schubert's unfinished piano sonata recital in Leeds, England	\$1,500	\$1,500	
389	Robert Wilde	Dassel	Four weeks in the San Diego/Tijuana area to build an exhibit	\$1,500	\$1,500	
396	Duane Penske	Vesta	Produce art work for 2 solo shows & 1 group show	\$1,500	\$1,500	
388	Jeffrey Wetzig	Madison	Convert old grainery into a heated, functional painting studio	\$1,500	\$1,500	
383	Monica Villars	Willmar	Purchase a printing press and materials to design original, decorative pape	\$1,500	\$1,500	
TOTAL Career Grant:				\$12,000	\$12,000	
Development Grant						
382	Amelia Wetzig	Madison	Purchase used kiln, clay, wax, cones and kiln stilts	\$750	\$750	
399	Malena Arner Handeen	Milan	Produce new work for exhibition & expand portfolio	\$750	\$750	
404	Ruthe Thompson	Marshall	"Breast Cancer Barbie" video	\$750	\$750	
401	Gail Holinka	Worthington	Develop more complete portfolio & work to do exhibit (solo or group)	\$750	\$750	
398	Jason Schooler	Hutchinson	Produce demo CD's	\$750	\$750	
400	Walter Harder	Mountain Lake	Develop oil paintings and sculptures for a one man show in Mt. i□Lake	\$550	\$550	
TOTAL Development Grant:				\$4,300	\$4,300	
Prairie Disciple						
402	Mercein Holzemer	Madison	Prairie Disciple, nominated by Luanne Fondell	\$500	\$500	
TOTAL Prairie Disciple:				\$500	\$500	
Prairie Star						
408	Bill Holm	Minneota	Bill Holm for Prairie Star, nominated by Linda Canton	\$1,000	\$1,000	
TOTAL Prairie Star:				\$1,000	\$1,000	

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Study Opportunity Grant						
375	Laura Ellingson	Montevideo	Private lessons with Dona Larkin	\$350	\$350	
376	Julieta Alvarado	Marshall	Visit the Music Archives at Mexico City Cathedral	\$350	\$12	\$338
378	Sheila Tabaka	Marshall	Costume Society of America symposium in Lowell MA	\$350	\$350	
379	Ruthe Thompson	Marshall	Workshop by MusaMayer in Miami, Florida	\$350	\$350	
380	Kathleen Haney	Renville	Beginning techniques in oil medium	\$350	\$350	
390	Carol Ford	Milan	Study walking bass lines, theory and style with Terry Burns	\$350	\$350	
394	Noah Hoehn	Worthington	Attend SPAH convention in Romulus, Michigan	\$350	\$350	
395	Jessica Chapman	Marshall	Minnesota Ballet Summer workshop	\$350	\$350	
408	Amelia Wetzig	Madison	Attend Split Rock Art Class	\$350	\$350	
TOTAL Study Opportunity Grant:				\$3,150	\$2,812	\$338
GRAND TOTAL:				\$22,950	\$21,612	\$1,338

SMAHC PROGRAMS

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL

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Minnesota Counties within SMAHC region: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine.

PRODUCTION/PRESENTATION ASSISTANCE and LINKAGE GRANTS: provides area organizations with up to \$5,000 (Production/Presentation) to produce or present high quality arts events and up to \$5,000 (Linkage) is available for projects that link local arts organizations and schools for collaborative programs that benefit both the local arts organizations, the school and the community.

ROUND I - July 1, 1999 (project can begin **October 1, 1999**)

ROUND II - November 1, 1999 (project can begin **February 1, 2000**)

ROUND III - March 1, 2000 (project can begin **June 1, 2000**)

LOCAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS: provides up to \$4,000 to local arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities.

DEADLINE **October 15, 1999** (project can begin **February 1, 2000**)

ARTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITY GRANTS: matching grants to area schools for residencies or arts-related field trips and intergenerational arts residencies which include educator training and community involvement for students and community members in the SMAHC region. **Monthly deadlines beginning July 1 for review at the next month's Board meeting** - up to \$600 (field trips), \$2,500 (intergenerational residencies [ArtBridge]) or \$1,500 (residencies). *In special cases, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for residency projects which have a larger scope than the standard residency model. Normally the maximum award for residencies will be \$1,500. Call SMAHC Staff for clarification.*

ARTS ORGANIZATION NETWORKING GRANTS: Provides mileage reimbursement for members of local arts organizations to meet with members of other arts organizations in the SMAHC region.

ARTIST RESIDENCY INTERNSHIP GRANTS: Joint program with the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB). Grants are available to pair developing residency artists from the SMAHC region with MSAB Roster Artists to work together in a MSAB funded artist residency. SMAHC regional artists can receive a stipend of \$500 for one week of residency work.

DEADLINE **October 1, 1999** (project can begin **December 1, 1999**)

December 1, 1999 [if funds remain] (project can begin **February 1, 2000**)

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR PROGRAM: The author/illustrator (chosen by the Children's Author committee) will give two presentations to varying sizes of groups, and also autograph books that are available to students at a discount before the visit. SMAHC manages the scheduling of the author/illustrator. Schools sign up now - visits next April, 2000.

ARTS CHALLENGE GRANT: provides arts organizations with matching funds for new memberships and season tickets, up to \$500.

DEADLINE **October 1, 1999** (projects can begin **December 1, 2000**)

December 1, 1999 [if funds remain] (project can begin **February 1, 2000**)

PRAIRIE DISCIPLE & PRAIRIE STAR AWARD: One award is made each year to recognize an individual whose activities have best aided the development of the arts (Prairie Disciple, \$500) or best exemplified the highest quality of art work (Prairie Star, \$1,000) in the SMAHC region. Awards made by nomination only. Nominations must be received by **February 1, 2000**. Call SMAHC for details.

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANTS: \$750 to aid in opportunities for developing artists, \$1,500 for Career Artists.

ROUND I: September 1, 1999 (project can begin **December 2, 1999**)

ROUND II: February 1, 2000 (project can begin **May 1, 2000**)

ARTIST STUDY GRANTS: Up to \$350 for specific opportunities - all ages, disciplines.

Monthly deadlines beginning July 1 for review at the next month's Board meeting

CULTURAL BANK: Up to \$400 in insurance support for projects which face possible loss of expected revenue.

Ongoing. 28 days before project performance date.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: free to all area arts organizations and artists. **Ongoing.**

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Renville	Don Robertson, 81307 150 th Street, Sacred Heart, MN 56285 320-765-2594 (h)	12/00
Rock	Jerry Deuschle, 1012 N. Cedar, Luverne, MN 56156 507-283-8477 (h)	12/00
Swift	Dorothy Vonderhaar, 640 27 th Avenue NE, Benson, MN 56215 320-843-2670	12/03
Yellow Medicine	Cynthia Kuenzel, 275 6 th Avenue, Granite Falls, MN 56241 320-564-4622 (h)	12/01

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL**FY 2000 PRESENTATION & PRODUCTION GRANT REVIEW PANEL**

		<u>AREA OF EXPERTISE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
ROBERT BRUCE	805 5 th Ave, Madison, MN 56256 (320) 598-3247 (h)	Music	6/30/02
JEAN BUNGE	Rt. 1, Box 143, Heron Lake, MN 56137 (507) 793-2471(h), (507) 372-8245(w)	Visual/Music	6/30/01
JEFF CHAPMAN	1213 E. Lyon, Marshall, MN 56258 (507) 537-1122 (h), 532-2247(w)	Dance	6/30/01
DIONE TALKINGTON- FLETCHER	222 10th St, Windom, MN 56101 (507) 831-2526 (w)	Theatre	6/30/01
CHERYL HANSON	505 E. Spring St., Apt.2, Redwood Falls, MN 56283 (507) 637-4016(w), 637-5136(h)	Theatre/Dance	6/30/01
DEBORAH HELLER	417 2nd Ave SE, Pipestone, MN 56164 (507) 825-3891 (h), (507) 537-6708 (w)	Dance/Theatre Music	6/30/02
SUZANNE NAPGEZEK	1412 Hansen Dr. SW, Willmar, MN 56201 (320) 235-8245	Visual	6/30/00
BEV RASKE	120 NE Fremont, PO Box 334, Renville, MN 56284, (320) 329-3790	Theatre	6/30/01
MEREDITH VASELAAR	20688 State Highway 91, Adrian, MN 56110	Theatre	6/30/02
MARGARET HURLBUT- VOSBURGH	1732 Viking Road, Worthington, MN 56187 (507) 372-4714 (h)	Visual	6/30/01
BONITA WILHELM	610 - 60th Avenue NE, Willmar, MN 56201 (320) 214-8501(h), (320) 235-9500 (w)	Theatre	6/30/00

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TINA RICHARDS	2815 231 st St, Walnut Grove, MN 56180 (507) 859-2713 (h)	Visual	6/30/02
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INDIVIDUAL RURAL ARTIST GRANTS

		<u>AREA OF EXPERTISE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Bobbie Alsgaard-Lein	403 4th Street, Rushmore, MN 56168 (507) 478-4475 (h) or 507-372-3492 (w)	Visual	6/30/01
Evey Anderson	Rt. 1, Box 86, Cottonwood, MN 56229	Visual	6/30/00
Tina Anderson-Richards	2815 231 st Street, Walnut Grove, MN 56180 (507) 859-2713 (h)	Visual	6/30/02
Patricia Enger	121 E. Redwood, Marshall, MN 56258 (507) 532-5968 (h) , 532-3940 (w) or 768-3594	Visual/Theatre	6/30/00
Kathy Johnson	706 Pine Street, Box 314 Danube, MN 56230	Visual	6/30/01
Darcy Lease-Gubrud	216 Terrace Drive, Willmar, MN 56201 (320) 214-8013 (h), (230) 231-5125 (w)	Music	6/30/00
Peter Lothringer	208 W Redwood Street, Marshall, MN 56258 (507) 537-9490 (h)	Music	6/30/00
Tricia Mikle	2790 Fox Farm Road, Worthington, MN 56187 (507) 372-5002 (w) (507) 376-6121	Visual	6/30/01
Alan O'Neill	219 Lake Hill Dr, Worthington, MN 56187 (507) 376-6489	Writing	6/30/00
Greg Schultz	106 N 5 th Street, Marshall, MN 56258 (507) 532-6538 (h) (507) 532-2285 (w)	Writing	6/30/02
Cloyce Smith	405 S. Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-2877	Visual	6/30/01
Stacey Voit	207 Monroe Street, Minneota, MN 56264 (507) 872-6475 (h), 532-4005 (w)	Music	6/30/00
Judith Westegaard	650 21 st Street, Windom, MN 56101 (507) 831-3066 (h)	Visual	6/30/02

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SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL

STAFF, Fiscal Year 2000

Greta Murray, Executive Director
Jill Dopp, Administrative Assistant, 7/99-5/00
Florence Dacey, Program Assistant (part time)
Ann Green, Clerical Assistant, 7/99-8/99, 5/00 to present
Melissa Peterson, Clerical Assistant, 10/99-4/00
Jaimie Mitthaugen, Clerical Aide (part time)



FY 2000 HIGHLIGHTS

GRANTS TO AREA ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS:

Historically, one of the most useful and necessary components of the SMAHC mission has been to provide support to qualified arts projects throughout the area, focusing both on high quality projects and small-town, emerging organizations.

- **\$200,726** matching grants to **116** area organizations and artists **under 10 separate** programs, including:
- **\$71,302** to **30** arts producing organizations under the matching **Production Assistance Program**;
- **\$34,989** to **12** arts sponsoring organizations through the matching **Sponsorship Assistance Program**;
- **\$500** to **2** organizations as matching funds for the MSAB Arts Across Minnesota sponsored **Rolling Plains Exhibit Program**;
- **\$27,304** to **27** area schools, matching grants for artist residencies and arts related field trips through our **McKnight/SMAHC Artists in Rural Education Program**;
- **8** partnerships between public schools and local senior groups were awarded **\$18,131** to develop joint arts activities under the **Southwest Minnesota Foundation/SMAHC Intergenerational ArtB ge Program**;
- **2** arts organizations were awarded **SMAHC/McKnight Challenge Grants** to match new memberships up to a \$500 ceiling, **\$1,000** was awarded;
- **23** area individual artists were granted **\$19,450** to help significant arts projects: **6** projects under the **Individual Artist Development Program** for **\$4,300**; **8** projects under the **Individual Artist Career Program** for **\$12,000**; and **9 Study Grants** provided **\$3,150** to artists throughout the region;
- **\$23,750** for **6 Local Arts Development Grants** was awarded for programming or organizational management projects that will have a long term impact on an organizations stability or development;
- **2** area organizations received **SMAHC Cultural Bank Underwriting Guarantees** totaling **\$800** for projects that seemed too risky to produce otherwise;
- **2** area artists received **Artist School Residency Internship Grants** totaling **\$2,000** to work with a Minnesota State Arts Board Arts In Education roster artist during a week long residency.

AWARDS:

Where exceptional recognition has been called for, SMAHC has shone a spotlight helping to build awareness throughout the state:

- **SMAHC** awarded its eighth **Prairie Star Award** to writer **Bill Holm** of Minneota. The award includes a **\$1,000** prize, provided by the McKnight Foundation. Past awardees have been theatre director **Bernie Aaker**, photographer **Henry Kyllingstad**, poet **Leo Dangel**, visual artist **Robert Remick**, writer **Frederick Manfred**, visual artist **Edward Evans** and visual artist **Agnes "Bobbie" Alsgaard-Lien**.
- Madison arts advocate **Mercein Holzemer** was the fifth recipient of the **SMAHC Prairie Disciple Award** for promoting the arts in the SMAHC region. Holzemer is an active member of the Cultural

Affairs Committee for the Madison Chamber of Commerce, the Lac qui Parle Players and is involved with the Prairie Arts Center in Madison. She has served as member and past chair of the SMAHC board of directors, SMAHC grant review panels, and the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts board of directors. Previous award winners are Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr., Christine (Tina) Richards, Vern Stevens and Patricia Enger. The award includes a \$500 certificate toward the purchase of art by a regional artist.

- **SMAHC** organized and managed its fifth **High School Legislative Arts Contest** called "**An Artistic Discovery**" for students in the Second Congressional District. **Emily Tesch**, a high school senior from Henderson High School, had her work selected to hang for a year in the Halls of Congress; an exhibit of all work submitted was held at the Dawson Public Library in Dawson, Minnesota.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Where regional programming is clearly the most effective method of responding to challenges, it has been SMAHC's goal to provide leadership not elsewhere provided:

- **SMAHC Children's Author Program** had **40 presentations in 33 area elementary schools**. Authors **Barbara Knutson** of St. Paul and **Lynne Jonell** of Plymouth were the touring authors. The program was extremely successful.
- The **SMAHC Senior Cultural Development Program** provided on-site technical assistance work to coalitions in **8 communities** for intergenerational activities and three ½ day workshops in three locations called *The Arts For All Ages: How to Bring Intergenerational Arts Project to Your School & Community*. Funding assistance was received as follows: **\$20,000** from the **Southwest Minnesota Foundation**, and **\$2,500** from the **McKnight Foundation**.
- **SMAHC** provided local **Technical Assistance** to area arts, community and education groups through the entire eighteen counties, helping to augment their own ability to provide arts-related services. We provided on-site work with the **Willmar Community Orchestra**, Willmar; **Pipestone Chamber Committee & Local Visual Artists**, Pipestone; **Crow River Arts Center**, Hutchinson; **Big Stone Arts Council**, Ortonville; **Benson Arts Council**, Benson; and the **Marshall Alternative School**, Southwest Minnesota Orchestra and **Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**, Marshall. Informational meetings along with grant writing workshops were held at the following locations: **Meeker County**, Litchfield; **Lac qui Parle County**, Dawson; **Yellow Medicine County**, Granite Falls; and **Kandiyohi County**, Willmar. Many more artists and arts organizations were provided with technical assistance via the SMAHC toll free telephone line.

CONFERENCING:

Over the past few years, SMAHC has been able to provide leadership for arts developers throughout the region. This year we convened several networking meetings and conferences for artists and educators that resulted in the development of a training manual for artist residency work and the development of a new program jointly funded by SMAHC and the Minnesota State Arts Board for "Artist Residency Internship Grants". In addition, the **SMAHC Annual Meeting** has become a method of finding important information about our communities for both the board and members.

- **SMAHC** implemented the sixth year of our **Senior Cultural Development Program**, which focused on intergenerational activities, and provided on-site technical assistance in planning, implementing and evaluating **8 site teams** as part of **ArtBridge**. The **Senior Cultural Development Program** also hosted the **4th Annual Intergenerational Arts Celebration**, with highlights from the year's **ArtBridge** projects. SMAHC also conducted three ½ day workshops in 3 locations. The workshop was entitled *The Arts for All Ages: How to Bring Intergenerational Arts Projects to Your School & Community*. The workshops were held in Benson, Olivia and Fulda with special guest present **Dr. Cornelia Da Costa**. The workshops were sponsored in part by the **Southwest Minnesota Foundation**.

- **The 2000 Minnesota Presenters Network Conference & Retreat** was held **June 15 & 16, 2000** at Pipestone, Minnesota, and was co-sponsored by **SMAHC**, the **Minnesota State Arts Board** and the **McKnight Foundation**. This conference was for members of a concert series, arts council, community theatre, community chorus, community education or any organization that sponsors or produces arts events. The keynote presenter, Patrick Overton of the Front Porch Institute presented workshops on how community-based arts organizations can survive chaos, crisis and change.
- **SMAHC** planned and executed the **Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting** in **Luverne** which included a tour, conducted by Fred Manfred, Jr., of the former **Fred Manfred home** (now the Blue Mound State Park Interpretive Center). The Annual Meeting also included the production of *To Whom It May Concern* performed by the **Green Earth Players** at the Historical Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also featured on tour were the Brandenburg Gallery, Hinckley House, Historical Society Museum, Palace Theatre and Museum, the Carnegie Cultural Center and the studio of local artist **Mary Petersen**.

INFORMATION:

An important part of the **SMAHC** mission is to promote the arts by making information available and accessible to artists, organizations and art supporters in southwest Minnesota. **SMAHC** responded to this challenge in FY2000 by:

- mailing out over **33,000** copies of our monthly newsletter **VOICES**, which provides listings of events within the 18-county **SMAHC** region along with statewide opportunities for area artists and also features articles of interest to artists and supporters of the arts;
- providing a toll-free number (1-800-622-5284) and by adding an extra phone line to better accommodate e-mail (smahc@starpoint.net) and fax (507-537-0040) transmissions;
- radio and newspaper interviews, frequent press releases, and by directly providing opportunity information to groups and individual artists during this year;
- offering and co-sponsoring workshops and conferences as follows:
 - The 2000 Minnesota Presenters Network Conference & Retreat held in Pipestone
 - Three ½ day workshops held in Benson, Olivia and Fulda on *The Arts for All Ages: How to Bring Intergenerational Arts Projects to Your School & Community*.

FUNDRAISING:

SMAHC fundraising is used for extending **SMAHC** programs and to provide matching funds for foundation grants.

- received **\$29,016** in membership support from **395 corporate, business, organizational, governmental and individual members**. In addition, **SMAHC** staff and board members presented testimony to three county commissions (Lyon, Pipestone, Rock) and contributions were received from all **18 counties** and from **39 cities**.
- developed a biennial plan which resulted in commitment by the **State of Minnesota** to fund **SMAHC** at **\$259,195** annually for the next two years.
- received a grant from the **Southwest Minnesota Foundation** for **\$20,000** to help support the **ArtBridge Program** in the next fiscal year.
- maintained a working relationship with the **McKnight Foundation** which assured an annual commitment of **\$47,000/year** to aid in our programming efforts for the next two years.

NETWORKING:

Like information, the connections that members, board members and staff develop with other organizations have far reaching results.

- **SMAHC Executive Director served as a member of the Forum of Regional Arts Council Minnesota (FRACM), a statewide organization designed to procure and distribute state funds for the arts through the RAC system. This year this organization sponsored a juried art exhibit of fine art from Minnesota artists to tour Minnesota in FY2001.**
- **SMAHC maintained partnership with the COMPAS Minnesota Rural Arts Initiative, the Minnesota Alliance of Arts Education, the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, the Minnesota Council for Non-profits, and the Minnesota State Arts Board.**

SMAHC Executive Director served as a board member of the Minnesota Citizens for the arts.

SMAHC worked with the Minnesota State Arts Board to promote arts activities in the region as well as develop joint programs and conferences in the SMAHC region.

- **SMAHC Board members and staff developed area information for state legislators on the status of arts in southwestern Minnesota, and eleven SMAHC region citizens attended at the Arts Advocacy Day at the State Legislature.**
- **SMAHC Executive Director and two Board members attended the “Be Board Smart” Conference in St. Cloud.**
- **SMAHC Executive Director attended a Marshall Community Networking Meeting, “Expanding Our Sensitivity to Cultural Diversity.”**
- **SMAHC Executive Director met with an action committee of the Pipestone Chamber of Commerce and also with several Pipestone area artists regarding the possibility of opening an art gallery in a vacant downtown Pipestone storefront.**
- **SMAHC Executive Director attended the “M2K⁴ Management 2000: 4 Generations at Work” Seminar.**
- **SMAHC Executive Director attended the “Legal Employment Practices Seminar.”**
- **SMAHC Executive Director met with the Big Stone Arts Council and attended their Annual Meeting.**
- **SMAHC Executive Director presented at the Prairie Winds Festival in Westbrook.**
- **SMAHC Executive Director was the guest speaker at an ITV Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the Marshall Community Services in Marshall.**
- **SMAHC Board members and panelists are active in numerous local, statewide and national arts associations and organizations.**
- **SMAHC board, panel and staff held a day long planning retreat.**

With an eighteen member volunteer board meeting monthly, a staff of three full time and one part time employee numerous committees, two review panels comprised of twenty-four volunteers, and the interest and involvement of 161 communities and countless volunteer hours, SMAHC is actively meeting the challenges of a growing and changing arts community in southwest Minnesota.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Regions 6E, 6W & 8

REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 2000

SMAHC Goals and Objectives

Goal I: Increase Visibility

Staff, board and grant review panel members regularly attend and evaluate SMAHC funded events. Board members wear pins that identify themselves by name, county and as a SMAHC Board Member. Grant Review Panelists wear pins that identify themselves as "Grant Review Panelist, Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council". Staff wears pins to identify themselves as SMAHC staff when attending events. This has increased SMAHC's visibility as well as helped to facilitate discussion and questions on SMAHC programs. Grantees are always honored to have SMAHC representatives attend their events.

We updated and improved our web-site to include information on SMAHC grant programs and deadlines, list of board members, photographs of artwork by artists who have received SMAHC grants and descriptions of their projects, our monthly newsletter and calendar of events and links to other web-sites. Due to staff changes, our web-site is again in need of updating but will be updated and operational shortly.

The Executive Director has held grant writing and information workshops in Yellow Medicine, Lac qui Parle, Meeker and Lyon counties. We conducted workshops on arts in education and intergenerational residencies in Olivia, Slayton and Benson. The Executive Director has traveled throughout the region to meet with local arts organizations. Our press releases appear in media throughout the region. The Executive Director was featured in an article in the Marshall newspaper and was interviewed on radio programs in Marshall and Redwood Falls.

Goal II: Increase Accessibility

We are now able to email our grant guidelines and application forms on request. Applicants are able to fill them out on their own computers and do not have to wait to receive them in the mail. They can also email draft applications to staff for review prior to the grant deadlines. Information on ADA compliance was presented at the Minnesota Presenters Network Conference in Pipestone. The conference was cosponsored by SMAHC and well attended by representatives of arts organizations in the SMAHC region. The involvement of members of diverse ethnic populations has increased on our board and panels. Representatives of diverse populations have presented information at SMAHC workshops as well as received information on SMAHC programs. SMAHC Executive Director participated in the League of Women Voters "Community Circles" project, attended a networking meeting on ethnic diversity and a conference on ethnic diversity. We continue to seek ways to increase our accessibility for all residents of our region. Grant guidelines have been streamlined and clarified. This is an ongoing project.

Schools and arts organizations are able to apply for Arts in Education and Communities Grants via ten deadlines per year. We combined our field trip, artist residency and intergenerational residency programs into one program, "Arts in Education and Communities." We streamlined and clarified the application forms to make the program more accessible. We awarded \$45,435 to 35 schools and arts organizations, including 8 intergenerational "Artbridge" grants for projects that must include at least three generations.

Minnesota children's author and illustrators Lynn Jonelle and Barbara Knudson made 40 presentations at 33 elementary and middle schools and 1 public library through our Children's Author Project.

Goal II: Develop Local Resources – Artists and Arts Organizations

We awarded two grants under our new Artists in School Residency Internship program. Two artists from the SMAHC region worked with MSAB AIE Roster Artists during residencies in our region. Both of the SMAHC region artists have been contracted to conduct residencies in the region during this school year. We distributed our "Artist Residency Handbook" to artists throughout the region. This resource book provides helpful information on how to conduct residencies, including sample contracts, lesson plans, tips on residency work and lists of resources. Our grants to Individual Artists have served as a valuable resource for regional artists for projects that will contribute to their careers as

artists. Twenty-six artists received grants. We convened two meetings of our Individual Artist Grant Review Panel who made recommendations that were presented to the SMAHC Board of Directors for action. Applicants must sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the grant award. On receipt of the signed contract and within thirty days of the project start date, a check for 80% of the grant award is mailed to the grant recipient. All grant recipients are required to submit a final report form within sixty days of their project completion date. On approval of the final report, the final 20% of the grant award is paid. We continue to identify artists in the region through our grant programs, press releases, word of mouth and personal contact.

We honored two individuals in our region for their contribution to the arts in southwest Minnesota. Our Prairie Star Award was given to Bill Holm, Minnesota writer and musician. Mercein Holzemer of Madison, a life long arts advocate and promoter was given our Prairie Disciple Award.

We provided technical assistance to artists and arts organizations through individual consultation, workshops and staff and board member attendance at meetings of local arts organizations. The Executive Director has worked with local arts organizations extensively, serving as a resource and offering encouragement. Staff is available to meet with individuals and organizations on request. We have encouraged members of local arts organizations to network with similar organizations. We offered mileage reimbursement grants to facilitate networking among arts organization members. Although no applications were received under this new program, many people did travel to meet with members of arts organizations in other communities but did not seek mileage reimbursement. Members of a new theater group in Marshall met with members of an established theater group in Redwood Falls. Members of a new artists group in Pipestone met with representatives of groups from Luverne and Walnut Grove.

We awarded Local Arts Development Grants to six regional organizations, Challenge Grants to two organizations to match new and increased memberships, and awarded 42 Production and Presentation Grants to local arts organizations for project assistance. Staff provided grant writing assistance via mail and phone to all applicants. We convened four meetings of the SMAHC Organization Grant Review Panel who made recommendations that were presented to the SMAHC Board of Directors for action. Applicants must sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the grant award. On receipt of the signed contract and within thirty days of the project start date, a check for 80% of the grant award is mailed to the grant recipient. All grant recipients are required to submit a final report form within sixty days of their project completion date. On approval of the final report, the final 20% of the grant award is paid. We also maintain a library of resource materials that are available to our constituents, as well as make referrals to other organizations such as the State Arts Board, Resources and Counseling for the Arts and the Minnesota Council for Non Profits. We include web-site addresses in our newsletter to inform our constituents of resources. Staff and board members attend conferences and training to keep up to date with information that we can pass on to our constituents.

We highlighted artists and arts organizations in Luverne at our 26th annual meeting. Robert Booker, Executive Director of the Minnesota State Arts Board, was the featured speaker at our annual meeting banquet held at the Blue Mound Inn where we honored our Prairie Star, Bernie Aaker of Litchfield. The activities for the day included an open house at a local artist's studio, an exhibit by local artists at the Carnegie Cultural Center, a play by the Green Earth Players, tours of the historic Palace Theater and Museum, the Hinkley House, Historical Society Museum and the Brandenburg Gallery, and a tour of the former Fred Manfred home, led by Fred Manfred, Jr.

The SMAHC Board and Staff held a day long meeting in the spring to review our biennial plan and evaluate the progress we to date on achieving our goals. All were impressed with the progress made in light of the staff shortages experienced throughout the first year of the biennium. Most of our objectives have been met within the first year of the biennium, and the remainder should be achieved during the current fiscal year. We now have filled all staff positions. We continue to be heartened by the formation of new arts organizations in the region as well as the rejuvenation of established organizations.

Please refer to the attached list of grants awarded and the Fiscal Year 2000 Highlights for additional information.