



MAFAC NEWS

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Our Mission Statement

MAFAC is dedicated to presenting art exhibitions and performances, promoting local artistic talents, and providing educational experiences.

We are grateful to the community members and businesses who have become members and sponsors. Because of you, we were able continue our mission. Some of the projects and events that we proudly presented in 2011 are:

- ↳ Downtown Mural Project
- ↳ Free summer concerts
- ↳ VocalEssence in concert
- ↳ Photo competition at the Arts Center
- ↳ All My Favorites

With your help, we will continue to be a vital presence in the community. We help make Marshall a destination because when people come to our quality performances and exhibits, they also eat and shop here.

MAFAC relies on your membership and sponsorship, along with appropriations and grants to make our activities affordable. Please renew your membership or sponsorship today. Simply go to www.mafac.net and click on one of these buttons. Print out the form and send it to MAFAC with your check and information.



Thank you for your support in the past years. You are important to us.

What MAFAC provides for our community...

Art Gallery

- A variety of artists and media, including annual exhibits of Lyon County high school Art Stars and the Robert Schwan Photography Competition
- Free and open to the public

Downtown Mural Project

- Partnership with the City of Marshall
- Two murals completed in 2011

Performances

- High-quality local, regional and international artists
- Summer concerts at Liberty Park

Gift Shop

- Original art by talented local/regional artists

Education

- Arts classes
- Monthly Lunch Bunch
- Residencies and workshops with local schools
- Local scholarships

Special Events

- Twin Cities Art Tour
- Sounds of Summer, Art in the Park, and Hot Dog Feed
- Oktoberfest

Resource for Local Arts Organizations

- Ticket sales outlet and posting area
- Meeting space

WELCOME, HELEN PEDERSEN

MAFAC is pleased to welcome Helen Pedersen to the Board. Helen, a long-time Marshall resident and retired music teacher, brings her enthusiasm for the arts to our organization. Helen has been serving on the Performance Committee and her expertise in music has been an asset to the committee. Helen sings with the Prairie Arts Chorale and is active in the First Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have her as a Board Member.

Welcome, Helen!



Helen Pedersen and Mozart

ANNUAL MEETING

The MAFAC Board of Directors held its Annual Meeting on January 31st, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. at the Lyon County Library.

The Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were presented and approved. Marilyn Leach, Treasurer, explained the working budget for 2012, and it was approved as presented.

Marge Haaland, Membership and Sponsorship Chairperson, brought forward the various tax-deductible options for member and sponsor contributions for 2012. The proposal was unanimously approved. The membership and sponsorship drives begin February 1, 2012.

The final order of business was the presentation of the officer roster for 2012. Approved for one year terms were: Carol Purrington, President; Jean Replinger, Vice-President; Cathy Amato, Secretary, and Marilyn Leach, Treasurer. The roster was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

HELP NEEDED!

By Carol Purrington, President

First, let me thank the many volunteers who work at the Arts Center every month, welcoming visitors and assisting our Coordinator with clerical duties when needed. The MAFAC Board and Karen so much appreciate your help.

Lately, though, we have lost some regular volunteers due to moves and job opportunities, so we are desperate for more help! The Center is open Tuesday-Friday, from 12:30-5:30. We have volunteer shifts available for either 12:30-2:30 or 2:30-5:00. Our goal is to have at least one volunteer each day who would take one of the shifts.

Please consider supporting us by volunteering once a week or once a month. If interested, call Cathy Amato at 532-3647 and she will be happy to give you an orientation of what volunteers do.



Plans are underway for the Sports and Recreation Mural. Terry Fogarty has been selected as the artist and he presented the committee with this proposal.

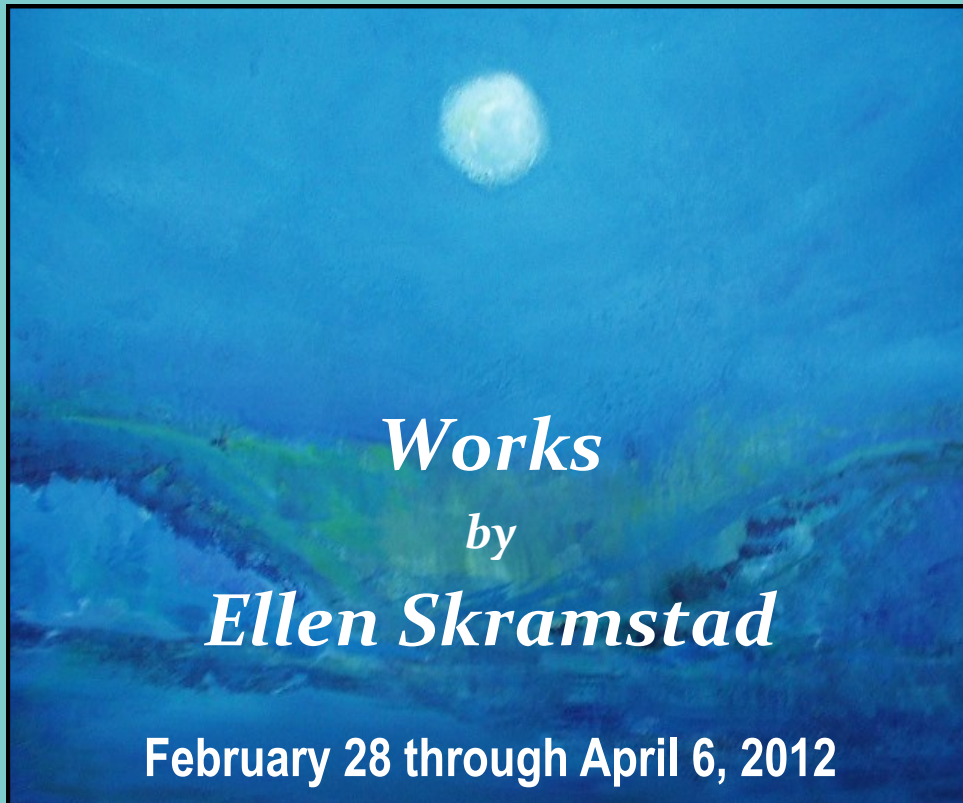


Please watch the weekly email Update or check our website www.mafac.net for more information as plans are finalized.

MAFAC WISH LIST

If you'd like to help us out, but don't have the time to join a committee or volunteer at the Arts Center, please consider donating any of these items:

- Postage scale
- Postage stamps
- Quality, large paper cutter
- Printer paper
- Miscellaneous office supplies



**Join MAFAC at a
reception
in honor of Ellen
Sun., March 4
from 2 pm to 4pm
at the Arts Center.**

MAFAC'S INTERNSHIP

Hello, everyone! My name is Katie Stromme, and I am MAFAC's intern this spring. I've been living in Marshall since August, but I was born and raised in Juneau, Alaska, where my parents have lived for over thirty years.

I graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School in 2008 and received my Associate of the Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (not as fancy as the long-winded name might seem to imply) from Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon in the spring of 2011.

I am currently a junior at Southwest Minnesota State University seeking a B.A. in Professional Writing and Communication. The classes I've taken for my major have been a very useful sampling of a variety of types of professional writing, including journalism, business communications, scientific and technical writing and modern grammar. After I graduate I'd like to pursue a career in publishing, preferably with an independent or non-profit company.

I began my internship at MAFAC in January 2012, at the beginning of the spring semester. I come in to the center every Wednesday and Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. My internship is supervised by Professor Marianne Zarzana, who put me in touch with Karen Yant back in November. My goals for the internship relate primarily to public relations with nonprofits--an area where I have, admittedly, had very little prior experience.

So far I have been working on creating a new, more user-friendly website for MAFAC, which will hopefully be up and running some time in March. I am also exploring ways to use MAFAC's Facebook page as a platform to promote our arts events in the community. Additionally, I've been in attendance at a few board meetings, helped with the membership mail-outs, and been sitting at the volunteer desk most days when I am here at the center. All of these tasks have given me a feel for the role that MAFAC plays in the community. In the coming weeks, I will be investigating ways to sell performance tickets and memberships through the website, promoting specific items from the gift shop on the website and Facebook page, and interviewing exhibit and gift shop artists about their work and processes to post on the website and Facebook page.

I feel very grateful for the opportunity to work closely with a group of people who are so passionate about the arts in the community of Marshall. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions about how to use my time here to best further MAFAC's goals!



Katie Stromme, Intern

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us at the Arts Center at noon on the third Thursday of every month for Lunch Bunch. Each month is different; in the past few months we've had poetry readings, music performance, art slide shows, and award-winning animated films. Bring your lunch and your friends! Please join us for the following programs:



March 15 High School Speech students, with Carol Purrington



April 19 Suzuki performance, students of Diane Wright

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Hours
Tuesday-Friday
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Appointment

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Promoting the Arts since 1974

The leading Buddy Holly tribute act in the country.

Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 4pm
Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets on sale now at the MAFAC Arts Center, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall.

Call 507-532-5463 for more information.

