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Arts Enliven Park Rapids Main Street

By LuAnn Hurd-Lof

On a soft September evening, a small group listened as Ben Ranson played his white enameled acoustic guitar against a backdrop of shoes, belts and scarves. A block down the street, Phil Ylitalo played blue grass on the banjo and a visitor quizzed his sister, Kayleen Horsma, about her 5X5-foot Art Prize entry.

At other locations, poet Richard Fenton Sederstrom recited from his book *Fall Pictures on an Abandoned Road*, a young girl read a Laura Ingalls Wilder story and Pine Avenue Quartet brought tears to some Boomers' eyes as they sang "I'll Be Seeing You."

All were part of Arts Downtown PR, the third Thursday in September and the third in a series intended to bring Park Rapids area artists, artisans, musicians, writers and dancers into downtown Park Rapids businesses.

Paul Dove floated the idea of merging art and new audiences past the Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council (PRLAAC) and Park Rapids Downtown Business Association last winter. Finding support, he wrote a grant application to Region 2 for Arts and Cultural Heritage funds to pay for a coordinator, programs and posters.

Meanwhile, PRLAAC members brainstormed about what evening would work best. During the summer, resort guests often look for things to do, but Saturday is turnover day and many resorts organize a "last night" campfire or other events for their guests on Fridays. Paul, PRLAAC president and Northern Light Opera Company artistic director, suggested attendance at their productions is often highest on Thursdays.

Third Thursday gives the series a nice ring.

For years, the Park Rapids business community has tried extended hours on a variety of summer week nights and picked Thursdays last summer to accommodate the event even though it was just one night a month. Most hosts have been enthusiastic about repeating the experience this fall.

Meanwhile, a list of contacts including poets, writers, musicians and other artists continues to grow and change with the seasons, and the celebration will continue as audiences come downtown for a new experience.

"This is really fun," one listener said, as she tried on a pair of sunglasses and bought them during young Ben's performance at Fresh Catch, a Park Rapids shoe store. Several purchased Sederstrom's books after the reading at Blank Canvas Gallery & Education Center. The reading from Laura Ingalls Wilder books at Beagle Books gave Fred Rogers an opportunity to promote the October production of "Prairie Song" at the Minnesota Folklore Theater.

PRLAAC sponsored the successful 5th Annual Art Leap in September with musical performances at four venues complementing visits to artists' studios and other cultural destinations.

The board meets monthly and represents the following organizations and their constituencies: Blank Canvas Gallery & Education Center,

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No Risk Workshop Funding Available

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) invites individuals and organizations from our five county area (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen counties) to propose No Risk Workshop ideas for direct funding. This means that a workshop can be funded with no financial risk to you.

The workshop must focus on learning experiences for adult artists and be open to the public. Any group that wants to bring in an artist to do a workshop is eligible, as are regional artists who wish to present a workshop themselves.

R2AC has sponsored jewelry making, wood working, doll making, painting and writing workshops in the past, just to name a few. Duration of these opportunities has varied from a few hours to a few days. Do you have an instructor you would like to bring to the area? Would you be interested in leading a workshop and sharing your artistic talents?

Proposals are considered on an on-going basis, but funds are limited. The sooner you contact us, the better. Applications are available on the R2AC website, r2arts.org and at the R2AC office, 426 Bemidji Ave N., Bemidji.

Feel free to contact the office at 218-751-5447/800-275-5447 or email staff@r2arts.org to discuss ideas.

Park Rapids (continued from page 1)

Classic Chorale, Heartland Concert Series, Jackpine Writers' Bloc, Jasper's Jubilee Theater, Minnesota Folklore Theater, Noon Hour Concerts, North Country Museum of Arts, Northern Light Opera Company, Northland School of Dance, Park Rapids Community Band, Park Rapids Community Education, Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Red Bridge Film Festival, White Birch Artists and Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning.

Former editor of the *Park Rapids Enterprise*, Lu Ann Hurd-Lof serves on the Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council, coordinates Arts Downtown PR and is executive secretary of the Park Rapids Downtown Business Association (a happy marriage). She also does some freelancing writing.

The Bemidji Community Arts Center will be closed for the holiday season Dec. 19, 2010 through Jan. 17, 2011.

The world is but a canvas to our imagination.

~ Henry David Thoreau

*Showcase Artist***Terri Young**

"Pottery with Red Ribbon"
pastel



~See Page 4 for more from Terri~

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We welcome:

- story topic ideas;
- guest commentary topic ideas;
- names to add to our mailing list;
- collaboration and registration notifications.

To submit information and/or to be added to our mailing list, contact the R2AC office:

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GUEST COMMENTARY inquiries are invited. Submit your topic idea to Terri Widman by telephone, FAX, or e-mail. Selected works must be previously unpublished and fit within the space allotment.

Due to the advanced print deadlines of this publication, we suggest that you call to confirm dates, times, and other pertinent information about events and opportunities listed here.

Region 2 Arts Council Awards Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded \$48,520 through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Program to individual artists and non-profits in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahanomen counties. The funds will be used to create opportunities for arts access, arts education and building bridges between Minnesotans and were made available through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008. The grant recipients include:

Bagley City Council was awarded **\$6,000** to purchase a metal sculpture, created by a local artist, depicting historical themes that relate to the city.

Depot Preservation Alliance, Inc. received **\$6,000** to obtain the services of a mural artist to research, design and produce a mural in the Baudette Depot which reflects the cultural heritage of the region in the early 1900's.

Paul Bunyan Playhouse was awarded **\$6,000** to offer a drama camp for young actors in grades six through high school from the Bemidji Public School's Summer Learning Communities.

Aaron Tank received **\$3,000** to conduct five song-sharing workshops and folk music performances across Region 2 and give original recordings to workshop participants.

Bemidji State University Theater Department was awarded **\$3,260** to produce William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for the general public and local schools in conjunction with a visiting professional costume designer.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded **\$6,000** to provide opportunities for public education, reflection and dialogue before and after its performance of Murry Sidlin's "Defiant Requiem" on May 1, 2011.

Hospitality Initiative of Servant Hearts received **\$930** to host a performance of the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus in Bemidji.

The **Arc United** was awarded **\$2,710** to host artists Maureen O'Brian and Terry Honstead to mentor adults with disabilities in creating a mural and individual collage art to be on public display throughout the state.

Northern Light Opera Company received **\$6,000** to present six performances of "The Music Man" or "West Side Story" July 29 - August 6, 2011 at the Park Rapids Area High School Auditorium.

LakeWood Care Center was awarded **\$2,460** to hire an artist-in-residence, Mary Therese Peterson, to provide care center residents with an opportunity to learn and create art, culminating in an art show.

CSSI/Hope House received **\$4,640** to hire two artists-in-residence to teach painting and writing skills to people with long-term mental illness and a public exhibition of the completed projects.

Roy C. Booth was awarded **\$1,520** to produce a set of three collaborative one act plays and a locally shot film.

R2AC Offers Grants

R2AC has several upcoming grant deadlines for eligible artists and art organizations in the five-county area of Region 2, which includes Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahanomen Counties.

R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowship

January 19

Provides artists with substantial financial support for advancement in their careers and innovating their work.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

January 19

Available to artists, arts organizations, cultural heritage groups, nonprofit organizations and local governments. The grant supports arts activities in Arts and Arts Access, Arts Education and Arts and Cultural Heritage to produce high quality arts activities, public art, artist residencies in schools, life-long arts education and arts and cultural heritage projects.

Individual Artists Grants

February 10

Designed for artists at various career stages for production or exhibition of art, performances, workshop fees, materials/equipment, mentorships and projects.

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants

March 2

Grants awarded to individuals for projects that address AAI's mission of supporting, maintaining and promoting traditional and contemporary Native American art.

Arts Project Grants

March 10

For any organization, school or community group that needs funding assistance with an arts project or event.

For information and applications, contact R2AC. 218-751-5447 or 800-275-5447. Visit: <http://r2arts.org> or e-mail: staff@r2arts.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

Headwaters School of Music & Arts

The Opener Art Festival

Join us for a fall day of shopping and enjoying the beauty and creativity Bemidji has to offer.

The Opener will feature local artists selling a wide variety of gift ideas and treasures!

November 6, 2010
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

At the New City Ballroom, Bemidji
(behind Target and Home Depot)

Open your holiday season with this art festival and shop early.

For more information, visit wildflowerdesign.wordpress.com

Beginner's Pottery Class

Tom Daly will be offering Beginner's Clay Classes on Monday afternoons.
Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22
Cost: \$55/month

Ages 8-13: 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 14-Adults: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Beginner Acrylic Collage Class with Terry Honstead

This workshop is similar to the watercolor collage, but uses acrylic paint and several types of collage from magazines, papers and napkins to complete paintings.

Participants will learn about focal point, importance of light and dark, texture with watercolor, salt, spattering, dripping, etc. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will have a completed painting to take home and frame!

Workshop dates: Fridays, Dec. 3 & 10, from 1 - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$45 supplies included.

Merry TubaChristmas 2010

Created by Harvey Philips, MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS 2010 concerts will be presented in over 250 cities throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. Every performance features traditional Christmas Carols especially arranged for the first TUBACHRISTMAS by American composer Alec Wilder.

Concert will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 4, 2010 at the Paul Bunyan Mall, Bemidji.

Tuba and euphonium players are invited participate at no cost. To sign up, call the Headwaters School of Music and the Arts at 218-444-5606 by November 30.

One rehearsal at 10 a.m. Saturday Dec. 4 at Headwaters School of Music and the Arts, 519 Minnesota Avenue, Bemidji, MN.

About the Showcase Artist

Terri Young

Artist's Statement:

With pencil and paint, I describe the subjects of my representational paintings. Sharing with the viewer my impression of light, line, shape, color and feeling of an image.

Using location sketches, photos, and plein air painting as my reference material, I work primarily with pastels, watercolors and acrylics.

"Mary Lake Trail"
acrylic



Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events

November

- 1 NWRDC www.nwrdc.org/arts.htm
Artists in the Schools Grants
- 4 **Workshop Series: One, Two, Three, Go! Grantwriting Workshop for Artists**
Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul (Nov. 4, 11, 18)
- 6 **Workshop Series: Build Your Own Website**
McNally Smith College of Music, St. Paul (Nov. 6, 13, 20)
- 8 MRAC mrac.org
Arts Learning Grants
- 10 **Central MN Arts Board** centralmnartsboard.org
Community Arts Support Grants for Organizations
- 15 **Forecast** forecastpublicart.org
Public Art Grants
- 16 **Workshop Series: Working with Community**
Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul (Nov. 16, 23)
- 19 **McKnight/ARAC** aracouncil.org
Art Project Grants for Organizations
Individual Artist Career Development Grants
- 30 **Workshop: The Entrepreneurial Musician**
Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul

December

- 6 SMAHC smahc.org
Arts Legacy for Organizations & Communities Grants
- 7 **Workshop: Spreadsheet Savvy: Using the Power of Excel**
Play by Play Theatre Bookstore, St. Paul
- 8 SMAHC smahc.org
Individual Artist Development and Career Grants
- 16 & 18 **Workshop: Healthcare Reform Seminar and FREE Flue Shot Clinic**
Doctor Sam, Minneapolis

For more information on these grants, please visit the website listed. For the workshops, please visit www.springboardforthearts.org to learn more or to register.

Bemidji State University Performance Calendar

November

- 5 & 6 "Remember When"
9:00 p.m. Jammers
- 5 & 6 "The Butcher of Baraboo"
7:30 p.m. Main Theater
- 7 "Fall Festival Choir Concert"
3:00 p.m. Recital Hall
- 12 & 13 "The Butcher of Baraboo"
7:30 p.m. Main Theater
- 14 "The Butcher of Baraboo"
3:00 p.m. Main Theater

December

- 6 "Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band"
7:30 p.m. Main Theater
- 8 "Jingle Jazz" Jazz I
7:30 p.m. Thompson
Recital Hall
- 12 "Community Christmas"
3:00 p.m. Thompson
Recital Hall

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

**November 5
December 3**

Downtown Bemidji

**More information in our
"Calendar of Events" under each
participating business or gallery.**

NOVEMBER

Through November

Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse will present the paintings and prints of Charles Pulkrabek. Join us for the opening reception during the **First Friday Art Walk** Nov. 5 from 3-5 p.m. 523 Minnesota Ave. in downtown Bemidji. 218-444-5282.

Through November & December 18 Bemidji Community Arts Center presents "It's Only Clay - 2010," a national juried ceramics competition focusing on functional ceramics. Join us for the First Friday Art Walk Opening Reception Nov. 5th from 5-7 p.m. IOC 2010 juror and artist, Simon Levin will present an artist talk and award presentation at 6 p.m. The annual exhibit is a collaborative event between the BCAC and BSU Visual Arts Department in support of the Margaret Harlow Vessel Collection. Support provided by Holiday Inn Express - Bemidji, BSU Foundation and the BSU Ceramics Club. IOC 2010 is also made possible, in part, by a grant from the R2AC through funding from the McKnight Foundation. The BCAC is free and open to the public. Visit us at 426 Bemidji Ave N (Carnegie Library) or at www.bcac.wordpress.com. Contact us at bcac@paulbunyan.net or 218-444-7570.

Nov. 3 Bemidji Community Arts Center presents the It's Only Clay - 2010 Lecture: "Clay as Language" by IOC juror, Simon Levin. In this lecture, Levin parses the non-verbal language of wood-fired ceramics into its basic elements. He identifies parallels between statements in clay and verbal sentences, paragraphs, essays, voice and style. The lecture is free and open to the public. Join us at 7 p.m. at the Headwaters School of Music and the Arts, 519 Minnesota Ave. downtown Bemidji. For more information, contact the BCAC at bcac@paulbunyan.net or 218-444-7570.

Nov. 4 & 5 "Throwing With the End in Sight," a day and a half workshop by Simon Levin. Cost: \$25. Hosted by BSU. For workshop description and registration form go to <http://bcac.wordpress.com/its-only-clay/its-only-clay-2010/> or call the BSU Visual Arts Department at 218-755-3735. Exhibit Reception 3-5 p.m. Nov. 4 at Touche Gallery, BSU Campus - "Teaching Tom" Work by Simon Levin, Butch Holden and Tom Jaszczak.

Nov. 16-18 Bemidji State University Art Association Art Sale. 10-4 p.m. in the Scandinavian Room in the Hobson Union on the BSU campus.

Nov. 20 Lake of the Woods School Holiday Craft Fair at the Lake of the Woods School Commons in Baudette.

Nov. 20 Heim-made Yuletide Show Arts and Crafts and Market Goods. Free cider and goodies from 10-3 p.m. Special event at 2 p.m.: The unveiling of Lucille Schue's portrait photo for the Faces and Places Photo Show which was funded in part by an R2AC Arts and

Cultural Heritage Grant. Location: 18582 Battle River Rd. NE, Kelliher, MN. 218-647-8373.

DECEMBER

Through December

Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse will present Timothy Brockman's collection of wooden visual delights. Known in the Bemidji community as a licensed contractor, builder and assistant professor, he has combined his artistic talents with his interests in wood working to produce patterns and images in wood as a functional art media. Join us for the opening reception during the **First Friday Art Walk** Dec. 3 from 3-5 p.m. 523 Minnesota Ave. in downtown Bemidji. 218-444-5282.

Dec. 3 Bemidji Community Arts Center presents their Holiday Open House during the First Friday Art Walk. Shop 426 is a gallery retail shop, featuring work for sale by local

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra

*Subscription Concert 2:
"Testament of Heaven"*
November 14, 2010
3 p.m.
Bemidji High School

Featuring the Bemidji Symphony joined by soprano Jennifer Swanson in Gustave Mahler's all-encompassing Symphony No. 4.

Holiday/Messiah Concert
December 7, 2010
7:30 p.m.
BSU Main Theater

For more information, visit www.bemidjisymphony.org.

and regional artists. Enjoy live music, refreshments and special holiday discounts in the shop! Also on display in the BCAC galleries is "It's Only Clay," a national juried ceramics competition and exhibition of functional vessels. The BCAC is free and open to the public. Visit us at 426 Bemidji Ave N (Carnegie Library) or at www.bcac.wordpress.com. Contact us at bcac@paulbunyan.net or 218-444-7570.

Dec. 3 Beltrami County Historical Society presents its annual Lefse Festival Cook-off from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hungry Bear Conference Center, Bemidji. General admission of \$5 includes refreshments, lefse for sale/sample, vendors and door prizes. For more information, contact the History Center at 218-444-3376.

Dec. 11 Beltrami County Historical Society will host morning and afternoon High Tea at the History Center. Sessions are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A variety of holiday teas will be served along with savories (sandwiches), scones and sweets. This event is for the entire family and participants are encouraged to wear vintage hats/clothing. The cost of \$12 includes refreshments, museum admission, raffle drawing and photographic keepsake. Call 218-444-3376 or stop by the History Center to reserve seating as both sessions have limited space available.

Dec. 17-19 Headwaters School of Music & Arts celebrates the Christmas season during their annual Christmas Recitals. Students studying euphonium, French horn, guitar, piano, trombone, trumpet, tuba, voice, viola and violin will present their very best for you. For exact times call 218-444-5606.

Holiday Theater Performances

Ole and Lena's It's a Wonderful Life

Long Lake Theater
December 2-5 and 9-12
Thurs.-Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m.

A heart-warming, funny parody of the beloved Christmas classic with a distinctively Minnesota twist. Follow the saga of everybody's favorite Scandinavian couple, Ole and Lena!

Located in historic, downtown Hubbard (about 8 miles south of Park Rapids). For tickets, call 218-732-0099 or visit www.longlaketheater.net or at Beagle Books in Park Rapids. Adults \$14; Children (4-12) \$7.

A Christmas Carol

The Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji Community Theatre and K.G. Entertainment
December 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11,
7:30 p.m.

Performances at The Paul Bunyan Playhouse
Tickets: \$10 at the door or

The Wild Hare and Harmony Natural Foods Cooperative
Greg Gasman and his old friend Scrooge, Dave Moffett, are putting their heads together to write a very special Christmas treat.
For more information, call 218-280-6602.

Headwaters Basketmakers Guild

The Headwaters Basketmakers Guild invites those interested in basket weaving to attend a monthly meeting as our guest.

The Guild meets on the third Saturday of each month to promote the art of basket weaving and provide a network for weavers.

Next meeting: Nov. 20

All levels of weavers are welcome, including beginners.

Dues: \$12 a month, includes a quarterly newsletter

For more information, contact Eve at 218-586-3533 or epbensum@paulbunyan.net.

Blank Canvas Gallery and Education Center

After a successful first summer season, the Blank Canvas Gallery and Education Center (BCG) is adjusting the times the gallery is open for autumn and winter.

BCG's new hours:
Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In November through December 25, BCG will host a Holiday Boutique at the gallery. Items include original art and art-related gifts aimed at lower pricing for holiday budgets.

Blank Canvas Gallery and Education Center is located at 311 Main St. S in downtown Park Rapids. For information about the gallery, events and classes visit www.blankcanvasgallery.org or call 218-237-2770.



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Noteworthy

Mary Therese Peterson will be exhibiting her textile art in the Marketplace at the 15th Annual WomenVenture Fall Leadership Event Nov. 12, 2010. Her work will be on display in the Marketplace at the Minneapolis Convention Center from 10:30 - 2:30 p.m.

MaryAnne Wilimek's creative nonfiction piece *The Box* was published in the current issue of *The Gettysburg Review*. Her nonfiction piece *Passing from Darkness to Light* won Editor's Choice for Creative Nonfiction in the current issue of the journal *Relief*. Her poem *Stealing Prayers* received honorable mention in the 2009 Radix Poetry Contest and will be published in an upcoming issue of *Radix Magazine*.



42th Annual BSU Madrigal Dinner

December 3, 4, 5, 10, 11

Beaux Arts Ballroom

7 p.m.

5 p.m. Sunday

Reserve your tickets!

Call 218-755-3406

Cost: \$35

BSU Department of Music

For more information, call

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