



# Northern Arts News

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## *Guest Commentary: Common Ground*

*By Ashley Hull*

Through grants from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, member stations of the Minnesota Public Television Association (MPTA) are in the process of producing and distributing programs that educate, enhance and promote local, regional or statewide items of artistic, cultural or historic significance. Lakeland Public Television's objective with this new programming is to share the talents and stories of our area's rural and culturally diverse people and ignite new interests and renew commitments to arts, history and cultural heritage amongst our viewers. Furthermore, we will strive to make arts and cultural events more accessible to viewers across our region so the broader community can learn from, understand and appreciate their significance.

Lakeland Public Television is pleased to present "Common Ground", a new series that airs Thursday nights at 7 p.m. This magazine style program will showcase regional arts, history and cultural heritage events, people and places of significance. Each week we take viewers step by step through projects local artists are creating, and we dive into the rich history and culture that thrives right here in the Northland!

Due to the fact that MPTA stations will be sharing much of their work, our viewers will see a wide spectrum of productions based on this type of content throughout the entire year. In return, residents of Northern and Central Minnesota will see what local artistry and cultural events thrive in

our region. Through collaboration and partnership, Common Ground will come to be seen as a great venue for local artists, historians and heritage-based clubs to get the exposure they may desire. It will also serve as a tremendous learning tool for our viewers who seek Minnesota history, culture and heritage programming that isn't available elsewhere.

Already, "Common Ground" has featured several local artists and historians from throughout our viewing area. All episodes can be viewed online at [www.lptv.org/commonground](http://www.lptv.org/commonground). In March, we'll feature Bud Burger, Alice Blessing and Ruth White. Bud Burger is a bronze sculpture artist, who captures his outdoor memories through sculpture. Alice Blessing creates portraits from painting with her fingers. Ruth White is keeping Native American culture alive by teaching her native crafts through the Leech Lake Tribal College.

If you have a segment idea for "Common Ground," please email [legacy@lptv.org](mailto:legacy@lptv.org) or call 218.333.3022. We are currently seeking any local artists, subjects who have rich history filled stories to tell and any culture heritage based groups or individuals striving to keep their heritage or family traditions alive.

*Ashley Hull is the Legacy Production Manager for Lakeland Public Television.*

## **Region 2 Arts Council Seeking Board Members: Clearwater and Lake of the Woods Counties**

R2AC is currently seeking board members from Clearwater and Lake of the Woods counties to fill a two-year term vacancy beginning July 1, 2010.

Those who feel that the visual, performing and literary arts are an important contribution to the quality of life in north central Minnesota are encouraged to consider serving on the board of Region 2 Arts Council.

The board is responsible for planning, setting policy, and reviewing, and awarding grants. It meets seven times per year in Bemidji on the third Monday of the month. Members are reimbursed for travel.

Region 2 Arts Council is one of eleven arts councils in the state of Minnesota and awards over \$210,000 annually for arts activities in the five counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomon. The council operates with funds from the Minnesota State Legislature and a generous grant from the McKnight Foundation.

To receive an application, please email to: [staff@r2arts.org](mailto:staff@r2arts.org) or write to: Nominating Committee, Region 2 Arts Council, 426 Bemidji Ave, Bemidji, MN 56601; or call Executive Director Terri Widman at 218-751-5447 or 800-275-5447.

Completed applications must be received by **April 1, 2010**.

### Artist's Professional Development Workshops

#### Beginning Tole Painting w/Oils

Learn paint mixing, brush strokes, etc to complete a board painting.

**Location:** Nevis Church of Christ **Date:** 8 sessions Mar. 16 - May 4  
**Registration Deadline:** March 10 **Cost:** \$30 + \$10 Materials

#### Mentor Training

For artists interested in working 1-on-1 with high school students or adults.

**Location:** Beltrami Electric, Bemidji **Date:** March 25 - 5:30- 7:30 p.m.  
**Registration Deadline:** March 19 **Participation Fee:** \$10

#### Braids, Cordmaking & Knotting

Introduction to methods for different types of cords and techniques.

**Location:** Beltrami Electric, Bemidji **Date:** March 26-27  
**Registration Deadline:** March 20 **Cost:** \$85 + \$15 Materials

#### Creating an Online Presence

Using Word Press and Flickr to promote your art on a free website.

**Location:** BSU Computer Lab, Bemidji **Date:** April 3  
**Registration Deadline:** March 26 **Cost:** \$20

#### Artist in School Residency Training

Tools & skills to develop lesson plans, how to work with teachers and more.

**Location:** Bemidji - Library **Date:** April 10 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Registration Deadline:** April 5 **Cost:** \$25

#### Rosemaling Workshop

Study with Trudy Peach

**Location:** Clearbrook **Date:** April 12-14  
**Registration Deadline:** April 5 **Cost:** \$30

#### Painting People with Personality

Back by popular demand. Karen Knutson: Water Color

**Location:** Park Rapids **Date:** May 18-21  
**Registration Deadline:** April 20 **Cost:** \$150

TO REGISTER: Send checks made out to Region 2 Arts Council, 426 Bemidji Avenue N, Bemidji, MN 56601. Include your email address and telephone number for a materials list and/or cancellation of class. If you have questions you can email (staff@r2arts.org) OR call us at 218-751-5447.

### Showcase Artist

## Gordon Van Wert

"Morning Glory"  
 16" x 12" x 22"

Colorado Alabaster and New Mexico  
 Alabaster inlay with walnut base



~See Page 4 for more from Gordon~

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Funded by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, *Northern Arts News* provides news and information to artists in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen counties of north central Minnesota.

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:

Call: 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447

FAX: 218-751-2777

E-mail: staff@r2arts.org

Website: <http://r2arts.org>

#### Northern Arts News

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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 Grant Deadlines

### Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants

Mar. 4, 2010

Available to Native American artists, community groups, schools and organizations in or near Region 2.

### Arts Project Grants

Mar. 10, 2010

Designed for organizations and schools to create or produce an arts project or event.

### Artist Mentor Grants

Apr. 15, 2010

Available to students in grades 8-12 up to \$600 to mentor or attend an arts workshop or class.

### Arts Legacy Designation Grants

May 6, 2010

Up to \$10,000 to recognize local governments that support the arts to build healthy communities.

### Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

May 6, 2010

Available to artists up to \$3,000 and non-profits, schools and local governments up to \$6,000.

Staff assistance is available to all applicants to discuss ideas, select artists or to complete the application form.

To request an application or for assistance, contact Terri Widman at 218-751-5447 or 800-275-5447. To download an application, visit <http://r2arts.org>.

## Bemidji Area Arts Endowment Project Grants and Scholarships

The Bemidji Area Arts Endowment, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, announces several grant opportunities and scholarships.

### Project Grants

**BAAE Arts Project Grants** totaling \$5,000 will be awarded through the BAAE Endowment Fund, the H.B. & Ina T. Roholt Family Fund for the Arts, the Richard & Pam Nelson Family Fund for the Visual Arts and the Ernie Rall Children's Performing Arts Fund.

Schools, nonprofit groups, or arts organizations in the Bemidji area may request a grant up to **\$1,000.00** to produce an arts event, put on a workshop, develop an arts organization, sponsor touring arts events, sponsor an artist in residence, etc. Applicants that are not schools or 501(c) 3 organizations must use a fiscal agent.

### Everett Wilimek Orchestral String Scholarships

**Two \$250** Everett Wilimek Memorial Scholarships for Orchestral String Studies will be awarded. These scholarships provide funds for young people in the Bemidji area, ages 8-15, to study violin, viola, cello or bass, including but not limited to costs for lessons, training, and instrument rental.

Applications are available at the Bemidji Community Art Center, Headwaters School of Music and the Arts, Region 2 Arts Council and Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

The application postmark deadline is April 1, 2010 for both opportunities. For more information, contact Patt Rall at 218-755-8942 or [prall@midco.net](mailto:prall@midco.net).

## Bemidji - First City of Arts Studio Cruise 2010

The Studio Cruise is an opportunity for artists to invite the public into their studios and showcase their art and craft.

Artists with studios within a 40 mile radius of Bemidji are invited to apply.

Fees: \$10 non-refundable jury fee  
\$100 artist participation fee

**Deadline: March 15, 2010**

Applications available at <http://bcac.wordpress.com/> or <http://firstcityartcruise.wordpress.com>

**New this year!** Artists without a studio available to show and demonstrate their process can be a Guest Artist at a host studio location.

All artists must successfully meet all jury and monetary qualifications and requirements. Each host location is limited to three artists total.

For more information, please contact Dave Towley at 218-333-3547 or [dtowley@paulbunyan.net](mailto:dtowley@paulbunyan.net) or Lori Forshee-Donnay at 218-444-7570 or [bcac@paulbunyan.net](mailto:bcac@paulbunyan.net).

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Submission deadline

**April 7**

for the

**May/June issue**

Please send to:

[amy.zimmermann@hotmail.com](mailto:amy.zimmermann@hotmail.com)

or

[staff@r2arts.org](mailto:staff@r2arts.org)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Red Bridge Film Festival

This is the Festival's third year, screening seven prize-winning, unusual feature films in 22 programs over five days. One film, *Sita Sings The Blues*, tells "the greatest breakup story ever," weaving a contemporary American love story into a 2,500 year old legend backed by terrific American music.

**Dates:** April 16 - 20, 2010

At two programs on Friday and Saturday, documentary filmmaker, Deb Wallwork, will show and discuss her work, including a prize-winning video of people who harvest wild rice on the White Earth Reservation.

For more information, email [redbridgefilm@aol.com](mailto:redbridgefilm@aol.com).

### 2010 Travel and Study Grant Dance, Film and Video and Literature

The 2010 Travel and Study Grant Program will award grants to emerging artists in dance, film and video and literature.

Minnesota-based executive and program administrators working for nonprofit organizations and emerging artists in dance, film and video and literature are eligible to apply.

**Deadline:** March 8

This grant program places emphasis on individual exploration and growth. It supports research leading to the creation of new work, development of collaborations, participation in specific training, reflection and individualized study and investigation of artistic work outside of Minnesota.

Application materials available at [www.jeromefdn.org](http://www.jeromefdn.org). Contact 651-224-9431 or 800-995-3766 for more information.

### Northwest Minnesota Foundation

Through a collaborative venture with the Valspar Corporation and the Minnesota Beautiful Picture-It-Painted Program, assistance will be provided to communities and organizations seeking to paint and other coating materials necessary for restoration and beautification projects.

Approximately 550 gallons of free paint will be made available.

**Deadline:** March 5

To obtain application guidelines and form, please call Holly at 218-759-2057 or 800-659-7859 or email inquiries to [hollyt@nwmf.org](mailto:hollyt@nwmf.org) (please include your name, address and phone number.) The applications can be downloaded at [www.nwmf.org](http://www.nwmf.org).

### About the Showcase Artist Gordon Van Wert

#### Artist's Statement:

*"Local artists should exhibit their work as often as possible. The Region 2 Arts Council gallery is a perfect place to start."*



*"Generations"  
3' x 9' x 12'  
Limestone and Metal Fabricated  
powder coated base*

## Call For Artists (3)

### North Country Health Services

The North Country Health Services Art Committee will review artwork for the Temporary Exhibition Program at Neilson Place.

**Deadline:** March 15

To apply, submit a CD of artwork to: Temporary Exhibition Program, Neilson Place, 1000 Anne St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

For more information, contact Linnea Papke-Larson at 218-333-6285 or lpapkelarson@nchs.com

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### Grand Cities Arts Fest

**Deadline:** March 5

Grand Cities Arts Fest will be June 12-13, 2010 along the river in Grand Forks, ND and East Grand Forks, MN.

The 2010 Juror is Ann Ruhr Pifer from Grand Hand Gallery in St. Paul.

Applications: available at [www.novac.org](http://www.novac.org) or call 701-772-3710 to request by mail.

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### 4th Annual

### Horizontal Grandeur

Inspired by an essay of the same name by Minnesota poet Bill Holm.

**Deadline:** April 23  
Exhibition Dates: July 9 – Oct. 29

Open to all artists residing in states or provinces with a prairie. All pieces must have a prairie related theme and be original to the artist.

For complete guidelines and online submission form, visit [www.stevenshistorymuseum.com](http://www.stevenshistorymuseum.com).

Email [grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com](mailto:grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com) or call 320-589-1719 for questions or clarification.

## R2AC Awards Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$4,075 through the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Program which is funded through an appropriation from the McKnight Foundation.

**Northern Dental Access Center** received \$1,175 to promote a community arts project.

**Melvin Losh** was awarded \$700 for photography equipment to create a record of his finished quill and beadwork projects.

**Karen Goulet** received \$700 award to assist her in producing a series of art quilts.

**Monica Louise Johnston** was awarded \$500 to produce traditional Anishinaabe moccasins, tobacco pouches and dancing purses for art exhibitions, ceremonies and dancing.

**Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Cultural Arts Department** received \$1,000 to matte and frame students' paintings and drawings with an Anishinaabe cultural content for the Cass Lake Indian Hospital.

## Bemidji Sculpture Walk

### Call for Entries

A selection committee will select up to 20 sculptures that are of the best quality and workmanship. Each exhibitor will receive a \$300 honorarium courtesy of a local business sponsor or community member. Artwork will be on display from May 2010 to May 2011.

**To apply**, submit information about the sculpture, a CD rom of works and/or high quality jpeg photo(s) numbered and labeled with name, title, media and date made. A written proposal for a sculpture will be accepted along with back up criteria.

**Deadline:** March 29, 2010

### Call for 2D Artists

The Bemidji Sculpture Walk received a grant from the George W. Neilson Foundation to create 10 fiberglass sculpture blanks that 2D artists can manipulate and paint in their own styles. This project is similar to the cows of Chicago and the St. Paul Peanuts series and will be part of the Bemidji Sculpture Walk 2010.

Artists working in paint, multi media, mosaic and other techniques are asked to submit by email: contact information, resume and clear (jpeg) representation of their work. **The deadline is mid-March.**

**Email:** [bemidjisculpts@live.com](mailto:bemidjisculpts@live.com). **Mail:** Bemidji Sculpture Walk, P.O. Box 1444, Bemidji, MN 56619.

**For more information**, call 218-243-2685 or email [abel@paulbunyan.net](mailto:abel@paulbunyan.net).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

**March 5  
April 2**

**Downtown Bemidji**

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

### MARCH

#### Through March

**Bemidji Community Art Center** invites you to **First Friday Art Walk** and Opening reception March 5th from 5 - 7 p.m. featuring "The Temper of Complexion" and Senior Exhibit by Lauralee Simons. An eclectic mix of sculpture, painting and fiber arts, Simons' exhibit deals with the internal self and how it plays on the exterior or outer self. The BCAC is free and open to the public. Hours are Tues. to Fri. 12 - 5 p.m. and Sat. 12 - 4 p.m. 426 Bemidji Ave N (Carnegie Library). [www.bcac.wordpress.com](http://www.bcac.wordpress.com). Contact: 218-444-7570 or at [bcac@paulbunyan.net](mailto:bcac@paulbunyan.net).

#### Through March

**Cabin Coffeehouse and Café** invites you to **First Friday Art Walk** Reception March 5th from 5 - 7 p.m. featuring mixed media artist Jenn Anderson and her exhibit "My Therapy, Revealed on Canvas." Join us to meet the artist and enjoy refreshments. The Cabin is open Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 214 3rd Street. 218-444-2899.

**March 6, 13, 20 & 27 Headwaters School of Music and the Arts** presents "Songwriting Class" will be taught by composer and musician Andrew Green. Beginners and experienced songwriters will learn the creative process. Saturday afternoons from 3 - 5 p.m. Cost: \$75

for the four weeks. To register, call 218-444-5606.

**March 7 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** will have a concert at 3 p.m. at the Bemidji High School.

**March 13 Headwaters School of Music and the Arts** presents "Intermediate Wire Working Techniques" taught by Christina Thorne. This class focuses on simple wire links and wire wrap links. 10 - 3 p.m. Cost: \$45. To register, call 218-444-5606.

**March 13 Headwaters School of Music and the Arts** presents Dick Kimmel and Jerilyn Kjellberg an acoustic music duo. Trading lead and harmony vocals on stage, Kimmel and Kjellberg weave their voices and instrumentation into a blend that is at times poignant, at times exhilarating, and always compelling. Kimmel plays mandolin, banjo, and guitar and Kjellberg plays guitar. Cost: \$12 in advance (tickets are available at KRKB Music Outlet, Overbeeks and HSMA.) and \$15 at the door. 218-444-5606.

**March 20 KG Entertainment** presents "Out of the Hat 2" at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse. 6

playwrights, 6 directors 6 local musicians, 24 actors and 24 hours. An evening of adult entertainment and tons of laughs from local entertainers. Tickets at Harmony Food Co-op, The Wild Hare Bistro and at the door.

**March 20-21 Spring Arts and Craft Show**, Paul Bunyan Mall, Bemidji. 218-751-3195.

**March 27 Mask and Rose** presents "Sister Song Celebration Concert" from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Wild Rose Theater. Fundraiser for scholarships for female musicians and part of Women's History Month Celebration in collaboration with Bemidji State University. Cost: pay what you can. [kayakc2@me.com](mailto:kayakc2@me.com). 218-243-2685.

### APRIL

#### Through April 24th

**Bemidji Community Art Center** invites you to **First Friday Art Walk** and Opening reception April 2nd from 4 - 6 p.m. featuring the 10th Annual Bemidji Area High School Invitational featuring work by Bemidji Area High School Students in all mediums. The BCAC is free and open to the public. Hours are Tues. to Fri. 12 - 5 p.m. and Sat. 12 - 4 p.m.

### *Bemidji State University Performance Calendar*

#### March

27 Ione DeKrey Vocal Scholarship Competition 3:00 p.m.

#### April

8	Bemidji Concert Series: <b>Midori</b> with Robert McDonald	7:30 p.m.
10	Bemidji Choir Home Concert	7:30 p.m.
11	Bemidji Baroque Ensemble	3:00 p.m.
16, 17	Spring Show: "Man of LaMancha"	7:30 p.m.
18	Jazz Band Concert	3:00 p.m.
22	Choral Chamber Ensembles	7:30 p.m.
27	Wind Ensemble and Bemidji Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
28	Symphonic Band and Instrumental Chamber Groups	7:30 p.m.

Please contact BSU Music Department at 218-755-2915 for locations and to confirm dates and times of events. Contact the box office at 218-755-3863 for theater tickets.

426 Bemidji Ave N (Carnegie Library).  
www.bcac.wordpress.com. Contact:  
218-444-7570 or at bcac@paulbunyan.  
net.

**April 8 Bemidji Concert Series** presents Midori at 7:30 p.m. at the Bemidji High School Auditorium. Cost: \$20 general seating, \$5 students and \$30 reserved seating. For tickets, call 218-755-2915.

**April 9 - 10 Beltrami County Historical Society** presents "Antique, Art and Craft Fair" from 10 - 4 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2508 Washington Ave. SE, Bemidji. This two-day fundraising event features refreshments, vendors and the Eggers' Antique Appraisals both days from 2 - 4 p.m. with \$5 per item to be appraised. General admission is \$3 and \$15 for vendors for the two days. 218-444-3376.

**April 12 - 13 Rosemaling Workshop** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. Learn a new style of Rosemaling by presenter Trudy Peach. Cost: \$30. Registration deadline April 1. 218-968-2255.

**April 17 Headwaters School of Music and the Arts** presents "Watercolor Collage" taught by Terry Honstead. Learn techniques of water collage. Cost: \$45. 10 - 3 p.m. To register, call 218-444-5606.

**April 25 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** will have a concert at 3 p.m. at the Bemidji High School.

## R2AC Arts Registry

Region 2 Arts Council invites artists and arts organizations to sign up for the R2AC Artist Registry. Visit our website at <http://r2arts.org/region-2-arts/region-2-artists-online/> for more information.

## Theater Performances

### KG Entertainment *Wait Until Dark*

March 5 - 7 and March 11 - 14

A sinister con man and two ex-cons meet their match when they come searching for something they believe is in the home of a blind woman. The woman figures out that she is the victim of a bizarre charade and she turns the tables.

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. with a 3 p.m. matinee on March 13 at Jammers Club. Tickets available at Harmony Food Co-op, The Wild Hare Bistro and at the door.

First Weekend Special Cost: \$10 general admission and \$8 students/seniors  
Second Weekend Cost: \$12 general admission and \$10 students/seniors  
\$1 from each ticket sold will go to the Helen Keller Foundation.

### Long Lake Theater *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

April 23 - May 2

A delightful, all-youth musical adaptation of a cherished fairy tale!

Performances are Friday-Sunday. Visit [www.longlaketheater.com](http://www.longlaketheater.com) or call (218) 732-0099 for details. Tickets: adults \$14, children (4-12 yrs.) \$7, lap children free. Long Lake Theater is located in Hubbard, MN (8 miles SE of Park Rapids).

### Mask and Rose Women's Theater Collective *Comedy "Clean House"*

April 29-30 and May 1-2

A Brazilian maid spends her hours trying to formulate the world's most perfect joke as cleaning depresses her. A sister of the female doctor, the maid's boss, takes over the domestic duties and complexities ensue.

Performances are at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee at the Wild Rose Theater, 501 Bemidji Ave. For more information, contact [kayakc2@me.com](mailto:kayakc2@me.com).

## R2AC Says Farewell to Kay McCune

Kay McCune has decided it is time for her second retirement. She will be leaving her position as Executive Assistant after nine and a half years with Region 2 Arts Council. Kay's strong administrative skills provided R2AC with an efficient running office. She had a positive influence on everyone she met.

Kay will be missed by all who came in contact with her at Region 2 Arts Council.

The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep.

~Paul Strand



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### *Noteworthy*

*On Days Like This*, a collection of poems by Bemidji author **Patricia Conner**, is being published by Loonfeather Press and will be released this spring.

**Terry Honstead** recently opened her studio to the public. The address is 2520 Carol Dr. NE, Bemidji. She will be open on the first Thursday - Sunday of each month from 9 - 5 p.m. each day or by appointment. For an appointment, call 218-444-1873 or 218-209-6035. Classes are also available.

Authors Marcie Rendon and Ann Markusen wrote *Native Artists: Livelihoods, Resources, Space, Gifts* through the Project on Regional and Industrial Economics at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Minnesota. Artists with profiles within Region 2 include **Melvin Losh**, quill maker; **Clem May**, musician; **Anton Treuer**, scholar, writer and teacher; **Gordon Van Wert**, sculptor; and **Punk Wakanabo**, painter.

## Arts Advocacy Day - March 2, 2010

Did you know Minnesota now includes the arts in its state constitution thanks to diligent advocacy and hard work by thousands of arts lovers, artists and arts supporters? This means increased access to more funding for Minnesota artists and arts organizations! Grants from Regional Arts Councils (like R2AC) also come from this resource.

Did you know YOU can (and should!) participate in this important advocacy if you care about, participate in or benefit from Minnesota's vibrant cultural community.

**Arts Advocacy Day is Tuesday, March 2** and your local arts community needs YOU! This is a one-day event at the MN State Capitol attended by hundreds of artists, arts administrators and arts patrons. We visit with our legislators (in teams led by seasoned advocates) and thank them for making Minnesota a great state for the arts.

**SPEND** an exhilarating day at the MN State Capitol with hundreds of arts supporters.

**LEARN** how to talk to your legislators in a fun and effective manner.

**NETWORK** with artists and arts organizations from across the state.

**PARTICIPATE** in your state government.

It's easy, fun and it matters! This day is extremely important to state arts funding in Minnesota, and with the passage of the "Legacy Amendment" last year, our voices in support of the arts matter now more than ever. To sign up visit [www.mncitizensforthearts.org](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org).