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News

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Community Newspapers & Manitoba Arts & Culture Week

Next week we will be sending a challenge to Manitoba's community newspapers to identify and promote the arts & cultural activities in their area for February 17-25 – Manitoba Arts & Culture Week. This could include anything from art club meetings to exhibitions; talent contests to concerts; art classes to community dances; author readings to school plays; and etc.



Perhaps you have suggestions for their coverage of arts & culture week... You will be sent a copy of the media release.

The Manitoba Arts Network is again sponsoring the award for 'Best Arts & Culture' reporting that is part of the Mb Community Newspapers Association Awards night in April. Last year the winners were: 1st The Steinbach Carillon; 2nd Portage Herald; 3rd Dauphin Herald.

Volunteer Awards 2007

This annual event on April 18th is perfect to recognize an outstanding volunteer in your organization. Nominees are honoured at this prestigious event even if not selected for an award. Deadline for nominations is February 23, and there are several categories. If you have not received a package of information, call 975-8203, email volunteer@strauss.ca or go to their website www.volunteermanitoba.ca
National Volunteer Week is April 15-21.

Staff News

Hal Brolund, our new Performing Arts Coordinator started January 3rd. His past work experience as well as his background as a touring performer for many years will be an asset for us, I'm sure!

Dean Harder, got engaged on a BC mountain over Christmas to his lovely Roseann.



Jill Sayegh spent her holidays in Cuba!

Karen Wardle came back to the office with T-shirts from North Dakota, and I came back from a lovely & quiet respite - rested and ready to go again!

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting of the Manitoba Arts Network is on January 27 in Portage la Prairie. If you have an idea, concern, etc., that you would like to bring forward, please contact your regional representative or our office. This is your organization.

Program Committee Meetings

As a member, or potential member, you are welcome to attend & participate in any of the following:

Performing Arts Program Committee Meeting – Southern presenters

January 29 from 10am-2pm in Carberry. Call Program Coordinator, Hal Brolund, at 957-5172 for more info.

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Performing Arts Program Committee Meeting – Northern presenters

January 30 from 1:30-2:30pm by teleconference. Call Program Coordinator, Hal Brolund, at 957-5172 for more info.

Visual Arts Program Committee Meeting

March 21 from 10:30am-2:00pm in Neepawa. Call Program Coordinator, Karen Wardle at 943-0036 for more info.

OTHER

Good organization to join... The Canadian Conference of the Arts is a non-partisan, non-profit cultural advocacy organization. They provide a national forum for debate on cultural policy and are the leading national advocate for Canada's artists and cultural institutions and industries. Their website is www.cca.ca and is an good source of current information on federal arts advocacy. We are a member.

Funding for 'Celebrate Canada'

The 2007 funding application form with criteria for Celebrate Canada!, as well as the Canada Day Youth Award nomination form are now available on our web-site: http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/invitation/funding_e.cfm

The funding application deadline is Wednesday, **February 28, 2007**.

Please note that projects are for community events publicly identified as a "Celebrate Canada!" activity and held between June 21st and July 1st.

If you have difficulty downloading the application form with guidelines from the website, a print copy can be mailed to you. Contact Suzanne Nolette at 204-983-4738 (collect), or email her at Suzanne.Nolette@pch.gc.ca.

Year of the Rural Writer in Manitoba 2007

Most of you should have received information in late December from the Manitoba Writers Guild about their initiatives to reach out to writers in rural Manitoba. If not, contact Jamis Paulson at 947-3168, or email director@mbwriter.mb.ca

2007 International Year of Crafts – If you are doing an event or exhibition of fine crafts this year, you should post it with Maegen Black of the Canadian Crafts Federation, who have taken on promotion of Craft Year 2007 for Canada. Her phone is (506) 444-3315; email maegen.black@gnb.ca Check out their website for ideas and what is happening in other provinces for Craft Year 2007.

www.canadiancraftsfederation.ca/html/craftyear2007.html

Workshops for Actors

Two full day sessions are offered – one on Directing/Acting with Jim Forsythe; and one on Make-up with Doug Morrow at the Winter Weekend Workshop in Holland on January 27th. Register by January 17. Registration and workshop information are posted on the ACT Website at:

<http://www.actmanitoba.mb.ca/winter.htm>

Contact Frank Foidart: 836-2757, Association of Community Theatres (ACT)

That's it for now. Stay warm!

Lydia Giles

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