The Arts Consortium of Carver County is on the move. Great things are happening all the time. With this issue of ArtMatters we officially launch our membership drive and renewal period. To that regard, we expand our issue of ArtMatters to give you a wider glimpse of the activities and impact the ACCC is having in Carver County and beyond.

Thank you for your continued interest in the work of the ACCC and for your involvement as an advocate for the arts and their place in our contemporary culture and community.

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Awards include Best of Show, People’s Choice (be sure to cast your vote), Awards of Excellence, Honor Awards and Merit Awards.

The CCC is located at 1660 Park Ridge Dr. in Chaska.

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Edge of the Big Woods Art Wander

From Potters to Weavers, Painters and Illustrators, Stained Glass Artists, Woodworkers, Sculptors and Jewelers, there was definitely something for everyone at this year’s Edge of the Big Woods Art Wander held last month. More than 30 artists opened their homes and studios and shared their work, their enthusiasm, and their love of the arts. They demonstrated their techniques, educated people, and had the products of their creativity available for purchase.

Many participating artists hosted emerging student artists in their homes as well. Students were treated to the mentorship and guidance of participating artists.

It was a beautiful September weekend in Minnesota and a treat to see our Carver County artists in action. Planning is already underway for next year’s Art Wander at the end of September 2014. Stay tuned for details.

The Art Wander is supported, in part, by the Arts Consortium of Carver County.

ACCC Anniversary Gala...Save the Date!

The Arts Consortium of Carver County will celebrate its fifth anniversary this year. To commemorate and celebrate the occasion, you are invited to join us for an Anniversary Gala event on the evening of Saturday, May 3, 2014. Mark your calendar now and reserve the date.

The gala evening will be held at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres - one of our partners and an original charter member in the development of the Arts Consortium.

More information will be released throughout the months ahead and invitations will be mailed after the new year.

You are invited! We look forward to hosting individual supporters, friends, businesses, artists, and guests at this celebratory event.

Save the date. Mark your calendar! We are looking forward to a great evening celebrating our collective support of the arts in Carver County and the strong community bonds that result!

Membership Matters!

The annual ACCC membership drive is currently underway and we are hoping that you will join us and continue to be a partner with us in this work that supports the arts and adds vibrancy to our community. We appreciate your membership dollars and the gifts and donations we receive regularly. This impactful financial giving supports and sustains the organization.

We have five levels of individual membership. Choose the level that’s best for you…

Friend - $50
Advocate - $100
Cheers - $250
Bravo - $500
Ovation - $1000

All membership levels enjoy a set of tangible arts and community related benefits.

We also welcome business and community partners to join us in this work. Gifts from corporate partners provide a sustainable foundation for the organization.

Thank you for your continued support.

“Art is the signature of civilizations.”

~Beverly Sills, American Operatic Soprano

Carver County Artist: Marcia Lydeen-Reichert

Carver County Artist: Michelle Eggan

Carver County Artist: Rhonda Tesch
ArtStock 2014 - Mark Your Calendar!

Mark your calendar now and save the date for the 2014 ArtStock Art and Wine Festival at Parley Lake Winery. This annual festival event will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014.

This past summer, ArtStock 2013 hosted over 1000 people, 30 talented and diverse artists, three amazing musical groups, food vendors, and several community arts organizations. If you are interested in participating as an artist for the 2014 show, be sure to let us know and watch for the release of artist application materials in the weeks ahead. For information, email Andrea at ASjogren@mchsi.com or connect with us through our ArtStock Art and Wine Festival facebook page.

We look forward to continuing to grow this event into the premier summer arts festival experience in Carver County!

Arts and Events Calendar Will Launch Soon

The Arts Consortium of Carver County has a vibrant website located at www.artsofcarvercounty.org. Over the course of the past few months, interested stakeholders have assisted in some modifications and upgrades to our website in hopes that it will become the go-to place for information on all arts related activity in the county.

One of the features to be unveiled soon is an Arts and Events calendar listing artist showings, arts events, concerts, theater and dance offerings, literary events, classes, seminars, and more featuring our Arts Consortium members. Watch the website in the months ahead and make plans to contribute your arts events to the calendar. The success of having one centrally located Carver County Arts Calendar will be dependent on our members of the arts community and their submissions to the page.

More details will be released through the ArtMatters newsletter. The Arts Consortium is looking forward to this added benefit for members.

Literary Arts Take Center Stage... Authors’ Collective

The Carver County Authors’ Collective provides an opportunity for local authors to gather and share a wealth of knowledge. Each gathering discusses a topic related to publishing and provides a time for Questions and Answers. You are invited to join local authors to share common experiences and publishing concerns in an informal setting.

The group is open to, and made up of authors representing various genres. For more information, contact: Dan O’Brien at: dobrienmn@yahoo.com or Laurel Means at means005@embarqmail.com.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for December 28: Marketing; January 25: Social Media and Blogging; and, February 22: Art of Creativity. Meetings take place at Chanhassen Public Library, 7711 Kerber Blvd.

Carver County Authors: Barbara Mackinnon, Laurel Means, and Joyce Sutphen

“Art is a nation’s most precious heritage. For it is in our works of art that we reveal to ourselves and to others the inner vision which guides us as a nation. And where there is no vision, the people perish.”

–Lyndon Johnson, on signing into existence the National Endowment for the Arts
The ACCC is grateful for volunteer leadership. The following individuals are giving of their time and talents to lead and guide this organization. If you are interested in attending a board meeting or being considered for a position on the board, please let us know!

**Board of Directors and Community Liaisons**

**Executive Board**
- President - Lynn Murphy
- Vice President - Mary Erickson
- Treasurer - Dave Maenke
- Secretary - Barb Hone

**Community Liaisons**
- Visual Arts - Sara Hanlon
- Literature - Kathy Perschmann
- Music - Rob Welch
- Theater/Dance - Paula Atkins
- Communications - Cynthia Anderson
- Business/Service Organizations - Tim Klinkner
- Foundations - Mike Fahey
- Community Partnerships - Mary Erickson
- Editor/ Administrator - Andrea Sjogren

**About the Arts Consortium of Carver County**

The Arts Consortium of Carver County is a non-profit organization developed in 2009 whose mission is to strengthen Carver County communities through collaboration with the vibrant local arts scene and bolster the arts community and individual artists by connection to the community.

The ACCC sponsors community arts events and arts education, promotes access and advocacy, supports the work of artists, emerging artists, and other arts organizations, builds a creative economy, relies on the synergy of partnerships, and provides arts leadership within the county and beyond. Volunteers are working to making Carver County a nationally recognized arts community.

To accomplish this goal, the ACCC will:
- Serve artists of all mediums, at all levels and stages
- Build audience and elevate capacity for artistic endeavor
- Promote access to the arts
- Increase appreciation for the arts
- Expand and maintain strategic alliances among artists, arts organizations, and the community at large
- Contribute to ongoing economic development
- Educate community members on value of the arts
- Enjoy the reciprocal energy created by strengthening artists through community and enhancing community through the arts