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Two Calls for Artists:
My Secret Garden
Gallery on Main Street

Events, News & Dates

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2011 Focus on the Arts

CHARAC's 2011 season promises a year filled with the arts. We kicked off 2011 with a theater/art trip to the Twin Cities; CHARAC members enjoyed the musical, *Billy Elliott* and an incredible tour of the Minneapolis Art Institute with CHARAC member and docent, Mary Grau.

February offered a local artist show when Art Beat joined with CHARAC to sponsor the *Really Blue Shoe Art Show*. Art donated by local artists will be for sale February 12th through March 15th at Art Beat of Hayward with a portion of the proceeds going to CHARAC to support our scholarship fund.

March, April and throughout the year on-going exhibits featuring multiple artists sponsored by CHARAC can be viewed at the Park Theater, the Northwoods Clinic, and the Weiss Library.

May 23rd is the date for CHARAC's Annual Event. Comfort Suites in Hayward will be turned into a *Secret Garden* filled with magic and whimsy. Enjoy a stimulating evening with delectable appetizers, beautiful art, music, demonstrations, and a silent and live auction as well as honoring our 2011 scholarship winners.

June, July, and August CHARAC brings *Gallery on Main Street* to the Cable and Hayward area. Banners featuring local artists will line the main streets in both communities.

The 13th annual *Namekagon Art and Music Fest* will be held on Saturday, July 9th at the festival grounds at Mooselips Java Joint in Seeley. This event again guarantees a fun filled day with over 30 artists, musicians, a Poetry Jam, and good food and beverages. Children will love the art tent

where they can create their own special art and a special children's story time.

Throughout the year the Park Theater in Hayward offers a variety of entertainment with great music, theater, dance, and featured artists displayed in the main lobby. Check out their web site www.parktheater.com for upcoming events.

CHARAC continues to sponsor art events and activities and shine the spotlight on the arts in 2011 and throughout the years. *Cable Hayward Area Arts Council* knows the importance of art in our community and continues to focus on both local artists and aspiring artists.



Deanna Persson presenting scholarship to Xy Wu at 2010 Art Blooms!

Enter My Secret Garden or Should We Say Gardens! May 23

We are deep into planning CHARAC's biggest fund raising event of the year...

My Secret Garden, a magical gala celebration in a beautiful venue in Hayward, The Comfort Suites. We are creating a format in the physical environment and in the flow of the evening to give everyone time to socialize, sample savory appetizers and desserts, bid on silent and live auction treasures, and learn from DIY tables and art demonstrations.

On May 23, expect music, art, and many secret and magical gardens...a wine garden, a beer garden, a garden of divas, fairies and goddesses, a collection of tools for those secret projects and more.

The visual art exhibit is the silent auction consisting of works by local artists and will include paintings, drawings, photography, sculp-

ture, pottery, jewelry and mixed media. *That is where each of you can get involved right now!*

Information is included with this newsletter for all CHARAC artists and members requesting each of you to put on your creative "spring hat" and create something wonderful for our silent auction.

We hope to receive whimsical, spring-like art. Art to entice bidders to take to their secret gardens, whether inside or out, to make them more beautiful. To assure that there is something special for everyone and to make this a more diverse event, we are seeking items that will appeal to both men and women.

Bargain hunters alert: There will also be 25 Raffle baskets, featuring wonderful collections of products and services donated by local businesses and artists. A

50/50 raffle to benefit the encouragement of the production, performance and appreciation of the fine arts will keep everyone participating in the excitement of the evening.

Guests will be encouraged to wear spring finery and join in the fun and bidding for great art. All proceeds provide scholarships through the local high schools; Emerging Artists Grants; Grants for education/workshops; and Professional Artist Grants. Tickets for the event are \$25 and available online, at Art Beat of Hayward, and Whispering Pines and Mulberry Street in Cable or at the door.

CHARAC is planning an evening to stimulate all the senses, with interesting sights, sounds and tastes. Don't miss it!

Grants, Scholarships and Workshop Information



CHARAC provides scholarships and grants including Emerging Artists Grants, Supply Grants and Artistic Development Grants. We also offer a Promotion of the Arts Grant which has been created to assist new and aspiring artists or new or established organizations for the creation or organization of events, exhibits or performances which showcase the work of local artists and promote ex-

posure and appreciation of the arts in the community.

Information on all our grants is located on our website www.cablehaywardarts.org.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our many grant opportunities. We welcome your feedback on workshops and events you would like to see us sponsor. We love to hear your ideas and want to provide events to support you, the artist in our community.

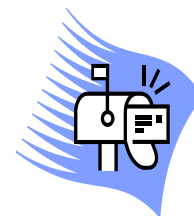
Email newsletters from CHARAC —Are you getting yours?

CHARAC sends out newsletters via email approximately once a month. These are updates on Calls for Artists, new art exhibits, concerts, events, etc. And, I have been hearing from some people that they have not received them. All too often we are discovering that

these emails are going into the “junk” mail filter. So, we ask that you check whether our emails are going there and you can then make a decision if you wish to note our email address in your contacts file, thereby ensuring you will receive the emails, or “unsubscribe” if you do not wish to receive this art

information.

We certainly hope you wish to continue to receive this valuable art information and also provide us with any information we could include in our emails...please indicate to your junk mail filter that CHARAC has important information for you.



Seussical at Drummond School—March



"Seussical" is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza!

**Drummond School
Drama
Department
Presents:**

Seussical

"Seussical" is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza!

Drummond School
Auditorium
Saturday, March 5 - 7 PM
Sunday, March 6 - 2PM
matinee
Friday, March 11 - 7PM
Saturday, March 12 -
2PM matinee

Tickets available at the door.

For information call
715-739-6231, ext. 322

The plot centers on *Horton* the elephant's endeavors to protect the people of Who-ville, who live on a tiny speck of dust. It also features characters and scenarios from many other Seuss books, including the *Butter Side Up-pers / Downers* from *The Butter Battle Book*, *Gertrude McFuzz*, and, the character of *The Cat in the Hat*, acts as narrator.

March—Birkie Wall of Honor

Dedication

The American Birkebeiner Board of Directors and Ned Zuelsdorf, Director; commissioned and worked closely with regional artist/sculptor Sara Balbin to create the “Birkie Wall of Honor”. Balbin and her team; Gary Crandall, Paddy and Linda Steavenson, worked long hours in freezing temperatures this past

October and November to complete this phenomenal steel, stainless steel and boulder sculpture/ memorial dedicated to individuals that have positively impacted the event through design and maintenance of the course, and participants who reflect the spirit, courage and vision.

A dedication to this historic sculpture will be held at the

American Birkebeiner Rest Cabin, County Rd. OO, Seeley, Wisconsin; Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 1 p.m. Hope to see you there!

To learn more about how you can become a part of the *Birkie Wall of Honor* contact Birkie@Birkie.com



Classes and Workshops

Diane Randolph is teaching many classes through WITC....classes that cover pastels, Stationary and Note Cards, Sketching Outdoors, Art Contour (pen and ink). go to www.witc.edu to register for these classes.

Many other local artists are also teaching classes through WITC...check their catalogs or go to their website www.witc.edu.

Dillman's Bay Resort and Workshops has an long list of classes available through *Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation*, now in its 34th season of bringing nationally known artist instructors and special interest programs to the Northwoods. The list is too long to recreate here....go to their website at www.dillmans.com to register!

Second Sunday Poetry—April

Sunday, April 10, 2011: Second Sunday Poetry reading at 2 p.m. at the Drummond Public Library, 14990 Superior Street in downtown Drummond.

Featured readers will be Roslyn Nelson and Susan Niemela Vollmer. Prior to the featured poets, audience members will be invited to read one or two poems. Refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by Drummond Public Library, the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets and Cable-Hayward Area Arts Council. For more information please contact: janchronister@yahoo.com

CHARAC Exhibits

Blue Show at Art Beat Now through March 5

This amazing "blue" show had its opening reception to show off the entries by 100 local artists and they are amazing! Do take the time to visit Art Beat at 2nd street in Hayward.

Of all the works sold, 35% will benefit CHARAC's scholarship program and 65% goes to the artist. Thank you Art Beat and Deanna!

CHARAC has two new exhibits at

- **Northwoods Community Health Clinic**
- **Weiss Library** in Hayward.

Celebrating Spring

CHARAC's new art exhibit at North Woods Community Health Center will celebrate the wonders of spring with a show titled, "Think Spring" The exhibit includes art by many well known area artists

who work in a variety of media – oil painting, watercolor, pastel, photography, and fiber.

The public will be able to view the show through April during the clinic's regular hours. For more information call exhibit coordinator Carol Anderson at 715-638-2529.

At the **Weiss Library** is an exhibit of photography by Charlene Peterson, a photographer from South Range, Wisconsin on exhibit through April.

In the **Park Theater Lobby**, view the works of Mimi Crandall, watercolorist and mixed media art.

Exhibits Nearby

35th Annual Bay Area Art Exhibition March 7-20

Entries will be accepted at the downstairs Community Room of M&I Bank , 100 Main Street, Ashland, on *Thursday, March 3 from 1-4 pm and Friday, March 4 from 9 am to 5 pm.*

Contact Merry Nuutinen 715-27803722, Kim Torkko 715-682-0682 or Sharon Anderson 715-682-4245 for information.
Reception March 20 1-2 pm



The Blue Show at Art Beat of Hayward

Calls for Artists

Included in this mailing are two requests for your participation in two early summer CHARAC events:

- **My Secret Garden deadlines: Commitment Form - April 15 Delivery May 10**
- **Gallery on Main Street deadline April 15**

Please check them out and we look forward to hearing from you.



CHARAC is also sponsoring a juried art show, this year in conjunction with the **Cable Natural History Museum.**

The museum's theme for the year is *Joy of Birds—Feathers in Focus.* To complement their theme, our exhibit will be titled, *"From a Birds' Eye View."*

Hanging will take place on August 1 and the opening reception will be August 12th. The art will run through September 27th.

The **Call for Artists** will go out in late May or early June.

Washburn Cultural Center

is sponsoring "Face It", the art of the portrait in any medium, for the month of March. Download an application at washburnculturalcenter.org

Entries are due March 1.

A public reception will be Thursday, March 5 from 4-6 pm at the Center in Washburn. Call 715-373-5591 with any questions.

Gallery

ON

M·A·I·N STREET

CHARAC is planning a very special summer treat for all of those who travel down the streets of Cable.

CHARAC will display the work of local artists on the main streets of Cable. Their art will be reproduced on vinyl banners and displayed on existing light/utility poles. These banners will be 30" wide and 60" long.

The original art work will be displayed at various businesses sponsoring the event throughout the summer. A website will be developed displaying these works of

art, with links to and on partnering businesses and the local chamber of commerce.

The original artwork and the banners themselves will be offered for auction on our website throughout the summer with the final auction at the closing reception in mid-September.

Brochures promoting the art, the artists and the community will be distributed at the chamber of commerce in Cable, local businesses throughout Bayfield and Ashland counties as well as Sawyer and Douglas counties. There will be promotion throughout the upper Midwest of the art event through newspapers, websites, advertisements and radio programs.

This is an opportunity for Cable to demonstrate its strong support of the arts.

This is a great opportunity for Artists....there will be much promotion and many individuals driving through Cable to view your art. We are bringing the *gallery* outdoors to give everyone the opportunity to view the art of the indoor gallery.

Cable has a unique opportunity due to the well traveled and condensed main street leading to our major lakes and resorts. This path offers visitors clear view to the art.

Art will be put up by Memorial Day and at the end of August as Cable prepares for the Fall Fest.



Art from the Heart—3rd Annual Exhibit—June

Art from the Heart is a colorful, expressive exhibit by talented adults with cognitive and physical disabilities. The exhibiting artists include talented individuals from Ventures Unlimited, Inc., Hayward, New Horizons North, Ashland, and independent artists of those communities. The original works in this unique showing include the creative expressions of artists' from

Sawyer, Bayfield and Ashland Counties.

This one of a kind art exhibit is showcased and sponsored by the *Ideal Market - Rivers Eatery*; located on Kavanaugh Road in downtown Cable, Wisconsin. The proprietor, Mick Endersbe shared his thoughts, "We are proud to be a partner. We feel fortunate to be a part of it and are humbled by it. Let's celebrate their work and the artists, and

their friends and family". An opening reception is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by talented musicians and singers.

Artist Sara Balbin, as part of her art therapy advocacy for the disabled, coordinates this annual art exhibit. Balbin stated "The visual arts offer individuals with disabilities an expressive non-verbal language

opportunity through which they can communicate their thoughts and feelings." These bright, meaningful original paintings and drawings will be on display throughout the summer.

For more information contact Sara Balbin 798-3848, or Mick Endersbe at the Ideal Market/Rivers Eatery www.theidealmarket.com



Namekagon Art and Music Festival—July

The Namekagon Art and Music Festival will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 in Seeley behind the Sawmill Saloon and Mooselips Java Joint. This is a delightful outdoor festival with art, music, a poetry jam, a kid's art tent, and food. CHARAC is seeking vendors who sell

handmade art objects and who want to have a tent for the day. Information and an application form can be found on CHARAC's website, www.cablehaywardarts.org.

CHARAC is also interested in having a group tent for CHARAC members who do not have their own set-up but would like to display and sell their artwork. If you are interested, call Carol Anderson at 715-638-2529.

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Are you seeking a new challenge!

We have an exciting option for you! CHARAC is seeking 1-2 new board members. This is an excellent slate of directors and as you can tell, we are making some very exciting plans for 2011. You can be a part of that and help to make things happen in the *ARTS!*

Check our website for the application.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Cable Area Art Crawl—August 13 and 14**
- **Ojibwe Arts and Cultural Festival—August 6,**
- **Superior Watersheds August 1st – 31st.**
- **Blue Moon Art Tour—September 3 and 4**



Arm Yourself With the Elements and Principals of Design—Guest Article

As artists we strive to find our voice in our art. I truly believe that each individual has a personal language. When teaching, to illustrate this point, I would ask each person to draw a rock. Now we live in the land of rocks and it is a solid object and our minds are quick to picture 'a rock'. Yet, when that picture is transferred to paper by a simple line drawing – no two rocks are the same. Thus – as we approach a painting and we are using the same tools and possibly the same subject matter – no two paintings will be the same. That is the glory of art!

However, what is the same for all of us, whether we are watercolorists or pastel painters, sculptures or mixed media artists is the need to address the elements and principals of design. When we create we consciously or uncon-

sciously practice the elements of design. A successful painting needs to have the elements all working together so that the viewer responds in a positive manner to the creation.

When a juror approaches a group of paintings for a show, it is not about what they like or don't like, rather it is about which paintings have been successfully created using the elements and principals of design. Line, shape, direction, size, texture, color value – are they all doing their job? Then the principles of design step forward – are the balance gradation, repetition, contrast, harmony and dominance doing their jobs?

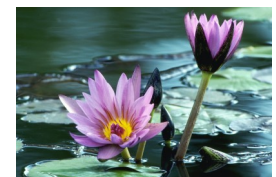
I am an abstract mixed media painter. As I work on a piece, at the end of the day I take it to the kitchen with me and let it talk to me. It is a constant challenge for me to problem

solve and evolve with my paintings. Sometimes the conversation goes no where and I wait a couple of days and see what it is that is bothering me – what just isn't working. The problem is because I have not addressed one or more of the elements or principals of design – they aren't working together. There have been some paintings that I have had hanging in the gallery and boom! The it hits me why I am not 100% comfortable with that painting, and I take it home and change it.

So when critiquing your paintings, get your list of design elements and principles of design and talk your way thru each step. It doesn't matter what type of art we do or what tools we use, we are all challenged with keeping the elements and principals of design working together.

Being accepted into a juried show is exciting, being rejected is a learning experience. Being the best critique you can be is a great tool for improving your art and helping a friend. Find an artist friend and critique each other's art work – take notes and grow together. It can be tricky to point out weaknesses in a painting as well as the strengths – but it is a great gift.

Deanna Persson



Spring

In the News -Our artists continue to make headlines!

Sara Balbin was featured on the Fox news program, **Four Corners**.

Local sculptor, Sara Balbin was both pleased and surprised when FOX 21 News called that they had decided to interview her for the show "FOX Four Corners; Exploring the Northland like Never Before". It was broadcast on Wednesday, February 3 but you can view the video cast for yourself by going to <http://>

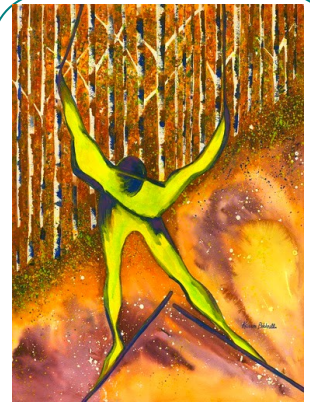
www.fox21online.com/news/fox-four-corners-exploring-northland-never

Sara Balbin of Dragonfly Studio is one of three creative metal workers featured in the *What's Playing* Magazine, January – March issue; covering Northwest Wisconsin and East Central Minnesota. Featured under Metal Artisans: The Smiths, page 8: Wisconsin's metal-workers forge art from the elements.

www.whatsplaying.info

Karen Bicknell—On the cover of "*Cross County Skier*" is Karen's painting, "Vertical Slope". Inside is her bio and more paintings. Karen is also featured in the February issue of "*Cabin Life*" magazine under *Midwest Artisans* and her "Ride like an Animal" painting is featured.

Also featured inside the magazine is the art of **Sally Sorenson**—so pick up your copy!



Vertical Slope by Karen Bicknell



What can you do to insure that the

performing and visual arts are a permanent part of the Northwoods? **Buy a Chair!**

CHARAC's Park Theater committee is raising funds to pay off the Park Theater mort-

gage and provide funding for necessary renovations by selling theater chairs. By buying a chair, you and your family will forever be recognized as supporters of the arts because an engraved plaque with your name will be placed on one of 200 chairs in the Park Theater. Your donation will also be recognized on our Circle of Giving wall in the lobby.

Flush Fund Of almost immediate importance is the renovation of the bathrooms in the theater. They currently are not ADA compliant—and for those of you who visit the theater you know they are not adequate in many other ways either!

You can help us with donations in any amount to the Park and/or depositing extra

cash into our "silver throne" located in the theater lobby.

Donation forms may be found at www.parktheaterproject.com or by calling Deanna Persson at 715-634-4543.

Park Theater Upcoming Events

Friday, Mar 11, 7:30
The Alaska String Band

We are pleased to present to you an engaging and uniquely Alaskan musical entertainment. The Alaska String Band is a concert group comprised of members of a single family performing with guitar, twin violin-fiddles, bass, mando-

lin, ukulele, percussion and vocals.

Saturday, Mar 19, 7:30 pm
Andy's Automatics

The Park Theater will be filled with Honky Tonk & Roots Country Western Music when Andy's Automatics take the stage. Their blend of

Old style Texas roots country, grassroots, and Americana music will make you think about Hank Williams Sr. as well as current artists like BR549, The Derailers and The Bottle Rockets. This class act has big time Nashville interest and is bound to be the next big thing.

Friday, March 25, 2011 - 7:30 pm
WOJB Concert Series -

Fred Eaglesmith
Check WOJB website for ticket information www.wojb.org

Check the Park's website for upcoming events and tickets www.parktheaterproject.com
Tickets for Park Theater events also available at Art Beat of Hayward.





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*The **Summer Newsletter** will be in your mailboxes by early June and will cover all of the summer events and early fall.*

Email your information by the
Deadline: June 1

Contact us at: PO Box 182, Cable, WI 54821
or email us at cablehaywardarts@yahoo.com

CHARAC has been organized to operate exclusively for charitable purposes, to encourage the production, performance and appreciation of the fine arts through networking among artists and the community, education of artists and the public, arts and cultural programming, and advocacy for the arts.

Poetry Corner

Dig and Plant

The secret flower garden is nearly hidden by tall bushes and guarded by a fence with two gates.

Inside, the design is a spiral. Starting at the center I dig with a small shovel at the exact spot where Gary the gardener has squeezed each potted perennial between others already growing in the ground.

Nagging thoughts spiral out as I dig and plant, dig and plant. This week's dinner menu, the never ending list before delivering my daughter to college, the war in Iraq, recent violence in Istanbul - my sister-in-law's homeland.

At the outer edge of the spiral, tall foliage leans, concealing the pots. Pushing aside the vegetation I discover an old sun-bleached wooden chair.

by Diana Randolph

A dazzling iridescent dragonfly alights on the knob of one of the newel posts. Though I'm not getting paid to sit I long to sit on that chair, which I decide needs to be named. The Magical Chair, The Fairy Dust Chair, The Charmed Chair. Not quite right.

I glance around to be certain none of the other workers are nearby. The chair's tall, firm back and curved arms support and welcome me.

Chit-chatting chipmunks play tag underfoot. The fragrance of frothy-white roses rise. Gallant blue delphiniums hum in harmony with the bees while I sit upon



The Poetry Chair.