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*Multiple Artists*

# Red Wing Arts Association

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# Arts *flash*

Red Wing Arts Association is committed to a focus on the arts by creating strong support of, and being a catalyst for, an expanding and dynamic arts community in Red Wing and the surrounding area.

## Presidential Ponderings: "Building the Arts"

by Sandy Giles, RWAA Board President



event, hold a music festival, sponsor a play in the park, hold more educational events, hire a volunteer coordinator, sponsor a scholarship for a graduating senior who wants to study art, and more ideas than we know what to do with. The RWAA is on a roll, and settling for the status quo would amount to a step backward.

this off with their pledges of over \$4,000 per year.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Red Wing Arts Association. The future of the arts in our community holds great promise!

The Fall Festival was a total success, leaving everyone happy – vendors, downtown merchants, tourists and shoppers. Volunteers, thanks for all your help!

More good news is that we are ahead of last year in gallery sales at this point. We are sponsoring art classes at the Presbyterian Church as well as group tours to art museums. RWAA now has regular on-going shows at Fairview Hospital. More artists are approaching us to be involved in our shows.

So many things are going right for us that the Board of Directors has decided this is the time to make a leap of faith. There's so much more we want to do; improve the lighting in the gallery, increase participation in our spring Plein Air

This is where the leap of faith comes in. Of course we'll need more money to accomplish more. And this is where YOU come in! The Board is conducting a three-year fundraising drive dubbed "Building the Arts," with a goal of raising \$30,000 a year from our members during Phase 1. Phase 2 will focus on seeking grants, corporate and community support to enable us to increase our budget.

You will shortly receive a letter giving more information and asking you to make a pledge to give whatever you feel you can afford. We are beginning this drive with our members so that we can show other possible funders that we believe in ourselves. Members of the Board of Directors are kicking

## Collector's Card



**"Snow Apples"** This beautiful original oil painting by Art Kenyon is our 2010 RWAA "Spirit of the Season" collector's card. Purchase one of these cards in our Holiday Boutique and you are eligible to enter our drawing for the original painting.

# “Nature’s Brilliant Colors: Interpretations of Fall”

**Display Dates: November 5, 2010 - January 1, 2011**

**Public Reception: November 6, 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

An extraordinary season brings us extraordinary artwork. In our upcoming exhibit “Nature’s Brilliant Colors: Interpretations of Fall” our member artists bring this colorful season of change indoors to the Depot Gallery.

The artists who are currently planning to participate are: Kathie Wheeler, Richard Rock, Peg Hansen, Maggie Paynter, Bob Bonawitz, Chap Achen, Deb Conlon, Joni Jurek, Ted Horn, Dan Wiemer, Faith Kelly, Richard Wright, Peggy Simonson, Muriel Singer, Sarah Singer, Ena Cisewski, Susan Welsch, Lori Horsic, CeCeile Hartleib, Ron Reimer, and Sandra Borgen. Many more RWAA artists are completing work they hope to include in this exhibit.

Join us for the reception for “Nature’s Brilliant Colors” on November 6th from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm to see this celebration of fall and meet the many talented RWAA artists whose creativity makes this exhibition possible.



“Serenity” by Dan Lager

## “For the Holidays and Beyond Boutique”

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**Public Reception: November 6, 4:00 – 6:00 PM**

Our artists and members have been as busy as elves preparing a wide variety of handmade items for “The Holidays and Beyond” Boutique. Artwork and high quality craft items will be displayed in a subtle winter wonderland setting. Our 2010 Holiday Boutique Co-Chairs, Ann Smereczniak and Kathy Hutchson, brought their vision, planning and creative skills to this committee. Their goal is to bring you a beautiful selection of gift items and provide the best holiday boutique in Red Wing.

Gifts items available to purchase range from “Patchouli” holiday CD’s to paintings by several of our member artists. “Troll” and “Kindness Angel” are just two of the many felted wool creations that Elsa Ellison will have to offer.



(See photo.) Our jewelry artists have designed a multitude of their beautiful wearable art that ranges from recycled and dichroic glass, to torched beads,

stunning silver pieces and more. Chuck Goranowski’s hand blown glass and Mike Tonder’s glass sculptures make outstanding gifts. Our fiber artists contributed everything from placemat and napkin sets, to tote bags and wine gift bags. You can even order your holiday wreaths at our boutique.

In addition to the boutique, the RWAA is hosting weekly demonstrations by several of our artists each Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm from November 6th through December 18th. During these demonstrations you can try your hand at pottery, meet authors, learn how to dye silk, see how to make felted wool creatures and more. For details see the article below.

The holidays are a time for friends to gather and the RWAA is thrilled to have artists from near and far stop by. Artists Mike Tonder and Jody Freij-Tonder will make the journey from the North Shore to be here for the holidays. Also, Susan Huppert, children’s author, will return from Florida to join us on Nov. 26th for the Holiday Stroll (see details- page 3.) We feel very privileged to have them and all of our other artists and members join us for the holidays.

# “RWAA Artists’ Holiday Demonstration Series”

1 - 3 pm, Saturdays, November 6 - December 18

**Peg Hansen** Kicking off our artists’ holiday demonstration series is Peg Hansen, artist and retired Red Wing art teacher. She will present “Wheeling at the Depot” and bring three potter’s wheels to the Depot from 1-3 pm, Saturday, Nov. 6. One wheel will be used for demonstrating and two will be for guests to use and try their hand at making a pot. For \$5.00 you can apply a glaze to your pot and have it fired. Fired pots will be available to pick up on Nov. 20th at the Depot.

**John Betcher** Author of two books with local Red Wing color, John Betcher, lawyer and author, will do a book reading and signing from 1-3 pm, Saturday, Nov. 13. He has written two thrillers, “*The Missing Element*” and “*The 19th Element*.” Both books feature ex-CIA agent Jack “Beck” Becker as he tackles advanced chemistry, nuclear plant operations and design, small aircraft avionics, law enforcement vs. military tactics and technology. Unlike other thrillers based on an extremely implausible foundation scenario, these use very real, even likely situations.



**Peggy Simonson** Do you love luxurious silk scarves? Peggy Simonson, artist, hand dyes and paints beautiful silk scarves and will be doing a demonstration of her dying technique at the Depot from 1-3 pm, Saturday, November 20th. A many talented individual, she has a studio at the Anderson Center where she paints in both soft pastel and watercolor, often incorporating textured papers and ink. She recently began using a unique method of painting detailed work with dyes on silk fabric, which is then mounted on canvas. Although her styles, subject matter and mediums vary, the one constant is her love of vibrant color.

**Mike Tonder and Jody Freij-Tonder of Blue Skies Glassworks** A husband and wife team, will demonstrate their individual approaches to glass art from 1-3 pm Saturday, November 27th. **Michael Tonder** - working with recycled plate glass, kilns, and sandblaster - creates one-of-a-kind glass sculptures. Hand-cut from flat sheets of glass, each creation is carefully assembled, then fired in an electric kiln. After firing, the fused glass forms are then carved and etched to completion. **Jody Freij-Tonder** will demonstrate how she works with a wide array of colored glass remnants and recycled bottles and jars to create jewelry. She is always on the lookout for anything made of glass that she can saw, cut or break into raw materials for her jewelry. She cuts reclaimed glass into the desired shapes and either fired in a kiln or processed in a rock tumbler. The kiln fired glass retains the shiny surface and the pieces of tumbled

glass are etched to a beach glass texture. These individual recycled glass earrings are then fitted with hypoallergenic surgical steel ear wires. The results are guaranteed to delight!

**Elsa Ellison** How do we spell popular at the Depot Gift Gallery? “Felted Wool.” From pumpkins to puppies to entire nativity scenes, Elsa Ellison’s felted wool creations are very popular. Ellison uses special barbed felting needles to push the top layer of wool into deeper layers. The unique property of wool fiber allows it to “stick” to itself causing the wool to felt. Elsa uses wool from her mother, Nancy Ellison’s, sheep. Watch her demonstrate her technique from 1-3 pm, Saturday, December 4.

**Tom Koontz** The art of writing reaches new peaks with Tom Koontz’s custom designed pen desk sets. Tom will demonstrate how he designs and makes the casements for his unique pen from 1-3 pm, Saturday, December 11. Fine woodworking is readily apparent in these exquisitely designed custom sets. These intriguing pens are made from a wide variety of materials such as: deer antler, old US currency, leather, cement, rosewood, ebony and oak.

**Julie Reeves** Using found objects as her muse, Julie Reeves, mosaic artist, transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary by applying an assortment of tiles and beads. A child’s discarded toy becomes an piece of art as this talented artist patiently applies her tiles. Watch her demonstrate this painstaking and detailed art from 1-3 pm, Saturday, December 18th.

## “Red Wing Holiday Stroll Activities at the Depot”

Friday, November 26

**Jamie Trent** Join Jamie Trent, jewelry artist, from 1-3pm at our Ornament Making Station. This is a Holiday Stroll arts activity for children. Fee \$1.00.

**Susan Huppert** For a special treat during the RW Holiday Stroll, bring the kids to the Depot to hear Susan Huppert read and sign two of her books “The Perfect Gift” and “Climb Aboard” at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm Friday, November 26th. Both stories are about how dreams can come true if you work hard and believe in yourself. Susan is making a return visit to Red Wing from Florida and is excited to be participating in the RW Holiday Stroll events.



# Dan's Doodling: "An Arts Community"

by Dan Guida, RWAA Director



Photo by Chap Achen

This past weekend the Red Wing Arts Association sponsored the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival of the Arts. The impact an event of this type has on a community is enormous. Even though it is impossible to give an exact count of people coming to Red Wing for the event, every indication is that the 2010 Festival broke all records. Besides the artwork purchased,

many businesses reported their best day ever. The event brings guests to our stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels, motels and B&B's; reinforcing the importance of this organization not just for the aesthetic quality of life in Red Wing, but also to the financial stability of our business community.

An event of this magnitude requires a great deal of planning and work. Thank you to the Fall Festival Committee including: Deb Wasmund – committee chair, Marne' Bateson, Kathy Boos, Marilyn & Nelson Brown, Deb Drotos, Tom Rynders, and Carolyn & Larry Veeder. In addition to the committee, there were many volunteers that helped with hospitality, working at the RWAA Information Booth, children's art activities, booth sitting and set-up/take-down.

Another annual RWAA event is the Plein Air Arts Festival. An indication of the quality of our programming is the recently announced grant to the Red Wing Arts Association by the Minnesota State Arts Board for the

2011 Plein Air Arts Festival. We were awarded \$11,200 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund. A key requirement of the grant is support from the community. It is rewarding to receive support from this Minnesota tax-payer supported fund. We are continually working on local, state and national grants to provide additional funding for our program.

The gallery shows, Concerts in the Park, Plein Air Festival, Fall Festival and other programs of this organization would not be possible without the strong support of our members and of the Red Wing Community.

At a personal level, our family has felt the support of the RWAA members and the broader Red Wing community. These past months, so many of you have expressed your concern, offered caring thoughts and prayers on behalf of our daughter, Emily. All of the post-surgery tests indicate that at this time, she is cancer free. There will be regular cancer check-ups these next five years. Thank you.

Red Wing is a wonderful community of businesses and organizations working together-more importantly, we are a community of supportive friends, neighbors and artists.



New Fall Festival RWAA Booth Banners.

Photo by Deb Wasmund

## Art Trip to Winona

A small group of Red Wing Art Association members attended a guided tour of the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Winona on Thursday, October 14, 2010. The museum, which opened in 2006, houses artwork inspired by water. It is a beautiful building surrounded by native prairie grasses, shrubs, trees and perennial flower gardens located on the banks of the Mississippi River. Their permanent collection includes works by Monet, Corot, Renoir, Van Gogh, Homer and others. We toured current shows of Duck Stamps and Conservation Art, European Influence on American Marine Art, and the permanent collection of Impressionist and Hudson River School Art. We enjoyed our tour guide who was very friendly and informative. We are hoping to make this an annual event in October. For more information on the Minnesota Marine Art Museum visit their website at: [www.minnesotamarineart.org](http://www.minnesotamarineart.org).

## giveMN.org

Would you like a fun and easy way to contribute to the RWAA? We have contracted with giveMN.org to provide our members with the ability to donate on-line. If you are interested in giving this a try, go to:

<http://www.redwingartsassociation.org/support.htm> and find the "Contribute via giveMN.org" paragraph. Follow the link and you will be able to easily and efficiently contribute to the RWAA.

Studies have proven that on-line giving is the most efficient way to donate. We hope you will give this a try.

## Congratulations to our Fall Festival Award Winners:

Best of Show - Sarah Sitarz, jewelry artist  
Honorable Mention - Carolina Niebras, potter  
Honorable Mention - Chap Achen, photographer

## Many Thank-Yous!

To:

Deb Wasmund and the Fall Festival Committee for bringing us the best Fall Festival ever!  
All the volunteers who helped get the basement ready when flooding was a possibility.  
Art Kenyon and Chap Achen for doing Volunteer Update Meeting Presentations.  
Jude Rooney for organizing the Water Color Class, Open Studio Night and the trip to the MN Maritime Museum.  
Marge Vogel and all of our donors for your ongoing support.  
Our new members for supporting the RWAA.  
Our many many wonderful volunteers whose efforts make this organization possible.

## The RWAA and Fairview-Red Wing Medical Center Present:

### A Father - Daughter Exhibit: Larry Veeder and Julia Crozier

Ongoing until November 17

Is artistic talent learned or innate? We invite you to research this age old question by viewing paintings by renowned Red Wing artist, Larry Veeder and his daughter, an accomplished artist in her own right, Julia Crozier. This exhibit will be displayed at Fairview RW Medical Center until November 17th.

Interested in drawing at an early age, Larry Veeder had rheumatic fever at the age of 11 which landed him in bed for 7 months. During this time his artistic skills improved immensely. Early influences were Norman Rockwell and Charles Russell. Veeder doesn't consider himself attached to any particular style. Of his many award winning paintings Veeder states, "Many of my watercolors are combined with gouache or other media, and I enjoy still life, landscape and figures. I try to apply abstract design principals to my realistic paintings, and sometimes work in a semi-abstract or completely abstract mode." For more information about Veeder's work go to: [www.larryveeder.com](http://www.larryveeder.com).

Like her father, Julia Veeder Crozier, started painting at a young age. Like her father, she acquired a love of travel at a young age and continues to travel with her husband and family. Currently, she owns the Blue Heron Gallery and Studio in Winona. She has had many one woman and group shows throughout the years and has illustrated books and posters, painted murals and has received many awards for her work. She recently created an installation for the Winona and Red Wing SE Technical colleges and some of her work is also on display at her sister, Kathy Boos, Confectionary Store here in Red Wing. For more information on Crozier's work visit her website at [www.blueheronstudio.net/julia.html](http://www.blueheronstudio.net/julia.html)

### Fairview-RW Medical Center "The Colors of the Season: A Holiday Show"

November 18, 2010 - January 17, 2011



"The Old Mill" oil by Mel Froelich

Fairview-RW requested an exhibit reflecting the holidays and our member artists have been working hard to achieve that goal. Fairview RW Medical Center and the RWAA have been co-hosting an exhibit in the medical center cafeteria for some time now. The artwork brings an ever changing decor for the patients and staff; and gives exposure to our artists' work. The artwork on display is for sale. Stop by there, grab lunch and enjoy.

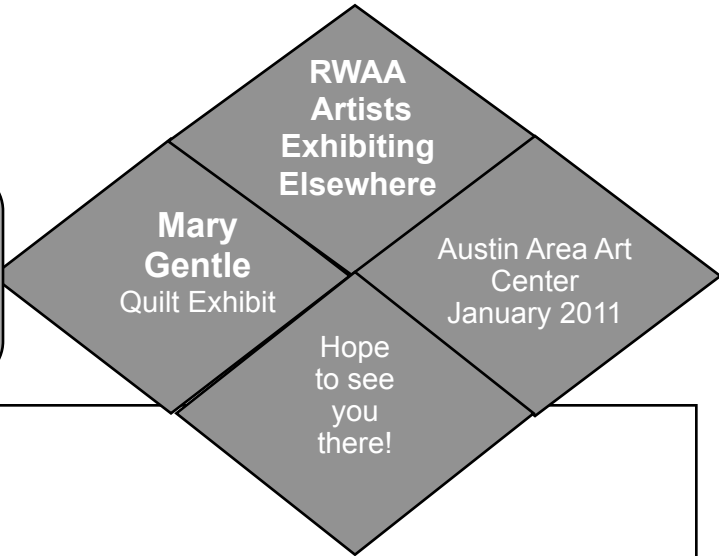
### Winter Hours at the Depot Gallery


Sunday - Friday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

# Important Dates

- 11/1-11/4 Install new exhibits
- 11/5 - 01/02 "For the Holidays and Beyond Boutique" members exhibit and "Nature's Brilliant Colors: Interpretations of Fall" a member artist exhibit
- 11/6 1-3 pm Demonstration: "Wheeling at the Depot" throwing pots with Peg Hansen  
4-6 pm Opening Reception: "For the Holidays and Beyond Boutique" and "Nature's Brilliant Colors"
- 11/13 1-3 pm Demonstration: Book reading and signing for "The 19th Element" and "The Missing Element" with John Betcher, author
- 11/17 "Veeder/Crozier: A Father-Daughter Exhibit" Fairview Exhibit Ends  
9-10 am Volunteer Update Meeting: Tour of Chuck Goranowski's Glass Blowing Studio
- 11/18-1/17 "Colors of the Season: A Holiday Exhibit" Fairview RW Medical Center
- 11/18 7-9 pm RWAA Board Meeting
- 11/20 Pick up glazed and fired pots from "Wheeling at the Depot"  
1-3 pm "Silk Dyeing" with Peggy Simonson
- 11/26 1-3 pm Holiday Stroll Activity: "Ornament Making Station" with Jamie Trent  
3 pm and 4 pm Holiday Stroll Activity: Children's book reading and signing for "The Perfect Gift" and "Climb Aboard" with Susan Huppert, author
- 11/27 1-3 pm Demonstration: "Glass Sculpture" with Mike Tonder  
1-3 pm Demonstration: "Recycled Glass Jewelry" with Jody Freij-Tonder
- 12/4 1-3 pm Demonstration: "Felted Wool Demonstration" Elsa Ellison
- 12/11 1-3 pm Demonstration: "Custom Designed Wood Pen Sets" with Tom Koontz
- 12/15 9 - 10 am Volunteer Update
- 12/16 7 - 9 pm RWAA Board Meeting
- 12/18 1-3 pm Demonstration: "Mosaic Art" with Julie Reeves
- 1/3-1/6 Install New Exhibits
- 1/7/11 - 2/18/11 "Celebrating a Dream" a member artists exhibit  
"Painting of History" by Richard Rock
- 1/8 4-6 pm Opening Reception: "Celebrating a Dream" and "Paintings of History"
- 1/19 9-10 am Volunteer Update Meeting
- 1/20 7-9 pm Board Meeting
- 2/18-2/19 Winter Plein Air Arts Festival

**RWAA Calendar**  
 Ever wanted to know who, what, where or when about an RWAA event? Find out on the RWAA Calendar at <http://www.redwingartsassociation.org/calendar.htm>





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