

"Eddy...A current that runs contrary to the main current or tradition, as of life, art, or philosophy; a byway."



Tuesday • May 13 • 7:30 PM • Zabee Theater

A special Minnesota statehood celebration using large scale historic photos from the Minnesota Historical Society Collection, original songs, historic readings, dramatic reenactments, and dancing. The Big Top cast will tell the history of Minnesota at the time of statehood.

Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star features a large cast of musicians, singers and performers. Hear what Minnesota was all about in its early history in this acclaimed musical theatre production by famed Midwest composer/historian/poet and founder of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, Warren Nelson. Old Minnesota has been named the official Sesquicentennial touring show by the Minnesota Sesquicentennial commission.



Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star is an original, musical, and historical hike through the old ways of the Gopher State. Travel back down the river of time with Warren and the Blue Canvas Orchestra to see and hear what Minnesota was all about in its early history. The show portrays in story, song and large-screen vintage visuals the lives, ambitions and accomplishments of Minnesotans Native inhabitants, European settlers and their descendants, reminding us of how far we have come and how much we have left behind. "This (Old Minnesota) is one of the best shows we've ever had at the Paramount," said Scott Anderson of the Paramount Theatre in Austin, MN. Call the Arts Alliance Office for more information, 763-441-4725.



Tickets sold at Kemper Drug & the Activity Center in Elk River, Luna Blu in Rogers, Rise N Shine Deli in Zimmerman, local Coborn stores, the Sherburne History Center & the Alliance office, 763-441-4725 or on line at www.elkriverart.org.

Adults: \$17..Members/Senior: \$15
Youth under 18: \$7.....Group Rates Available

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Board Chair's Message



Welcome to Spring!

The sun is shining and the snow has melted(at least as I am writing this). It must be time for all of us to get back to those projects we put off when it was too cold to think.

Our new space, which we started moving into in February, has really come together. I know many of you made it to our grand opening which really was GRAND! After the great Art, great Music, treats, and conversation we moved on to the Zabee for a fascinating evening of drumming by Mu Daiko. Those who weren't able to be there should still come in to see the Member Exhibit which will be showing in the gallery until the end of April.

After that, there will be a new show to see every four to six weeks, thanks to the hard work of the exhibit committee and our member artists. We have lots of ideas for this space - a gift shop, arts classes, music recitals - and are

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New Exhibit at 716 Gallery

A five member exhibit of watercolors and pottery opens Thursday, May 29 in our new gallery on Main Street in Elk river. The impressive work is by three watercolor artists residing in Big Lake who met serendipitously and now regularly paint together in the home studio of Judy Meyeraan. They will be joined in this exhibit by a Sauk Rapids painter and Monticello potter.

Eleanor Johnson paints soft landscapes and dreamy florals which are typical of the Old English Watercolor style, monochromatic, cool compositions. She has been a long-time member of the Minnesota Watercolor Society, Northstar W/C Society, and has sold at the Uptown Art Fair. She is a new member of ERAAA.



The Path Home by Kim Pietrzak

Judy Meyeraan has a background in commercial illustration. She paints thought provoking portraits that tweak the imagination, whether pleasant or otherwise, in a combination of abstraction and realism. She is a member of MN Watercolor Society, Central MN Watercolor Society, Bloomington Art Society, and of course, the ERAAA.

Kim Pietrzak paints tempestuous compositions with vivid colors that evoke a cherished memory or a momentary escape. Landscape is her specialty; she applies color with no fear. Kim also gives private and individual lessons in her home studio; check her web site: <http://kpcrations2006.tripod.com>.

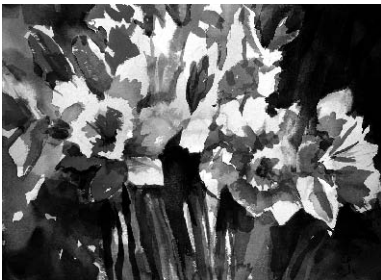
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Mother's Diary by Judy Meyeraan



Paintings below:

Jonquils by Eleanor Johnson & Transcending by Deb Vander-eyk



Photography by Linda Schlecht-Domek and Carol Weiler at the Sherburne County Government Center continues through May 9.

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM presented by Three Rivers Chorale

On Saturday, May 10, 7 PM the Three Rivers Chorale, under the direction of Michael Sahlen, will present Maurice Duruflé's Requiem at Word of Peace in Rogers. Duruflé was a twentieth century French organist who did a little composing. He is best known for his Requiem and for his four motets for mixed voices. His music is characterized by his extensive use of Gregorian chant and an improvisational approach to the harmonies. This concert is the third and final concert for the chorale's 2007/2008 season.

Tickets: Adults/\$9, students & seniors/\$7 in advance. \$1 more at the door. Children under twelve are free. Available in advance at Luna Blu & Word of Peace office in Rogers, Coborn's & Arts Alliance at 716 Main St. in Elk River & Coborn's in Albertville. Handicapped accessible. Hearing assist devices and large print programs will be available.

Rehearsals for the chorale's 2008-09 season will begin again with an open house barbeque on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 PM at Word of Peace. Anyone interested in the chorale may attend. No audition required.

Chair's Message continued

adding to the list every day. To make them happen, however, it will take the input and help of many volunteers. If you, or anyone you know, have skills (website design, database management, furniture refinishing among others) and some free time to offer, contact us and we can put you to work! See you sometime soon at the gallery and don't forget to get tickets for the May 13th show, Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star

World-Renowned Guitarist

Woody Mann, about whom The London Times said, "Don't miss a chance to see him; you are unlikely to hear anything--or anyone--better in the fields that Mann has chosen to master," will perform at Union Congregational Church in Elk River on Saturday, May 10. Mann is a New York guitarist who blends the genres of blues, jazz and world music.

Taught by the legendary guitarist the Rev. Gary Davis, Mann has given lessons to Paul Simon, accompanied Dori Previn, and has performed at festivals, concerts, and clubs around the world, as well as recording extensively and conducting master work-shops worldwide. The concert begins at 7:30 and includes refreshments from Luna Blu. Tickets are \$15 apiece & can be purchased from Union Church, Luna Blu, and the Elk River Arts Alliance office.

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Alliance Gift Shop

WE ARE OPENING A MEMBERS ONLY GIFT SHOP! This is your chance to submit your work to the gallery committee for consideration in the form of photographs or slides. Label your images with your name, phone number, title of work, medium, size and price, including the Alliance commission of 25%. (This has been raised 5% from the opening show's commission of 20%.) Submissions are due the last Friday of every month. If hand delivering your work, keep in mind that the gallery is open Thursday & Friday from Noon-6 PM and Saturday from Noon-5 PM. Send your work to:

Arts Alliance
PO Box 737
Elk River MN 55303

Deliver to;
716 Main St.
Elk River, MN

Please include a SASE if you will not be able to pick up your images after the committee's review. In addition to the above mentioned hours, other arrangements for delivery may be made by calling the office and leaving a message. Our aim is to accommodate participating members as much as possible.



Views of the 716 Gallery taken by Deb Opificius



This is YOUR gallery; please help support it. Never have we had the opportunity for the perfect space, great lighting and displaying possibilities that we have now; it is up to us to use it to our greatest advantage. We're still undecided as to the name of the gallery, and wish to incorporate our present Elk River Area Arts Alliance description, so give us your suggestions. We alone are responsible for the future of our new center. JOIN US!!!

— Judy Meyeraan

Thank You! The Arts Alliance relies upon membership and community donations to support its programing. The Elk River Area Arts Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

We wish to thank these community members for their contributions to the Horizon Fund.

Scott Anderson

Laurie Beil

Darkenwald's Riverbend Company

Glen and Jeanette Ertel

Donn & Vicki Granros

Stephen & Holly Larson

Laurie Mezera-Kerr

Joy Reichel

Lynn Arnsdorf

Darkenwald Family Partnership

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Nancy Gongoll

Karla Lange

Melvin Menke

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Joyce Riess

Marcee Thompson

We would like to welcome the following new and renewing members to the ERAAA.

Benefactor Member-\$500

Sara Hartman

Sustaining Member-\$200

David & Marty Raymond

Carl Swanson &

Jean Loy-Swanson

Patron Member-\$100

Sandra Erickson

Nancy Gongoll

Cliff Lundberg

Friend Member-\$50

James & Susan Hecker

Edna Elingson

Jerome & Roberta Takle

James Rudolph

Ann & Jonathon Kemske

Household Member-\$35

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Terry Briggs

James Church

Lorraine Hood

J. A. Lindensfelser

Roger Nordstrom

Robert Stenlake

Marcee Thompson

Business Member

Rockwoods Grill

Individual Member-\$25

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Suzanne Oliver

Catherine Osten

Darlene Solberg

Lois Swanson

Deborah Vandereyk

Attention: Fiber Artists

There has been some interest expressed in the formation of a Fiber Art Group in the local Elk River area. This would include all the various fiber techniques such as weaving, knitting, quilting, felting, dyeing, etc. If you are at all interested in joining a group of this nature, please call Sylvia Dudycha at 763- 441-1729 on Monday- Tuesday or email: sylviasdesigns@aol.com and indicate subject: "Fiber Group". All skill levels are invited. Let's get together, share ideas, inspire each other, and get acquainted. Please pass this along to your "fiber friends."

The first meeting will be Saturday, June 21 at 2 PM, at the Art Alliance Gallery at 716 Main Street, Elk River, MN. See you there.

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Deb Vandereyk of Sauk Rapids is a University of Wisconsin graduate whose specialty is abstract expressionism, a style differing from the representational work of the other painters. Deb has studied under many abstract expressionists and has shown work in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Colorado. She is looking forward to her membership in ERAAA and participating in upcoming events.

Mae Spencer, a well-known Monticello potter, will provide the three dimensional interest for this varied presentation. Mae's raku pottery, beautifully crafted and elegant in form, is widely exhibited. The work carries the earth-born qualities of raku making it very appealing to the senses.