



Newsletter

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“Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.”

::: *Edwin Hubbel Chapin* :::

Letter from the Board Chair

As chair of the board of directors for the White Bear Center for the Arts, I extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to the past and present success of the art center. The Heart 4 Art breakfast was a testimonial to the dedication of the volunteers and the generosity of a caring for arts community. To date we have raised approximately \$57,000! A heartfelt THANK YOU!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome our newest board members, Alan Kantrud, Kraig Rasmussen and Linda Waddell. Their expertise and love of art will be a great addition to the already dedicated board. While still in school, my seventh grade teacher announced that all students should enter an art contest called, “My Back Yard.” Since my twin sister was really the artist in the family, I knew this would be a difficult assignment for me. Having no formal education in art, I went to The World Book Encyclopedia and looked up “art.” In those pages, I discovered impressionistic painting. What an eye opener! I then knew I could make an impressionistic drawing of my back yard. Inspired, I began with an idea, some imagination, and a great desire to do my best. What a surprise to learn, that not only was my art work selected for the contest, but I won a state art award!

How fortunate today’s children and adults are to have access to a wonderful art center in their own back yard. In addition, the White Bear Center for the Arts is bringing art experiences to over 3,700 children through a partnership with the White Bear school district. The White Bear Center for the Arts relies upon contributions, assistance by volunteerism and in-kind donations to make art accessible for all. Your help is needed throughout the year. Your financial donations are taxdeductible!

Please [consider becoming a member of the WBCA](#) and giving a donation today. Thank you again to all of you who are already supporting our efforts!

Kindly,

Roberta M. Johnson
WBCA Board Chair