



## Newsletter

Fall 2012

::: Suzi Hudson :::

Greetings Friends,

It has been a hot summer, to say the least, and things have heated up at the WBCA! As of press time, the capital campaign committee has reached nearly 70% of its goal, raising \$1,734, 656. We are so grateful for the tremendous support of hundreds of individuals, local businesses, foundations, and corporations as the list of support continues to grow.

In addition, the building committee extends sincere thanks to the staff at the City of White Bear Lake for their professional guidance through the process of site and building planning, permits, and the hundreds of details that are involved in successfully preparing for the "reeducation" of our site and building. Equally important is the continued generous support from the city of space in the Armory, allowing for continued classes and operations while we prepare our new home. It's a huge undertaking and we are thrilled for site work and renovations to begin this fall. **Watch for our groundbreaking date, soon to be announced!**

I am also excited to share WBCA was recently awarded a four-year operating support grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, starting in 2013. This ongoing support will bring nearly \$24,000 per year of tax dollars from the Legacy Amendment to our local economy. The recognition of the MN State Arts Board gives further credence to WBCA's success as a professional organization, providing the highest standard in arts education and diverse experiences and an open gateway to all people who wish to participate in the joys of the arts.

As much as summer is a precious season in Minnesota, fall is the perfect time to return to creative work. Here, you'll find a wealth of new and returning opportunities including an Iron Pour October 20th, the chance to build a portable bread-baking oven, and the ever amazing Lana Grow workshop. Classes fill up fast so be sure to sign up early!

As we refine our timeline for beginning site work this fall, we may ask for your flexibility as we work through this exciting transformation. We will make every effort to communicate any changes that affect the schedule and/or locations well in advance. Once again, watch for our groundbreaking date, soon to be announced! **We want you there!**

Sincerely,

Suzi Hudson  
Executive Director