



## Newsletter

Fall 2014

::: Suzi Hudson :::

Dear Friends,

I'm considering changing my salutation to "Dear Friends and Family" as White Bear Center for the Arts indeed feels like a growing family to me. Together, over the past few years, we have navigated new and uncharted waters as a community and an organization. The results are indeed amazing! The new campus and programs are creating unprecedented growth, and while staff and board are thrilled, it's challenging us individually to grow in new ways, too. I want to thank you all for your support, encouragement, and the many hundreds of volunteer hours that have perhaps gone unrecognized in the midst of so much new activity. Many things seem to happen as if by magic, yet I know that "magic" is just a code word for "hard work unseen by others." Thank you to all who volunteer, who donate precious dollars, and who show up to help. Thank you for sharing your talents, time, and gifts.

The bonds of community are strengthened by sharing and together we are making a unique and "magical" place.

As we complete our first full year in our new home, we are honored to showcase the work and celebrate the life of Mr. Warren MacKenzie, one of our founding members and an artist whose work and generous philosophy put Minnesota on the map as a clay mecca and progressive artistic community. His life as a potter has influenced and inspired many generations of artists and planted seeds in Minnesota that will grow for years to come. White Bear Center for the Arts is proud to be one of those seeds that has flourished, so please join us on September 11th as we celebrate Warren's work and his tremendous contribution to the arts.

Like our growth, this catalog is unprecedented in its opportunities. I am "heartbroken" just looking through it, knowing that I won't possibly be able to attend every single class and offering. Oh why can't I be a cat with nine lives and live them all at once, this fall, at the art center?? Seriously, this fall is going to be nothing short of a very magical season.

So come. Make Art! It might mean a bit of hard work, but there's "magic" to be made by every one of us.

Suzi Hudson  
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