



## Newsletter

Spring 2013

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

Amidst sub-zero weather and sparkling Minnesota winter sun, the interior walls of our new building are coming down! Masons are at work inside scaffold tents blocking up old windows and doors. Concrete is getting mixed, bag by dusty bag, as new walls rise outside, outlining the new clay center. New openings are emerging, reframing the sky, the trees, and the grounds. As construction moves into full swing, the paths of a vision unfold before us, bringing to life the future home of White Bear Center for the Arts! Happy New Year, indeed!

While we look forward, we also reflect on the work and talents of individuals that have helped carry the WBCA to this remarkable threshold. In particular, three outgoing board members earn special recognition and thanks: Kyle Frederickson, Steve Harmon, and Linda Wall-Waddell. Please see the inside front cover for more about these special friends of the WBCA. At the same time we are excited to welcome three new board members: Nor Olson, Jeff Schreier, and Lenny Castro. A hearty welcome!

Working with Reiling Construction to establish the project's timeline, we anticipate the doors will be open for programs this summer. Landscaping and finishes will likely continue over the summer months as we prepare for a grand opening early fall: THIS YEAR!

The new site will house four studio classrooms, designed specifically for art-making and teaching, including a designated clay center with separate kiln room for maximum safety and a healthy art making environment. A state-of-the-art 1,500 square foot gallery will provide one of the only public galleries of this size in the northeast suburban area, hosting premier workshops, art exhibitions, and events for the community. An on-site art library will provide inspiring materials and resources. The expansive front porch, outdoor commons, atrium lounge, walking labyrinth, contemplative gardens, and on-site parking reinforce that the "welcome mat" is broad and open to all. White Bear Center for the Arts is your home for the arts.

So join in the excitement, support the campaign, take a class, or come and volunteer. It's going to be a spring full of blooming dreams.

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