



Newsletter

Summer 2012

::: Suzi Hudson :::

Dear Friends

Summer is coming fast and White Bear Center for the Arts is ready with more classes than ever before! It's a perfect time to stir up your creative juices in a new class such as travel journaling, vision boards, art history, or cooking fresh from the farmer's market. In addition, WBCA is offering more opportunities to grow professionally as an artist through visiting artist workshops, artist critique evenings, classes in internet strategies and social media, and learning how to frame your work or write a grant. Teens are eligible to take most adult classes, so why not make time to take a class with a young adult in your life such as: jewelry, salvaged steel sculpture, photography, fiber, or yoga, while younger siblings have fun attending WBCA Imagine Arts camp?

Not only does White Bear Center for the Arts have classes to make your heart sing, in a recent article by Tim Harlow in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the WBCA was recognized for working hard to ensure accountability standards of the highest order. I'd like to share the following excerpt from the article that appeared on April 13, 2012:

"When it comes to accountability and transparency, the White Bear Center for the Arts is one of the best nonprofits around.

That's according to the Charities Review Council, which has awarded the arts center its "Meets All Standards" seal, a distinction earned by only about 10 percent of nonprofits, said Jamie Millard, a communications specialist with the council.

"It shows that they are a most trustworthy organization," she said.

To earn the distinction, the center had to meet all 27 of the St. Paul-based council's accountability standards and ethical practices in the areas of public disclosure, governance, financial activity and fundraising."

To view entire article please go to: <http://www.startribune.com/local/east/146884755.html>

Thank you to our Board of Directors and Staff who work hard to ensure and demonstrate a commitment to quality and accountability, through and through!

And finally, the capital campaign continues to make remarkable progress thanks to the solid commitment of our campaign committee and the continually growing support of our community and area foundations. As of press time, WBCA has secured \$1,683,431 towards our total goal of \$2,500,000; that's more than 2/3rds of the way! We are working hard to reach 90% of our goal by July 31st in an effort to break ground on renovations this fall.

So please join us...it's going to be a joy-filled, glorious summer with your friends at the WBCA.

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