



Newsletter

Winter 2012-2013

::: Robert Cuerden :::

Progress: Movement, as towards a goal; advance

Greetings,

This WBCA Winter Catalog that you are looking at right now is a good example of the progress that has been made in making a wider and creative series of learning opportunities available to the art community that we serve.

Visible progress has also been made at our newly planned art center. It is located at 4971 Long Avenue, right here in the city of White Bear Lake. Check it out and let us know what you think of our progress. We are experiencing mounting excitement as we approach our goal for the capital campaign (currently at 82%); this was recently boosted by a grant of \$150,000 from the McKnight Foundation. September 25th was our groundbreaking, initiating phase 1 of our construction progress. In addition, our staff has initiated a wide range of new offerings and participation made available through the use of our new building and the engagement of so many talented instructors.

We also have had a change in the role of Chair of the WBCA Board. I took on that role in January this year and am very grateful to our past Chair, Roberta Johnson, and wish to acknowledge her creative and consultative leadership role that has allowed for our steady growth. Anne Dillon has joined our organization as the WBCA's Office Assistant/Registrar. Please welcome her to our organization. Our progress would not be possible without the WBCA Board, our "super-duper" commitment to the WBCA, our volunteers for their participation and caring generosity of their personal time, our artists and students for another great year, and most of all our community for your generous support. Now that is real progress.

As a nonprofit organization we rely on your continued financial support and we do this in part through our Year-End Giving campaign. Look for the letter with details coming to you soon. We appreciate your continued support.

My heartfelt thanks to you for helping us provide "The Gateway to the Arts" for all.

Robert Cuerden

Board Chair