



Newsletter

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::: Suzi Hudson :::

WELCOME TO YOUR ART CENTER!

Dear Friends,

With your new art center now open, the big Minnesota Chill just got *SERIOUSLY* more *FUN*. **It's time to plan your winter *Stay-cation* in White Bear Lake!** Just look at the tremendous offerings of new and established classes at *your* new art center.

One of the many highlights of your *Stay-cation* will be the Art Shanty Projects (ASP), coming to White Bear Lake in February. WBCA is proud to partner with ASP to bring this unique opportunity to the greater northeast metro area. The ASP will host 20 artful and interactive ice houses on the lake throughout the month of February. These fanciful installations will delight people of all ages and sensibilities, featuring art experiences such as a puppet theater, a music box shanty, and a giant Pedal Polar Bear. Adding to the mix, WBCA is thrilled to host Will Steger on January 13 to share his unique perspective as an arctic explorer and artist (*see page 32 for more details*).

In celebration of the recent completion of WBCA's 2.9 million dollar *Gateway to the Arts Capital Campaign*, we're featuring the NIGHT RAINBOW from the Grand Opening on our cover. Heartfelt thanks to all who made this dream a reality. Our *ROCKIN'* campaign committee spent nearly three years working to secure the funds to open our new Gateway to the Arts. Congrats! Please note the volunteer committee members listed below and bow to these people when you see them (I mean it!). We couldn't have done it without them!

And last but not least, it's time to remind you of how **critically important your year-end gifts are to White Bear Center for the Arts**. Your gifts support the life-affirming art experiences that serve over 30,000 children and adults per year. One way to look at it is this: while immensely successful, the capital campaign paid for the vehicle but doesn't pay for the gas.

Through your generosity, we're raring to "go." Please help us this season with a little extra push as we set our path on a new leg of our journey. It's a tremendous way to invest in your *Stay-cation* community.

With gratitude and joy,

Suzi Hudson
Executive Director