

Greetings!

Here are the latest announcements on arts and culture in our region. If you wish to include information in our next email newsletter, please email it to me (Maren Brown at mtbrown@admin.umass.edu). If you wish to be removed from this list, please email me (Maren Brown) at mtbrown@admin.umass.edu.

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## 1. WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

A FORUM FOR FUNDING IN THE ARTS will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. - noon at the Mullins Center on the University of Massachusetts campus. The program will introduce campus and community participants to funding resources for regional art programs and initiatives. The Forum will include:

\*PANEL DISCUSSION that includes representatives from the Community Foundation of W. Mass., the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Mass. Service Alliance and the Mass. Foundation for the Humanities.

\*WORKSHOPS: "Introduction to Computerized Funding Searches" which will introduce participants to the options of searching for a variety of funding opportunities using computerized databases. A second workshop, "The Funding Pie: Completing the Picture" will explore how to how to develop other sources of support to match grant funds.

\*RESOURCE ROOM: The resource room will include exhibitors from a variety of funding agencies and libraries that offer funding information

\*HOW TO REGISTER: Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Lisa Lipshires in the UMass Office of Research Affairs at 545-5282 or email her at llipshires@ora.umass.edu for more information and to register. For more information about the Forum (including a detailed listing of events), please visit our web site at: <http://www.umass.edu/fac/artscouncil/outrnewevents.html>.

The Forum is co-sponsored by the UMass Arts Council, the Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance, the UMass Office of Research Affairs, the Arts Extension Service and the Springfield Museums.

MAP OF CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS IN THE REGION COMPLETE! Visit our web site at <http://www.umass.edu/fac/artscouncil/outrcultour.html> for more information.

## 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

PRINTMAKING: Zea Mays Printmaking - a studio/workshop dedicated to safer printmaking for artists and the environment is offering a wide variety of

printmaking classes and workshops this winter and spring. Workshops in safer etching, collagraph printmaking, and monotype will be offered, as well as master classes in spit-bite etching, chiaroscuro intaglio, and photopolymer etching. Specialty workshops in botanical drypoint and linocut, as well as Printmaking Without a Press. PDPs available for teachers. For a brochure and registration materials, write: Zea Mays Printmaking, 221 Pine St., Florence, MA 01062, or call Liz at 413.584.1783, or e-mail [zeamays@rcn.com](mailto:zeamays@rcn.com). Also visit their web site at [www.zeamaysprintmaking.com](http://www.zeamaysprintmaking.com)

### 3. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education is seeking nominations for its Annual Recognition Awards Program to honor exemplary achievement in arts education throughout the state. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 18, 2002. Very few Western Mass. folks submit nominations, so let's build visibility for our region by nominating the many wonderful arts educators and advocates that make our region so strong!

Here are the nomination categories:

- Distinguished Arts Educator
- Outstanding Arts Collaborative
- Excellence in School Administration
- Outstanding Parent Advocate
- Distinguished Community Arts/Cultural Institution
- Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education
- School Committee Arts in Education
- Schools of Excellence

For more information and to download the nomination form, go to this link:

<http://www.massartsed.org/maae/awd/awd01/awd01pak.htm> or call the Mass.

Alliance for Arts Education at 1-800-999-1959 x8968.

CENTRAL ARTERY ARTS AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES MEETING: The City of Boston and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority invite you to a discussion of arts and cultural opportunities on the Central Artery on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 p.m. at 60 State Street, 26th Floor; Boston, MA Drinks will be provided; feel free to bring lunch. Questions? E-mail [Wendy.Willrich.bra@ci.boston.ma.us](mailto:Wendy.Willrich.bra@ci.boston.ma.us)

PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY: The Massachusetts Cultural Council is pleased to announce a new opportunity for artists to promote their work! National public radio affiliate WBUR has plans to develop one of the state's most comprehensive, Internet-based event calendars. All Massachusetts artists are invited to enter their performances, readings, exhibits, lectures, etc. at

<http://events.publicbroadcasting.net/wbur/events.eventsmain?action=submitEvent>  
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The site is planned for a public launch in February, so add as many of your events as you'd like, dated from late February forward. Once the calendar is launched to the public, anyone with an Internet connection and a desire to "get culture" can log on to [www.wbur.org](http://www.wbur.org) <<http://www.wbur.org>> and search by region, by date or by type of activity, to find arts and culture activities in their neighborhood and across the state.

ANOTHER PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY: The Journal/Bravo Newspapers is now offering a regular artist resource guide. Their plan is to offer the most comprehensive resource guide for the W. Mass. Region. This will be a wonderful resource tool for people looking for these services in the region. This guide will appear in the Bravo Arts section of the new Journal. For more information, contact Steve

O'Neil at The Journal/Bravo Arts Newspapers; 250 Albany St., Springfield, MA 01105(413)-747-2947.

#### 4. PROSPECTING FOR FUNDS:

MCC ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS DEADLINE AND INFO SESSIONS If you are part of, or working with, a non-profit arts or cultural organization, don't forget the Massachusetts Cultural Council's upcoming Organizational Application Deadline is March 1, 2002. All the necessary applications and information is available on the Council's website: [www.massculturalcouncil.org/os.html](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/os.html), and this year's grant process is fully electronic. If you need additional help in preparing your OS grant, be sure to attend one of our upcoming informational sessions in your area. A full schedule of the sessions is online at <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/news/events/osinfo.html>, or call the OS Department at 617-727-3668 or 800-232-0960.

#### 5. EVENTS OF INTEREST:

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS ON CAMPUS: The UMass Arts Council is sponsoring an event that will highlight arts organizations at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The event will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Admission is free. A variety of student organizations will be performing (dance, theater, music, as well as poetry and short fiction readings), and the improvisational theater group, Mission Improvable will be emceeding the program. Representatives from several UMass organizations that offer arts programming (visual, literary and performing arts, as well as film and other arts related programs) will be on hand to provide information about their events and ways that folks can become more involved. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit the Arts Council's web site at <http://www.umass.edu/fac/artscouncil/ArtsCelebration.html> While you are there, check out our arts calendar of arts activities on campus at <http://www.umass.edu/fac/artscouncil/artscampus.html>. Or you may call 413-545-0202 for more information.

BETWEEN THE CANALS- the Evolution of a Mill Town, a new play on the history of Holyoke (with a serious focus on human rights) by Enchanted Circle Theater. The premier and champagne reception is FRIDAY, FEB. 1ST @ 7:30 at the Cafe in the Market of the OPEN SQUARE in Holyoke.

EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST: Members of the Girls Eye View and Through Your Eyes Only exhibit their photographs. Life is a Hallway and Perfect 8 through January 31st at the Ware High School Library. Also, Kiva Girls in Black and White will be held Feb1-15 at the Amherst Regional Middle School Cafeteria. Reception: Friday, February 1, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Presentation by the artists at 7:15 pm For more information, please call 413.253.2158 or [yac@collaborative.org](mailto:yac@collaborative.org) [www.angelfire.com/ma2/GirlsEyeView](http://www.angelfire.com/ma2/GirlsEyeView)

#### 6. JOB POSTINGS:

ARTS EDUCATION COUNCIL COORDINATOR Part-time, flexible hours, three-month position (Feb, March, April). The Arts Education Council Coordinator will chair a council of teachers and outside art organizations/artists charged to develop, collect, and summarize a district-wide arts curriculum needs assessment; oversee

the work of six subcommittees to develop integrated art projects in alignment with the Mass Arts Curriculum Framework; be responsible for compiling a district-wide arts education plan; and make recommendations for district-wide arts programming structure. Strong arts education background, communication, facilitation, and computer skills required. Send resume and cover letter by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to Martin Espinola; 35 Crocker Avenue; Turners Falls, MA 01376 mespinola@gmrds.k14.mass.edu

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