

Greetings!

The winter is nearly upon us (though with today's warm weather, that thought seems strangely remote for this time of year), and there are a few announcements I wish to share from various folks in our region as well as the latest news on the Western Mass. Arts Alliance. If you wish to include information in our next email newsletter, please email it to me (Maren Brown at mtbrown@admin.umass.edu) no later than December. Please email me any information you want to include in our next email correspondence to the Western Mass. Arts Alliance list by December (which will go out at the end of December). If you wish to be removed from this list, please email me (Maren Brown) at mtbrown@admin.umass.edu.

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*Please note that a few listings in this newsletter are culled from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's new artLINE email newsletter, which I have attached for your reference.

THE WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ARTS ALLIANCE MOVES FORWARD!!!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: The following programs are now being planned for this spring and summer by volunteers in the region: Funding Forum (tentative date: early March at UMass Amherst); Artist Educators Panel (late March in Easthampton); Interdisciplinary Curriculum Frameworks Workshop (May in Springfield). Volunteers are also developing a web site and finalizing the I91 Cultural Corridor Map of the region. Very exciting stuff! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maren Brown at mtbrown@admin.umass.edu for ways to become involved in the Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS CONFERENCE: The National Arts & Learning Foundation, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Lesley University, and the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education, are co-hosting an arts education conference on Friday, November 30th on the Lesley University campus in Cambridge. Please see the attached PDF file to view the conference agenda, guest speakers, registration materials, etc. If you are interested in attending, please submit your registration materials as soon as possible. For educators, there's an option to attain Professional Development Points through Lesley University with a special Saturday session. For more information, contact the Massachusetts Alliance for Education at 617.349.8968 or 800.999.1959 x 8968. (Thanks to Meredith Eppel from National Arts in Learning Foundation for this information).

WINTER PROGRAM IN ARTS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: The Arts Extension Service will be offering its annual arts management conference in St. Petersburg, FL this January 18-20, 2002. The conference features 20 workshops, including the Fundamentals of Arts Management track and other sessions that address current trends and advanced skills in the field of non-profit management. Topics include: fundraising, adapting demographics and market research, universal design, taming technology and leadership development.

See their online brochure at <http://www.umass.edu/aes> or email/call Shirley Sneve at 413-545-5240, or aes@admin.umass.edu for more information. (Thanks to Shirely Sneve for this listing).

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

ON THE FENCE: PUBLIC ART IN PUBLIC SPACE Smith College continues to host an outdoor exhibition space on the construction fence that surrounds the Smith College Museum of Art and Fine Arts Center renovation project on Elm Street in Northampton. Exhibitors may be individuals or groups of any age, local artists, school groups and community organizations from the greater Northampton area. Work exhibited must be weather-proof and exhibitors are responsible for installing and removing their work. The college will publicize the exhibitions in local media and calendars. For a proposal form and more information, please call Nancy Rich at (413) 585-2773 or Julie Sawyer at (413) 585-2779.

A CALL TO ARTISTS : RAPID RESPONSE

An exhibition of visual and written responses to events of and following September 11, 2001 We at Hampden Gallery extend our deep concern and support to all of those, everywhere, affected by the recent tragic events of September 11. We invite you to contribute your visual or written response to these events and to the time that follows for inclusion in an exhibition called RAPID RESPONSE. In order to accept as many as possible responses and to adhere to an egalitarian exhibition process, we ask that all written works measure 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Two dimensional works should not exceed 9 x 12 inches. Three dimensional works should have a base not exceeding 9 by 12 inches. Works will be reproduced for publication. Multiple responses from an individual are acceptable. TO submit work: Clearly label the backside (or underside) of works with the title of the work, medium, and your PRINTED name, address, phone, and email. Drop off work at Hampden Gallery during Gallery Hours: Monday through Thursday and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. between November 13 and November 20, 2001 (NOTE THIS DATE FOLKS!) The exhibition dates and times are: December 16 through Dec 22, 2001 Artists' Reception: Sunday, December 16, 2001, from 3 to 5 pm Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, noon to 6pm, and Sunday 2 to 5 pm Hampden Gallery, Located in Southwest Residential area University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Thanks to Anne LaPrade for this listing)

CALL FOR EXPRESSIVE AND PERFORMING ARTISTS: The Franklin Medical Center Healing Arts Project (FMCHAP) is a multidisciplinary project involving professional and ancillary staff of the hospital, volunteers and community representatives from Greenfield and local villages in the region; and the Co-Director of the Community Arts Health and Healing Project UMass committed to the creation of a healing environment. This work seeks to increase the awareness of the role of the arts and humanities in health and healing through programs and exhibitions in performance and expressive arts, healing gardens, horticultural therapy and expressive arts therapeutic interventions of art, drama, music, writing, voice, and reading to another. There are many wonderful initiatives begun throughout the hospital. At this time the Healing Arts Project offers mini concerts on the last Friday of each month. These concerts are open to the community. Art exhibits have been installed in public spaces throughout the hospital. These exhibits change every two months. This call is for expressive and performance artists to become involved in this exciting program. Artists are asked to provide a brief biosketch and images of their art or tapes of performances for consideration by the Healing Arts Performance and Exhibition Committee. The Co-Directors of the FMCHAP, Karen Moore, RN,MS,CS Vice President of Patient Care Services, Franklin Medical Center and Jeanine Young-Mason, Professor, School of Nursing and Co-Director of Community Arts Health and

Healing Project UMass thank you in advance for your interest. Interested artists may contact Jeanine Young-Mason through email jeanine@ma.ultranet.com or by phone (413) 545-5091. (Thanks to Jeanine Young-Mason for this listing).

HOLYOKE ARTS FORUM: The City of Holyoke and Wednesday, November 28 from 4-6 p.m. in Heritage Park in Holyoke. It sounds like a great event, and I encourage anyone with studios or arts interests in Holyoke to attend (designed for people working or living in Holyoke). Share results of beginning interviews with artists in Holyoke RSVP with Myrna Breitbart with

CALL FOR ENTRIES: NEW ENGLAND FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL, APRIL 1-6, 2002
Boston Film/Video Foundation's New England Film & Video Festival celebrates excellence in film and video and recognizes New England-based artists at all stages of their careers. Deadline: December 17, 2001. For application guidelines, contact BFVF at 617-536-1540 or visit www.bfvf.org for more information. (Thanks to Claudia Haydon at the Massachusetts Cultural Council for this listing)

PROSPECTING FOR FUNDS:

2002 MCC ARTIST GRANTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATIONS

This year's online Artist Grants applications for Choreography, Fiction, Poetry, Painting, and Drawing/Printmaking/Artist Books (formerly Works on Paper) are now ready at <http://mccartists.egrant.org/>. Postmark deadline: December 17, 2001. For those without Internet access, printed guidelines are available on request at 800-232-0960 or kelly.bennett@art.state.ma.us. (Thanks to Claudia Haydon at the Massachusetts Cultural Council for this listing)

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