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This is the e\*newsletter from the Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance.

#### WMAA Annual Meeting

The Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance will hold its first Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Open Square in Holyoke. The informational and networking session, which is open to all, will provide attendees with an overview of the history, accomplishments and future plans of the Alliance (WMAA) and with an opportunity for attendees to meet other artists, arts advocates, educators, supporters, and presenters interested in collaboration and networking. For more information about the Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance, visit [www.wmassarts.org](http://www.wmassarts.org). To RSVP for the Annual Meeting, contact Alyson Ekblom, UMASS / Arts Extension Service, Phone: 413-545-2360. Email: [aes@contined.umass.edu](mailto:aes@contined.umass.edu) For directions to Open Square visit [www.opensquare.com](http://www.opensquare.com).

#### Literary Festival

4th Annual Juniper Literary Festival, May 7-8, 2004. All events take place in Memorial Hall at the University of Massachusetts and are free and open to the public. For more information, email [juniper@hfa.umass.edu](mailto:juniper@hfa.umass.edu) Lisa Olstein, Director, Juniper Festival. <http://umass.edu/umhome/events/articles/1817.php>

#### Printmaking

Printmaking Workshops - spring and summer 2004 for beginners through advanced in Monoprints, Etching, Photo Processes, Relief Printmaking and more. Zea Mays Printmaking in Florence (Northampton), MA. Visit our website for full descriptions, photos, faculty bios and more. [www.zeamaysprintmaking.com](http://www.zeamaysprintmaking.com) or call for a brochure 413-584-1783

#### Ko Fest

This summer Ko Festival of Performance offers a series of 6-Day Intensive Workshops and a performance series centered about the theme of "The Document, the Documenter, and the Documented: celebrating the preservation of knowledge and lamenting its loss -- through performance, display and public forums" All performances except the outdoor Mettawee production will be held in the Theatre in Emily Dickinson Hall on the Hampshire College campus. Box Office opens July 12: 413-559-5351. For information prior to the opening of the box office visit [www.kofest.com](http://www.kofest.com) or call 413-427-6147.

#### Submissions

If you have news let us know and BE BRIEF! Six weeks out works best. Just the facts-a website link and/or contact phone or email is mandatory. Email to [sneve@contined.umass.edu](mailto:sneve@contined.umass.edu)

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#### Who we are

The Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance fosters community-based arts activity through building relationships and collaborations among diverse cultural organizations, artists, educators, and community groups. The four counties of the western Massachusetts region are unique for their rich and diverse cultural resources. The Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance seeks to

build on this strength and contribute to the cultural, social, and economic vitality of the region through collaboration between the University of Massachusetts and the region of which it is a part.

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