

**Upcoming
Events: Mark your
calendars!**

May 4th: Wine Share
5-7pm at Rustix Res-
taurant and Reception

May 18th: HAAC at
Downtown Sounds

**June 18th Arts Festi-
val** 9am-3pm John
Brown Park

**July 22nd &
23rd:** Community
Theater Production

Early October:
Artists Reception

October 29th: Art
Encore at Rustix Res-
taurant and Reception
7pm-midnight

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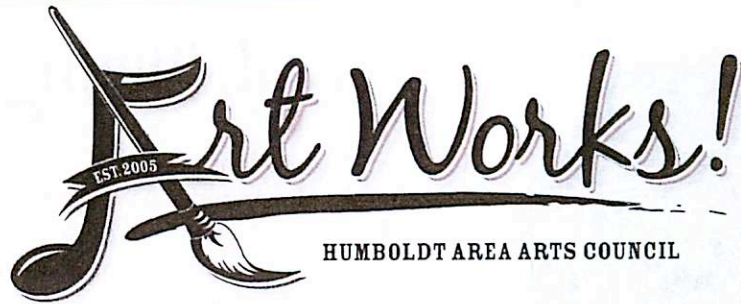
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From the HAAC Board President

Greetings Art Fans!

As we are enjoying the first signs of the spring season, I look forward to June and our Humboldt Area Arts Festival on the 18th! This year we are proud to welcome an art festival contractor, Susan Blanchard, to help in organizing our current plans and integrating new ideas to make the 2011 festival the best yet! Susan and her family have recently moved back to Humboldt and she is excited to help us promote the arts in the Humboldt area! Welcome Susan!

Volunteers are important to our organization's events and vital to the growth and success of the HAAC. Would you like to help with a children's craft table at the arts festival, bring appetizers for the fall Encore event or help with interior/exterior renovations to our art center? If so, please feel free to contact myself and we will put your skills to work!

Please join us at our upcoming Wine Share at Rustix on May 4th from 5pm to 7pm. Mingle with other "friends of the arts" and take a second to contribute ideas to our "idea bank". HAAC is growing and we have the wonderful support and generosity of the Humboldt area to thank! We have big dreams in which we continue to strive. We are excited to check some things off our to-do list with your support and encouragement! Thank you!

Lori Curran
HAAC Board President
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Knit Night News

Thursday evenings will find the Humboldt Art Center alive with the clicking of knitting needles and the sounds of laughter and conversation. This newest programming jewel of the HAAC is a "free to everyone--- open to all" knitting group. This group meets weekly on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. under the

competent direction of accomplished textile artist, Heather Strachan of Humboldt. The knitters attending span the generations and bring a multitude of ranges of experience to the group. Knit Night is not a "knitting class" and knitters work on a wide range of projects of individual choice. Projects have varied



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from dish cloths, to socks, to market bags, shawls, and scarves. Knitting assistance and instruction is available from Heather and other seasoned knitters each week. Future plans do include classes, demonstrations, and even field trips. These special events would have a cost to participate. Plan to join other Humboldt area knitters on Thursday night at the Humboldt Art Center!



Current Board Members:
President: Lori Curran, Vice-President: Ashley Emick; Secretary: Julie Vermeer; Treasurer: Jennifer Hanson; Other Members: Shay and Miranda Gonder, Jodi Giddings, Marena Fritzler, Kris Christensen, Nikki Ehlers, Cheryl Curry, Steve Walters, Lisa Rasmussen, Lisa Tapper, LuAnn Burgers

HAAC Photography Exhibit

Impressive turnout at the annual Photography Exhibit. An outstanding showcase of photography decorated the walls of the Humboldt Art Center for the annual Photography Exhibit at the end of March. This year, 35 photographers were represented with a total of 140 submitted photos. Well over 150 visitors were in attendance at the two-hour evening event.

This year's show introduced a calendar contest in which 12 of 140 photos were selected and will be featured in the 2012 Humboldt Area Arts calendar. The calendar will be available this fall at Art Encore, October 29. The photography exhibit committee recognized and presented winning photographers with a certificate during the evening event. Winners will also receive a free calendar when they become available. Please help us congratulate the following photographers for their winning entries: Cindy Barrick, Aubrey Behrends, Marena Fritzler, Miranda Gonder, Sarah Hovey, Jen Larson, Christy Meyer, Margie Nielsen, Tom Tierney, Deb Trammel, and Jenna Ulmstead.

The photography exhibit committee would like to thank all of the contributing photographers for sharing their talent and treasures with the community. We'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped set up and prepare for the show and to the community for an impressive turnout and continued support of the arts!

Dinner Theatre

The HAAC had another great theatre production with *The Altos*. The 3rd Annual Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre took place February 11th, 12th, and 13th in Rustix. Rustix provided a great meal of Caesar salad, chicken alfredo, and tiramisu cheesecake in keeping the Italian theme.

Directed by Lisa Tapper with assistance from Joel Dodgen, *The Altos* was a spoof of the popular television show *The Sopranos* and featured plenty of humor and quirky songs that delighted the audience. The plot of the show centered around Tony Alto, local mob boss and owner of a flourishing strip club who was the victim of a dastardly hit. Only problem: he's not dead. With the goal of learning the identity of the killer, Tony showed up at his own funeral dressed as a woman to question friends and family. Awkward and hysterical situations ensued that left the audience in stitches. It showcased a number of familiar faces including Brody Clark, Mel Luu, Sherry Crowley, Dave Cook, Mike Terwilliger, Dave Pettinger, and Kent Thompson as well as one new face, Ellen Green.

Art Council Gives Back to the Schools

One of the goals of the Humboldt Area Art Council is to act as a sort of Booster Club for the art programs at the schools in Humboldt County. This year the Art Council will present a \$400 scholarship to each of four Humboldt High School Seniors planning on continuing their education in an area of the arts. The scholarships will be presented in May at the Senior Awards Night.

The Art Council will also be presenting the art teachers of the Humboldt Community Schools with checks to help them buy supplies that they might need for their art classes. May 18th will be the first Downtown Sound Event and the Art Council will be providing art activities during the event. In addition, they will be presenting the art teachers with checks for the art departments in each school in the Humboldt School System. Congratulations to all who teach art in the schools! We truly appreciate all you do to teach the next generations about the arts!





Growing Pains

The HAAC celebrated its 5th birthday this past fall. The celebration of what has been a greatly successful birth of an Art Culture in Humboldt was accompanied with the pressure of the growing pains of this rapid growth. To assist the board in decision making and to help find a consistent direction for the future

growth of the HAAC, Regenia Bailey, Bailey Leadership Institute, Iowa City, was hired to facilitate a strategic planning session with the goal of creating a three-year plan of action for the HAAC. The five-hour session was full of brainstorming, conversation, ideas, excitement, apprehension, and exhaustion! Some major goals which surfaced include hiring staff so the newly renovated Art Center can be more accessible, including

community members in the committee structure of the HAAC, offering classes, programming, and exhibits at the Art Center, and increasing the awareness of the HAAC, its inclusiveness, and the benefits it brings to the Humboldt area. Look for ways to become involved in all levels of the HAAC as we all look to the exciting future happenings associated with the Humboldt Art Center!

Got Ideas?

Do you have thoughts or ideas you would like to share with the HAAC "idea bank"? Are you wanting to volunteer your time to help with a future HAAC event? You are important to the future of HAAC! Feel free to contact current board president, Lori Curran at curville@yahoo.com or drop a note in the mail to HAAC, Box 173, Humboldt, IA or request to get on a HAAC board meeting agenda. We meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Website Opportunity

Are you an artisan in the Humboldt area? Have you checked out the Humboldt Area Art Council's website www.artsinhumboldt.com? With your \$50 Friend level Art Council membership, you can have your own page on our website as well as a link to your own website. The artisan is responsible for providing the information and photographs for their web page and the HAAC will create the page. A jury process may apply. If you are interested, contact Lisa Rasmussen at lisajrasmussen@gmail.com for more information. This is just one more benefit of membership to the Humboldt Area Art Council.



Downtown Sounds

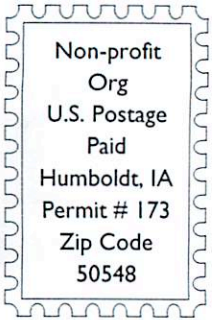
On Wednesday, May 18th, HAAC will partner with the Humboldt Dakota City Chamber to host Downtown Sounds. Come join us as we celebrate with music, art, food and fun on mainstreet of Humboldt! There will be entertainment for children starting at 4pm, including a few tables of free art activities. Don't miss a special art showing by HHS' senior, Sara Torkelson in the Witz End art room! We appreciate all Sara has done for HAAC as our intern the past several months!

This Years Art Project Theme Announced

Each year the Humboldt Area Art Council hosts a Community Art Project in which we invite individuals to create a piece of artwork around a theme. The items are then donated to the Art Council to be auctioned off at the Art Encore in October. In years past the themes have been chairs, tables, lamps, clocks, and pots & pans. This year the theme will be Garden Art! Start thinking about artwork that centers somehow on the garden. The sky is the limit! You might decide to do an art piece that can be in a garden or you might choose to do a painting of a garden. Perhaps you want to make a bird feeder, a toadhouse or a water feature. Start thinking now! There is an artist in everyone! Give it a try! Art pieces will be due early October. Rules will be ready for distribution at the Art Festival in June! Questions? Contact Kris Christensen, Jodi Giddings or Deb Miller.



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How has the Humboldt Area Arts Council used your membership dollars to promote the arts in the Humboldt area?

- Donations to the art departments in the Humboldt and area schools
- Scholarships to seniors of Humboldt High School and other county schools
- 4-H Award presented to the senior Outstanding Visual Arts project area exhibit
- Provided art classes and cultural opportunities including the annual Art Festival and Community Theatre.

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Friend	\$50+
Family	\$30+
Individual	\$25+
Student	\$10+

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