

Spring Green Area Arts Coalition

www.springgreenarts.org

info@springgreenarts.org

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Diane Albrecht

Sarah Day

Cecilia Farran

Derrick Gee *Pres.*

Christi Iausly *Treas.*

Sister Paulynn Instenes

Terry Kerr

Danielle Liegel

Erin Nelson

Sharon Nicholas

Sue Quale

Millie Rott

Sandra Shane-DuBow *VP*

Kay Lynn Taylor *Sec.*

Renee Tertin

Michael Whaley *VP*

It is my pleasure to welcome you as a member of the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition for the year 2004: our inaugural year serving the arts and cultural interests of Spring Green area community residents. We are delighted to have you aboard, we look forward to working with you to help build our Coalition, and we thank you for your support.

For those of you who attended one of our "Meet the Coalition" social events – and we have more scheduled – you may recall that I mentioned some of the things that our young Coalition has already accomplished:

- Our predecessor, the Arts Coalition Task Force, interviewed 60 area residents as part of a preliminary community-wide cultural assessment. Its report, "Building Bridges: Art and Community in the River Valley", pointed the way for the establishment of the Coalition.
- On September 11, we seated the first SGAAC Board of Directors (who will serve until February of 2004)!
- Last October we hosted the 2003 Midwest Rural Arts Forum, attracting over 100 participants (60 from out-of-state) and involving more than 70 local volunteers.
- At the Midwest Arts Forum, the Spring Green community was awarded the 2003 Robert Gard Wisconsin Idea Foundation Award for Excellence for its history of support for the arts. SGAAC continues that legacy!
- With financial support from the Sauk County Arts, Humanities, and Historic Preservation Committee, SGAAC commissioned an original composition for the Forum, "Some Kind of Sign: Voices of the Rural Landscape" by Marnie and Nath Dresser. Now it will receive its first public performance at the Spring Green Café and General Store at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 25th. If you haven't seen it, don't miss it!
- SGAAC sponsored the first-ever Community Cultural Treasure award, which was presented to Arena resident Inez Learn for her 30+ years of teaching and inspiring area youth.
- SGAAC has a seat on the Village of Spring Green's Smart Growth Planning Committee. Our president, Derrick Gee, is filling that very important role.
- SGAAC made its Homecoming Parade debut last October!

That's what we've accomplished so far. What do we have brewing for 2004? Just flip over this page and find out!

JAN

23 **Logo Contest Deadline**
(see website for details)

25 "Some Kind of Sign"
by Nath and Marnie
Dresser: Spring Green
General Store, 2-3 pm.

27 **Arts Coalition Annual Meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**,
upstairs at The Shed in
downtown Spring Green.
Special musical guests!

FEB

10 **Board Meeting**

17 "Meet the Coalition" at
Veteran's Hall in Arena,
7:00 pm. Refreshments &
entertainment!

MAR

9 "Meet the Coalition" in
Plain. Details to come.

- At least two more of our “**Meet the Coalition**” social events in various communities (*please see the calendar*).
- An unbelievable **July 18th gala SGAAC fundraising event at American Players Theatre** – in conjunction with APT’s 25th anniversary celebration – featuring both an oral and a silent auction.
- Our **website** is up and running – www.springgreenarts.org – and will be expanding rapidly. Look for upcoming community events to be posted on our homepage. And find links to a wide variety of first-rate information and resource sites.
- Great news for presenters and patrons everywhere: we plan to have a comprehensive **community arts & cultural events calendar** on the website by the first of April. No foolin’!
- Plans are to “incubate” **three new activities** each year, based on input from the community social events and other information-gathering efforts. “Hot items” at present include a monthly “classic/international movie night” at the Gard Theater, a summer arts class for young people, and ... well, *you* can let us know!

Naturally, a good deal of our effort this year will be devoted to building relationships with individuals, organizations, businesses, and municipal governments; spreading the word about the mission, goals, and activities of our Coalition; strengthening our membership; and beginning to gain a better understanding of the ways in which our Coalition can serve not just the artists and arts organizations in our community, but all those whose lives have already been enriched by the arts or who are interested and willing to invite the arts into their lives.

We’ve only just begun to explore the wealth of ideas and opportunities we know are out there. If you hear of something, or have an idea or two or twelve of your own, please share them with us! We’re counting on a very active membership and very busy lines of communication!

Even if we just saw you at the Lone Rock Social, we’d really love to set eyes on you again at the **Coalition’s 1st Annual Meeting** on Tuesday night, January 27th, upstairs at The Shed in Spring Green. Bring along friends! Because our theme is “Young and Growing!” we’ll have some young artists on hand to entertain you. Social hour is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a short business meeting to follow. There will be a cash bar, but we’ll provide the snacks and deserts... with a little help from our friends. (If you have something you’d like to bring, please let Kay Taylor know.)

Contact information is below. We’re looking forward to seeing you soon and often!

Michael Whaley
SGAAC Board of Directors

If you think you might like to serve on the SGAAC Board of Directors, please contact Michael Whaley on or before January 20th at 608-588-2048 or spikey@mhtc.net

Kay Taylor is handling all other Arts Coalition inquiries at 608-583-4041 or 34099 Old Mill Drive, Lone Rock, WI 53556