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Welcome Benji Nichols

Please join us in welcoming Benji Nichols, our newest CHAT Captain in Region 3! Benji can be reached at benji@theinspiredmedia.com if you have words of wisdom. Remember, CHAT is all about networking!

No More Starving Artists II

Are You Hungry for Art?

No More Starving Artists II

Saturday, June 20, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Des Moines Social Club – 1408 Locust St., Des Moines

Workshops

- Marketing for Artists

- Pricing Your Work

- Expanding your “Digital Footprint” with Social Media

- Emergency Preparedness

Presenters

- Springboard for the Arts

- Lava Row

- Craft Emergency Relief Fund

Sponsored by the Iowa Arts Council

Cost to attend is \$30 and includes lunch.

Register today at lowatix.com or call 515.281.4657

Conference for Community Arts Education

It is my pleasure to announce that registration for the National Guild's [2009 Conference for Community Arts Education](#) is now open! I personally invite you to visit the site to learn more about our exciting line-up of [featured speakers](#), [institutes](#), [workshops](#), [social events](#), and more. The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, November 12-14; the Marketing & Community Engagement Institute will be presented on November 11.

The Conference for Community Arts Education provides essential professional development and networking opportunities for staff, teaching artists, and trustees. As a delegate, you'll develop new skills, share best practices with over 500 peers, and identify new opportunities for collaboration and growth.

This year's conference program will focus on issues of sustainability, collaboration, and access in community arts education. We will address common challenges and think beyond to new innovations in our field. Critical topics include determining program impact, community engagement, and making the case for community arts education. [Bill Ivey](#), former NEA Chairman and Team Leader for Arts and Humanities in the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition, will deliver the keynote address.

Now is the time to strategize for success and build a strong foundation for the future of arts education. Join us in Minneapolis to gain skills and valuable insights into best practices and emerging trends from visionary leaders in the arts, as well as nationally renowned experts in assessment and evaluation, fund raising, marketing, governance, partnerships, technology, and other relevant areas.

The early registration deadline is July 31. Visit www.communityartsed.org for details on financial aid and special discounts for new members and early registrants.

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Nonprofit Workshops

Nonprofit Workshops in June!



Statewide Summer Training in the Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence

Cultural organizations, take note!

Here's an opportunity for excellent training in nonprofit management, produced by the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center.

Remember that the Iowa Cultural Trust (a program of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs) will begin offering small grants to nurture stability in Iowa nonprofit cultural organizations late this fall. To be eligible for these and future Cultural Trust grants, organizations will need to show that they have taken steps to educate themselves about excellent nonprofit practices including strategic planning, board roles and responsibilities, and other topics.



These workshops offer a great opportunity to get that education for staff and board members. Sign up now!

What: Six-hour training sessions in the Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Excellence.

When and where:

June 4, Davenport
June 23, Des Moines
June 25, Sioux City.

Presented by: Willard L. (Sandy) Boyd, Jude West, and Richard Koontz of the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center

Cost: \$25

Register: [Download, complete, and send in the June Training Registration Form.](#)

Viewing Party for Yankee Doodle Pops

Thursday, July 2, 2009

6:30 PM

Historical Building

Grand Terrace

600 E Locust

Des Moines, IA

6:30 PM Cocktail hour with music from the Roxi Copland Band (cash bar)

7:30 PM Dinner catered by Baratta's

8:30 PM Des Moines Symphony concert telecast live on the terrace

10:00 PM Champagne and music following the concert and fireworks—including a performance by guest artist, Brad Little!

A limited number of \$50 tickets are available to this show through the Iowa Historical Foundation. Contact Mary Jane Olney at maryjane.olney@iowa.gov for more information.

Upcoming meetings

Region 10- CHAT meeting at the Montgomery County History Center **HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

Region 13 - CHAT meeting at the State Historical Building, Des Moines 6/16/09 3:00-5:00 PM.

Please let deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov know if you've scheduled your second quarter meeting. We'll help you advertise in the CHAT Weekly News!

Wow Moment

I was looking for some information from Minnesota and wasn't expecting to see this at all, but check out the photo at the bottom of this page:

<http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org/events/advocacyday>. Now, that's a bunch of advocates! Someday soon that will be us☺

--Deirdre