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New Communications Tool for CHAT

We've discovered that for a lot of us it's just too much trouble to participate in the CHAT Facebook page, but it's still really important for us to be able to quickly and easily share ideas. So we're going old school! We have established a CHAT listserv.

To join, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and search for Iowa_CHAT. You'll see our logo there☺ There is an easy sign in process. You are required to create a yahoo account (if you don't have one) but can then select your primary email account as the way you want to share information. Please consider joining—this will be one way we distribute the Weekly News and share legislative information in the future.

Don't worry, we'll still have Facebook and our webpage; this is just one more way to communicate!

Strategic Restructuring for Nonprofits

Nonprofits today are looking for the best way to address smaller budgets and increased demand for their services. Strategic partnerships offer a creative solution. This workshop is facilitated by Robert Harrington, a national consultant from La Piana Consulting.



Join us for Strategic Restructuring for Nonprofits.

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Date: July 30, 2009

Place: Iowa State Historical Building, 600 East Locust, Des Moines.

Cost: \$75, which includes lunch and the *Nonprofit Mergers Workbook Part I: The Leader's Guide to Considering, Negotiating, and Executing a Merger*

For more information and to register, please visit the Grants and Nonprofit Resources section of the Community Foundation's Web site at www.desmoinesfoundation.org. Register early as seating is limited.

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!

More information is available at www.dmsymphony.org.

Have a very Happy Independence Day!

Upcoming meetings

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

How's this for a wow moment that deserves applause?? The State Historical Society of Iowa, one of the Department of Cultural Affairs' two divisions, oversees the National History Day in Iowa program. We received word from the national level National History Day competition that Chris Green from North Scott/Eldridge was named PBS Teacher of Merit, representing the nation as National History Day teacher of the year! WOW!!!

--Deirdre