

Happy Holidays



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Season's Greetings from Char

I know that you all will have buckets of time over the holiday - in between the gifts, the family, the cheer and the parties - to read interesting articles or view interesting websites about arts and culture. So, as my gift to you this year, I'm sharing a few of my current favorites. In true holiday spirit, they are brief and (I think) intriguing.

This is also the time of year to give thanks. I am particularly thankful for the creative spirit that lives in our great state, for elected leaders who value Alaska's arts, culture and heritage, and for ASCA council members and staff who continue to work very hard to expand opportunities for arts and culture.

So, here are my suggestions. Enjoy! And please don't hesitate to share your favorites with me. I'm always looking for a good read. (Don't overlook the note from the **Grinch** at the end of this list)

- If you haven't seen this TED talk by Ken Robinson on what education is doing to the creative spirit, watch this!
http://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinson_bring_on_the_revolution.html
- **Trend or Tipping Point: Arts and Social Change Grantmaking.** This is part of the Americans for the Arts Animating Democracy project. This study highlights ways that the funders support civic engagement and social change through the arts and cultural strategies. <http://impact.animatingdemocracy.org/arts-social-change-grantmaking-report-2010>
- **Creative Placemaking.** A White Paper for the Mayors' Institute on City Design, a leadership initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the US Conference of Mayors and the American Architectural Foundation. This study, by economist Ann Markusen and planner Anne Gadwa, is an interesting look into how communities are transforming themselves through the arts. This is a new term, *creative placemaking*, but one that we will hear much more about over the next few years. It behooves all of us to learn more about what it is and what we can do to transform our communities

<http://arts.gov/pub/pubDesign.php>.

- In the Fall 2010 issue of NEA Arts, a fascinating look at creativity, curiosity and culture by young editor of "Brain Pickings", Maria Popova. Her description grabbed me: "an interestingness curator & semi-secret geek obsessed with design, storytelling & TED." One of my favorite lines: "*Creativity is cartography for the land of ideas-mapping new, better routes for how things fit together in the broader context of culture and society.*" This is a great read!
http://www.nea.gov/about/NEARTS/storyNew.php?id=01-cartography&issue=2010_v3

- *20UNDER40: Re-Inventing the Arts and Arts Education for the 21st Century*. I just read about this book, and have ordered it. Sounds like another good book to add to the stack! The blurb says: This book kicks off a bold new dialogue concerning the future of the arts and arts education. Featuring 20 essays written by arts leaders under the age of 40, *20UNDER40* sparks a unique conversation that highlights the most innovative visions for the evolution and survival of the arts in the 21st century. With online discussion forums attached to each chapter and a robust social media following, *20UNDER40* is more than a book, it's a cultural movement fueling ideas, conversation, and progress.
<http://20under40.org/>

Note from the Grinch (or maybe just the Grouch) Here's what I HAVEN'T read lately, and that's the name of Alaska arts and culture organizations or artists in the NEA Grant Award listings. Here's the latest: <http://www.nea.gov/news/news10/grant-announcement-november.html>

Are you not applying? Is it too much work? Is the NEA not funding grants in Alaska any longer? If you have answers to any of those questions - or think you have answers - I'd really like to know.

And now - Happy Holidays! Please rest a little, and come back renewed and reinvigorated for the work we have to accomplish in 2011. I have a great feeling about the year ahead!

Alaska Contemporary Art Bank

Call for Art 2011

The Alaska Contemporary Art Bank will be holding a call for interior artworks beginning in January. The call will be through CaFE (www.callforentry.org) and limited to Alaskan artists. If you are interested in applying to this program, please visit the CaFE site and register as an artist to familiarize yourself with the on-line application process. ASCA will be holding teleconferences for artists to assist with the process and answer questions.

Further details on the call, including deadlines will be posted on our web site at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca in January.

CaFE and its benefits

New opportunities are listed on CaFE™, and many application deadlines are approaching. See what new opportunities you can apply to below. You can login to CaFE [here](#) or go to www.callforentry.org to apply to one of these opportunities.

Upcoming Deadlines - APPLY TODAY!

Cincinnati Art Museum: 4th Floor Award

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Fee: \$50.00 (Cincinnati Art Museum: 4th Floor Award)

Entry Deadline: 12/30/10

Earth Through a Lens

[View More Info](#)

Fee: \$35.00 (Earth Through a Lens)

Entry Deadline: 1/7/11

Harmony Jewelry Design Competition

[View More Info](#)

Fee: \$50.00 (Harmony Jewelry Design Competition)

Entry Deadline: 1/15/11

Womens Works 2011 24th Annual Fine Arts Show

[View More Info](#)

Fee: \$35.00 (Womens Works 2011 24th Annual Fine Arts Show)

Entry Deadline: 1/19/11

Town of Parker: 2011 Pace Center Signature Sculpture Piece

[View More Info](#)

Entry Deadline: 1/28/11

SNAG Annual Juried Student Exhibition and Juried Digital Presentation

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Fee: \$35.00 (SNAG Annual Juried Student Exhibition and Digital Presentation)

Entry Deadline: 2/1/11

The Public Art Exhibition on Hilton Head Island

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Fee: \$35.00 (The Public Art Exhibition on Hilton Head Island)

Entry Deadline: 2/15/11

City of Asheville Request for Qualifications: Artist Instructors

[View More Info](#)

Entry Deadline: 2/28/11

2011 Art aRound Town in Carbondale, Colorado

[View More Info](#)

Entry Deadline: 3/1/11

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve 2012 Artist-in-Residence Program

[View More Info](#)

Entry Deadline: 3/1/11

Community Cultural Hub: Rethink CUE

[View More Info](#)

Fee: \$10.00 (Community Cultural Hub: Rethink CUE's Space)

Entry Deadline: 3/31/11

Artists of Hawaii 2011

[View More Info](#)

Fee: \$25.00 (Artists of Hawai'i 2011)

Entry Deadline: 4/1/11

Performing Artist Opportunity

The **2011 Arts NW Booking Conference Juried Showcase application** is now OPEN at www.artsnw.org and in 2011, for the first time, the entire process will be conducted online.

The 31st Annual NW Booking Conference, will be Oct 17-20, 2011 in Eugene, OR. To apply online, go to www.artsnw.org. Click on the "Conference 2011" tab, then on "Juried Showcase Overview and Application" and proceed from there.

Percent for Art Opportunity

The **Kodiak Island Borough School District's Percent for Art Committee**, in conjunction with the Kodiak Island Borough School District, is requesting proposals for artwork to be commissioned for three recently completed construction projects. For more information please visit our website at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca and CaFE at www.callforentry.org.

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