

Artists With Disabilities Alliance Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2005, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
3121 Pillsbury Ave. S., Minneapolis, south entrance, main floor
lounge

Welcome to this informal monthly gathering of writers, visual artists, performers, composers and other artists with a variety of disabilities. Please share your interests and talents, support one another's work, and advocate for increased opportunities for all. (Fragrance-free, please.)

AGENDA:

- * **Introductions** – Facilitator: Monique Bourgerie (651-645-1470)
- * **Reading or showing of art** – TBA
- * **Art-a-Whirl** – Terry Mayer and other participating artists will report on how it went May 20-22 at the California Building.
- * **Eligibility in AWDA events** – At the last meeting we discussed that priority for participation in AWDA activities goes first to people who have attended AWDA meetings. Since a couple people who have not yet attended a meeting are interested in participating in the Powderhorn Art Fair, we should revisit this to be sure everyone is clear what our guidelines are.
- * **Powderhorn Art Fair** – August 6-7 (www.powderhornartfair.com). We need a committee to coordinate since this will be much more work than Art-a-Whirl! Since Powderhorn is outdoors and has been intensely hot, we must be ready for heat stroke, first aid and other situations. Artists so far are Terry Mayer, Suzanne Byrne, Lynn Schwartz, Faye Buffington-Howell, Tara Innmon, Tony Wentersdorf, Pauline Mitchell, others? Fees are due. VSA arts of Minnesota will provide a check from AWDA funds for our tent, but participating artists are asked to pay \$25 each. See reverse side for other details to coordinate. FMI: Terry Mayer at 612-220-4194.
- * **Dream Sculpture Workshop, with Tara Innmon** – Tuesday, June 28, 6-8 pm at Interact Center, 212 Third Ave. N. The cost is \$6 for AWDA members, \$10 for others, to help cover workshop materials and presenter's time. Discuss what volunteer assistance may be needed and how to get enough registrants. FMI: Tara at 612-376-7779 or tarainnmon@visi.com.
- * **Hat-Making / Tea Party, with Deb Costandine** – Deb will discuss date, location, volunteer needs, cost, publicity, arrangements for food & drink, as well as a hat to decorate. FMI: Deb, 651-224-5374 or dd_costandine@yahoo.com.
- * **Discussion of AWDA publicity and privacy issues** – Should we survey our AWDA mail & email lists to see if people are willing to share their phone or email addresses with members? Access to email addresses has been held by MariJayn Duchene (for the monthly emails) and VSA arts of Minnesota (for postcards or email). If so, any volunteers willing to call or email?

- * **Access to Interpreters** – We had a request for an ASL interpreter to assist a new participant at this meeting. Payment should likely come from AWDA funds.
- * **St. Paul Art Crawl** – Oct. 14-15. We need a volunteer to gather info on participating, fees, deadlines, locations (perhaps at Springboard for the Arts), to determine if we wish to participate as a group.
- * **Ideas for other workshops, outings, fund-raising?** –
- * **Next meeting** –
- * **Other business** –

POWDERHORN ART FAIR Sign-up List:

Coordinator -- general coordinator:

Coordinator -- music scheduling and CD sales:

Coordinator -- Visual arts (installing art for both days):

Coordinator -- stage acts:

Art jury:

Tent set-up, take-down, tarp the tent during increment weather:

Promotion (find sponsors to help pay for the spaces, table rental or donation for the two days; get in *Access Press*, *Springboard* e-mails, *KFAI*, other media):

Clean-up:

Supplies: water, snacks, tables, chairs, supplies for displaying art, visa machine?, First aid (or know where to get first aid at the art fair)

Cashiers:

Haul artwork to and from vehicles:

Volunteers to cover space for artists on breaks:

ASL interpreters:

Visual aids:

Other:

NEWS, RESOURCES, NETWORKING:

* Tara Arlene Innmon's workshop on Dream Sculpture is Tuesday, June 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Interact Center for Visual & Performing Arts, 212 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis. Limited to 15 people, the workshop costs \$6 for AWDA members and \$10 for non-members. If advance enrollment exceeds 15, priority will be given to people with disabilities. The purpose is to bring out and express our deepest desires and fears by gaining knowledge about ourselves from the creative unconscious, which connects us to our spiritual selves. Tara will begin with slides of her dream art and convey their significance through stories and poems. Her sharing will prepare participants for movement meditation and clay therapy. Participants will create their pieces while in the dark; then share their co-creation stories from their clay pieces. To register, call VSA arts of Minnesota at 612-332-3888 box 4, voice/tty, or Tara at 612-376-7779. Requests for interpreters or other accommodations must be made at least two weeks in advance.

* AWDA news is available on the AWDA website:

www.Angelfire.com/mn3/awda. If you want to add your Artist's Profile or list items, contact: Mari Jayn Duchene, opusarts@aol.com or OpusArts@comcast.net or 612-338-3435.

* AWDA updates are available by calling VSA arts of Minnesota; 612-332-3888 extension 4. Meeting notices are also on VSA's website, <http://mn.vsarts.org>, and in the monthly emailed Artists' Pipeline, available from Jon Skaalen, jon.vsarts@bcmn.com.

* Disabled and Proud airs every Tuesday at 7:00 pm on KFAI 90.3 fm in Minneapolis, or 106.7 fm in Saint Paul. To hear the current or previous show online at www.kfai.org, if you have a real audio player click on the program archives link, and then on Disabled and Proud. To express suggestions for future shows, call Sam Jasmine at 612-341-3144 extension 817.