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CAMPUS EVENTS

TWEED MUSEUM NEWS

"Works on Paper Series: Prints from Tandem Press" will run until January 9, 2000. "Highlights from the Collection: Works on Paper" will also run until January 9.

Artist Lecture by Michael Tonder will be held at noon on Wednesday, December 8. Tonder works in kiln-formed glass, using a variety of recycled glasses.

The Tweed Museum of Art is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition featuring a variety of original prints created at two university-affiliated print studios "Works on Paper Series, Part II: Prints from the Center for Innovative Print and Paper at Rutgers University and Normal Editions Workshop at Illinois State University." The exhibition opens Tuesday, January 18, 2000 and runs through April 2, 2000. In conjunction with this exhibition the Tweed will be featuring the following events:

At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2000, Lauren Pelon will perform "The Living Roots of Music" as part of the Concerts in Tweed Series. Call 726-8210 for more information.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2000 there will be a Members "Meet the Artist" Reception with Lynne Allen. Call 726-7823 for membership information.

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, there will be an Artist Lecture Series featuring Lynne Allen. This even is free and open to the public.

For more information on any of the events listed, call Mary at 726 7823.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

The display of items from the Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Museum Collection during December will commemorate Christmas and Hanukkah with illustrations from the Bibles in the collection.

In addition to the history of the Maccabees with their part in the restoration of the Temple and the Talmudic story of the Menorah, there will be information on the meaning of the four Hebrew letters on the dreidl, both for the significance of Hanukkah and for the playing of the dreidl game.

Bible illustrations will show various interpretations of the story of the Nativity, including two pictures of the Annunciation from "Biblia Pauperum" the picture books used for teaching Bible stories in the days when most people were illiterate.

The display may be seen by the public on the third floor of the Library and is open during regular library hours. For further information, call the Library Office at 726-8102, or visit the Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Museum Collection website at:

<http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/bible>.

GLENSHEEN NEWS

Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate, will offer "Christmas at Glensheen: An Old Fashioned Christmas," through January. The guided tours are held from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and December 20 - 23, 26 - 31, Glensheen is closed December 24, 25 and January 1.

Holiday Brunches at Glensheen with a tour, gourmet meal and entertainment by area musicians will be held on December: 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19. The self-guided tour starts at 9:30 a.m. There are still openings for the December 31, New Year's Eve Fine Dining at the 4:30 p.m. early tour and seating.

For information, call 724-8864,

1-888-454-GLEN or see www.d.umn.edu/glen.

FOOD DRIVE

The UMD Statesman will sponsor a Food Drive Monday, November 29 through Tuesday, December 14 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at a table in front of the Statesman office in Kirby Student Center. Any non-perishable food items you can donate will be greatly appreciated. All donations will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

OPEN HOUSE

The UMD Center for Economic Development will host an open house at the Duluth Technology Village from 2 - 4 p.m., on Wednesday, December 8. The campus community is welcome to attend. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2:15 p.m. The Duluth Technology Village is located at 11 East Superior Street, Suite 210. For more information, call 726-7298.

GEOLOGY SEMINAR

The final Department of Geological Sciences fall semester seminar will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 9 in 185 Life Science where Eric Dott, Barr Engineering Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota will present "Geologic Controls on Contaminant Migration and Exposure Risks at a Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site and a Former Steel Mill Site."

MUSIC EVENTS

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 9 the Percussion Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform at the Marshall Performing Arts Center.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 Sounds of the Season: University Singers, Concert Chorale, Chamber Singers and instrumental ensembles will perform in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. Call the Music Department at 726-8208 for information.

THEATRE DEPARTMENT

"Guess who's talking?" It isn't a baby; it's a dog < and she talks! From a dog's perspective, romp through friendship, marriage, denial and acceptance and answer the age old question, "Why can't I lay on the sofa?" The comedy, Sylvia will be performed at 8 p.m. on December 7-11. For ticket information call the UMD Theatre Department at 726-8564.

BIOLOGY SEMINARS

On Friday, December 10 Jean Mengelkoch, biology department graduate student will lead the seminar on the "Diet of the Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) as Related to Insect Diversity and Abundance" at 3:30 p.m. in 185 Life Science.

On Tuesday, December 14 Steven Garske, MS candidate in Biology, will present a seminar on "Ecological Effects of Goutweed on a Southern Boreal Forest Site" at 3:30 p.m. in 175 Life Science.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The UMD Athletic Department will again be raising money to purchase toys for needy youth in the Duluth area. Last year over \$1500 was raised in this program. Donations will be accepted at home athletic events in the near future. A booth will also be set up in Kirby on December 7 and December 8. Another way to assist this program is to simply send your donation to the UMD Athletic Department. Anyone donating will have an opportunity to win some fantastic prizes!

FALL OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

A "Full Moon Hike" will take place from 8 - 10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7 where you can celebrate the last full moon of the millennium. Discover symbolic traditions of the full moon and learn natural night history in Duluth's old growth forest on Minnesota Point. Beautiful skylines, mysterious forests and hot cocoa await all. Meet in the Sports & Health Center Lobby. Pre-register by calling 726-6533.

"Breaking the 5.10 Barrier" will take place from 6 - 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. Come to

discuss techniques for training and skill development strategies designed to help you climb better, no matter what your current level. Practice strategies for using your mental and physical strengths as well as ways to rest and conserve energy while you climb.

"Sub-zero Survival Strategies" will be presented from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 11. This clinic will begin indoors with information on how to dress properly and what foods are going to help you last the longest in cold weather. Then the group will go outside to learn techniques for shelter construction and fire building as well as strategies for staying warm and dry. Erik Olson will lead this group. Meet in Sports and Health Center Lobby. "Backcountry Skiing Yellowstone National Park" will take place January 9 - 16, 2000 Strap on some backcountry skis and join the group to explore Yellowstone National Park. The winter journey will take the group to powdery slopes, winding ski trails and broad valleys. Bison, elk, wolf tracks and a dip in a hot spring awaits. The group will spend half the nights winter camping in the park and half in a park-side motel where the group can dry their gear and stage the next days' excursions. The final day will be spent fine tuning free-heeled turns on the slopes of a lift serviced ski area. See the nation's first national park from a new perspective! Pre-register for all events by calling 726-6533.

THE KONA JOURNEY

University College Duluth is sponsoring a trip to Hawaii during spring break 2000.

The Kona Journey is an eight-day trip of personal discovery, optimum health, and adventure. Participants will actualize a new and higher level of health, refocus their goals and life plan, and participate in activities related to nutrition, stress management, inner power, fitness, wellness and personal growth.

For further information or to receive a brochure, contact Pauline Nuhring in University College at 726-6361 or email pnuhring@d.umn.edu or instructor Rod Raymond at 726-8111 or email rraymond@d.umn.edu.

SIGMA XI EVENTS

James K. Huber will present "Archaeological Implications of Pollen Evidence for Wild Rice (*Zizania aquatica*) during the Paleoindian, Archaic, and Woodland Periods in Northeast Minnesota" at 7:30 p.m., December 8 in 130 School of Medicine. A social hour will follow the presentation. For information call Sigma Xi Program Chair, Arun Goyal at 726 7566 or agoyal@d.umn.edu.

"A CHRISTMAS MEMORY"

Joseph Maiolo will give a reading of Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15 in the Marshall Performing Arts Center. This event is free and open to the public.

CAMPUS NEWS

OPERATION RUDOLPH

To help Santa reach the area's needy children, Operation Rudolph collects new toys at drop-off points throughout the Twin Ports. If you wish to donate, you can bring your unwrapped, new toy to the ROTC Building on campus, and Santa's elves will take care of the delivery!

CURRENTS SCHEDULE

Currents is printed regularly throughout the school year. The final fall semester Currents schedule is as follows:

Deadline: Wednesday, December 15;

Print date: Tuesday, December 21.

The Spring 2000 schedule is

Deadline: Wednesday, January 19;

Print date: Tuesday, January 25

Deadline: Wednesday, February 2;

Print date: Tuesday, February 8

Deadline: Wednesday, February 16;

Print date: Tuesday, February 22

Deadline: Wednesday, March 1;

Print date: Tuesday, March 7

Deadline: Wednesday, March 15;

Print date: Tuesday, March 21

Deadline: Wednesday, April 5;

Print date: Tuesday, April 11

Deadline: Wednesday, April 19;

Print date: Tuesday, April 25

Deadline: Wednesday, December 15;

Print date: Tuesday, May 9

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FACULTY AND STAFF CAMPAIGN

The faculty and staff campaign starts on December 2 and runs through January 31. All gifts of any kind from faculty and staff are counted in this campaign.

Last year faculty and staff contributed a total of \$130,000. The Faculty and Staff Campaign Committee has set a goal

of increasing ten percent over last year. For an example of the talented students you are helping, look for Tonya and

Eddie on the campaign poster. To make a gift, or for more information, please call Maria at 726-6994.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH

Vince Magnuson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Administration, is pleased to announce that John Pastor is the recipient of the first Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research. Dr. Pastor received his award in a public ceremony in November. After the ceremony, Pastor presented a seminar entitled "Beauty and Aesthetics in Mathematical Ecology and Art." Beauty and aesthetics are often perceived to be the province of the arts and of the humanities rather than of the sciences. In his presentations, he attempted to convey the unity and tension between his science and his art in a lecture including relatively simple and beautiful mathematics as well as drawings and paintings of the subjects he studies scientifically.

Pastor is a professor in the Department of Biology, a Senior Research Associate at the Natural Resources Research Institute and a member of the graduate faculties for the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife of the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. He received his Ph.D. in Forestry and Soil Science from the University of Wisconsin in 1980, after having earned a B.S. in Geology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974 and an MS in Soil Science from Madison in 1977.

TECHFEST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The TechFest 2000 committee seeks proposals for booth demonstrations to be presented at the upcoming TechFest scheduled for March 10, 2000. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the myriad of ways technology is being used on our campus to enhance or change the way we learn, teach and share information.

All students, staff and faculty are eligible and are strongly encouraged to participate. The deadline for proposals is February 9, 2000.

For information on submitting a proposal or other questions about TechFest 2000, contact Linda

Blustin at 726-6111 or lblustin@d.umn.edu.

NEWS FROM THE UMD STORES

Campus Books Events:

On Wednesday, December 8, have a photo taken with Santa from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Makes a great gift!

There will be a General Book Sale on Wednesday, December 15. Some books are not included. The Cash for Books Buyback will be in the Kirby Ballroom. Dates and hours are: December 17, 18, and 20, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. December 21, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., December 22, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and December 23, 8 a.m. - noon.

BULLDOG SHOP EVENT:

The Annual Bulldog Shop Holiday Sale will be in the Kirby Rafters on Thursday, December 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday, December 10 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. You will receive 20% off everything! There will be a gift wrapping available (by Gamma Sigma Sigma) in the Kirby hallway outside the Rafters and UMD Food Service will be in the Garden Room from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. A Mexican menu will be featured, including Holiday Punch! Chips and salsa will be on the tables for your enjoyment.

PEP PUBLICATION

An article about UMD Peer Education Program appeared in The Peer Educator, the magazine for the national organization, the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network.

PEP also recently won the Outstanding Affiliation of the Year 1999 from Bacchus and Gamma.

BREAK HOUSING POLICY

Burntside Hall, Vermilion Hall and Stadium Apartments will be the only University housing facilities open for semester break (2 p.m. on December 23 - noon on January 17). All other facilities will be closed.

All residents of Griggs Hall, Lake Superior Hall, Junction, Goldfine, Heaney and Oakland Apartments must leave their facilities by 2 p.m. on Thursday December 23. The outside locks will be changed so residents will not have access to these facilities during semester break.

Residents who desire to stay during break and are not residing in Burntside, Vermilion or Stadium during fall semester may submit a request for a room change to one of these facilities. Requests will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis, dependent on availability of space in these facilities. This is not a temporary change for break only.

MORRIS K. UDALL

SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Minnesota Duluth students in fields related to the environment, and Native American and Alaska Native students in fields related to health care or tribal policy, are invited to apply for the \$5,000 Morris K. Udall scholarship.

The Foundation awards scholarships to college juniors or seniors. Students must be nominated by their institution. The deadline for receipt of all 2000 nominations is February 15, 2000. Please note: UMD deadline for applications to the committee is at 4:30 p.m. on January 21, 2000, in 209 Bohannon Hall. The scholarship is offered to students from a broad range of disciplines. Majors have included environmental engineering, agriculture, biology, cultural studies, history, public policy, and pre-law. Likewise, Native American and Alaskan Native scholars have come from such backgrounds as American Indian studies, philosophy, political science, sociology, tribal policy, economic development, government, health care, health services and health policy.

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Helen L. Carlson, professor, Department of Education, presented "Infusing Technology: Transforming Early Childhood Teacher Education" at the teacher educator's professional

development component of the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, in November.

Pat Farrell, Department of Geography, presented a lecture on the use of soil geography in Maya archaeological research to the Maya Society of Minnesota at Hamline University in November.

Kenneth FitzGerald, assistant professor, Department of Art, had his personal magazine project, *The News of the Whirled #2*, selected for the 1999 AIGA/Minnesota Design Show of Excellence. The work is the product of a University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship. Included in the magazine is work by design faculty colleague and assistant professor Catherine Ishino, and recent design program graduate Jessica Durrant. For free copies of *Whirled*, contact FitzGerald at kfitzge1@d.umn.edu.

Conrad Firling, professor, Department of Biology; Arlen Severson, professor, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology; and Theresa Hill (Yale University and former UMD undergraduate) published an article titled "Aluminum toxicity perturbs long bone calcification in the embryonic chick" in *Archives of Toxicology*, Volume 73 issue 7 (1999) pp 359-366.

Sharon Kemp, assistant professor, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, presented a paper, "Dogmatics: Attitudes Toward Sled Dogs," at the 98th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago in November. The paper was part of a panel she organized on "Human-Animal Relationships."

Jim Klueg, professor, Department of Art, will have three vases exhibited in the Sioux City (IA) Art Center's 56th Juried Exhibition, Feb. 12 - April 9. The all-media show was juried by Susan Lubowsky Talbott, new director of the Des Moines Art Center, and former director of the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC.

Jim Knapp, associate head, men's hockey coach and instructor, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, was elected to the Hermantown school board. He will take office in January of 2000.

J. Clark Laundergan, professor, Department of Sociology, and director of the Center for Addiction Studies, gave a talk in November in Haninge, Sweden entitled "Evaluation as a Phenomenon: Program Outcome Accountability" at the invitation of Alkolprojekt Haninge. Alcohol treatment and other human service professionals from the Stockholm area heard Laundergan's presentation.

David Schmalenberger, assistant professor, Department of Music, recently toured with the "Minnesota Contemporary Ensemble," a Twin Cities-based 20th Century chamber music ensemble. Schmalenberger played percussion with the group and travelled to the following areas for concerts: Vassar College and Columbia University in New York; University of North Texas and the Dallas Museum of Fine Art; "Music Saint Croix" series in Stillwater, Minnesota; San Diego Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the "Festival of New American Music" at the California State University in Sacramento, California; Grand Marais, Duluth, and Minneapolis, MN. MCE and Schmalenberger received favorable reviews in both the New York Times and the L.A. Times.

David M. Smith, professor, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, presented a paper, "Gifts of the Animals" at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Chicago in November. The session including this paper was entitled "Human-Animal Relationships," organized by Sharon Kemp, also of the Department of Sociology-Anthropology,

Janelle L. Wilson, assistant professor, Department of Sociology, wrote " 'Remember When...' A Consideration of the Concept of Nostalgia," which was published in the

journal, ETC: A Review of General Semantics, Volume 56, Number Three, Fall 1999, pp. 296-304. She also presented "The 1950s: Comparing Cultures, Sharing Narratives, Exploring the Relationship Between Reminiscence and Identity" co-authored by Andreea Deciu, from the University of Bucharest, Romania. It was presented at the Reminiscence and Life Review Conference in New York, in October. A shortened version of this paper, entitled "Individuals' Use of the Past: The Relationship Between Nostalgia and Identity," was selected for inclusion in the Selected Conference Papers and Proceedings, edited by John A. Kunz, published by the Center for Continuing Education/ Extension at the University of Wisconsin, Superior.

NRRI NEWS

Subhash Basak recently gave an invited presentation "Exploring the Scientific Basis of Ayurvedic Medicine: A Computational Approach" at the conference Beyond Conventional Healthcare: Understanding Alternative Choices organized by the University of Wisconsin, Superior.

SEA GRANT NEWS

Cindy Hagley, environmental quality educator, gave a presentation called, "Seeing Below the Surface < Making Lake Data Come to Life" for the Minnesota Naturalists Association conference at UMD in November.

Douglas Jensen, Exotic Species Information Center coordinator, gave two invited papers at a conference called, "Aquatic Nuisance Species: A Focus on the Southeast", in Charleston, South Carolina last October. Jensen gave presentations on "Round Goby: Small Fish < Big Problem and Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species Through Effective Public Education." Jensen gave a presentation, "Prevention of Nonindigenous Invasive Species," at the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting in Chicago, Illinois, in October. Jensen also gave an invited presentation, "Outreach on Nonindigenous Invasive Species Issues: Needs for the Next Millennium" at the Great Lakes Nonindigenous Invasive Species Workshop hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Program Office.

Barb Liukkonen, water resources education coordinator, was an on-screen co-host for a national satellite conference on alternative on-site wastewater treatment systems, "The Next Generation of Sewage Treatment." Keith Anderson, Minnesota waterline coordinator, hosted a downlink site of conference in Duluth. The October conference was downlinked to 44 sites in Minnesota and 35 sites in 15 other states.

Liukkonen presented a seminar, "Making the Most of Shorelands," for the St. Olaf Biology Department in November.

Liukkonen presented a speaker about watersheds at the Minnesota Naturalists Association conference held at UMD in November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - December 7 - January 25

Tuesday, December 7

Sylvia, 8 p.m., MPAC.

Big Band Extravaganza: 8 p.m. MPAC.

Full Moon Hike, 8 p.m. SpHC Lobby.

Wednesday, December 8

Artist Lecture Series: Michael Tonder, noon, Tweed.

Sylvia, 8 p.m. MPAC.

Center For Economic Development Open House, 2 to 4 p.m., Duluth Technology Village.

Sigma Xi, James K. Huber, 7:30 p.m., 130 School of Medicine.

Thursday December 9

Geology Seminar, Eric Dott, 4 p.m., 185 Life Science.

Sylvia, 8 p.m., MPAC.
Percussion Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble: 8 p.m., MPAC.
Sigma Xi Program, 7:30 p.m., 130 School of Medicine.
"Breaking the 5.10 Barrier" 6 p.m.

Friday, December 10
Biology Seminar, Jean Mengelkoch, 3:30 p.m., 185 Life Science.
Sylvia, 8 p.m., MPAC.

Saturday, December 11
Holiday Brunch at Glensheen, 9:30 a.m. Glensheen.
Sylvia, 8 p.m., MPAC.
"Sub-Zero Survival Strategies" 10 a.m., SpHC Lobby.

Sunday, December 12
Holiday Brunch at Glensheen, 9:30 a.m. Glensheen.
Sounds of the Season, 3 p.m., MPAC.

Monday, December 13
Jazz at 8, 8 p.m., MPAC.

Tuesday, December 14
Holiday Brunch at Glensheen, 9:30 a.m. Glensheen.
Faculty Artist Solo Concert: James Pospisil, 7 p.m., 90 Bohannon.
Men's Basketball vs Wisconsin-Superior 7:30 p.m., Romano Gym.
Biology Seminar: Steven Garske, 3:30 p.m. 175 Life Science.

Wednesday, December 15
"A Christmas Memory" Reading, 4 p.m. MPAC.

Thursday, December 16
Holiday Brunch at Glensheen, 9:30 a.m. Glensheen.
Opera Scenes, 8 p.m., MPAC.

Friday, December 17
Women's Hockey vs. St. Cloud State, 7 p.m., DECC.
Opera Scenes, 8 p.m., MPAC.

Saturday, December 18
Holiday Brunch at Glensheen, 9:30 a.m. Glensheen.
Women's Hockey vs. St. Cloud State, 7 p.m., DECC.
Men's Basketball vs South Dakota State, 7:30 p.m., Romano Gym.

Sunday, December 19
Holiday Brunch at Glensheen, 9:30 a.m. Glensheen.

Monday, December 27
Men's Hockey Silverado Shootout, 4 p.m., DECC.

Tuesday, December 28
Men's Hockey Silverado Shootout, 7 p.m., DECC.

Thursday December 30
Women's Basketball vs Michigan Tech, 7 p.m., Romano Gym.

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve Fine Dining at the 4:30 p.m., Glensheen.

Tuesday, January 18

Concerts in Tweed Series: Lauren Pelon, "The Living Roots of Music," 7:30 p.m., Tweed.

Monday, January 24

Members "Meet the Artist" Reception: Lynne Allen, 7 p.m., Tweed.

Tuesday, January 25

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