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### Please join us at this special event...

We extend an invitation to you and all community members who share our commitment to arts, culture and history.

Call 279-9913 today to make your reservation (\$30 person) as seating is limited.

## The Circle of Friends Celebration

Art, history, culture, and the people who make it possible

The *Twelfth Annual Arts and Culture Awards* ceremony will be held during the *Circle of Friends Celebration* on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at The Kitchi Gammi Club. Recipients of the 2011 Arts and Culture Awards are:

- **Ruth Ann Eaton**  
*Lifetime Achievement Award*
- **Betsy Mason**  
*Lifetime Achievement Award*
- **Cheryl and Bob Husby**  
*Artist Award*
- **Robert Gardner**  
*Lifetime Artist Award*
- **Alessandro Giuliani**  
*Community Enrichment Award*
- **Kate Horvath**  
*Initiative Award*
- **Dan McClelland**  
*Historic Preservation and Interpretation Award*



MN Ballet dancers perform the Cumbia with DSSO musicians

Photo Credit - JoAnn Jardine, Studio One Photography

The Depot Foundation's Annual Meeting will be held at the close of the Awards Ceremony.



## **Upfront:**

### *A letter from the Chair, Robert Wahman*

The Depot Foundation has a newly revised Mission: “The Depot Foundation is dedicated to preserving the Historic Union Depot as a vibrant and welcoming forum for the arts, culture and history through managing and growing a permanent endowment.” This stated Mission was created during our Strategic Planning work carried out over the spring months. Strategic Goals adopted during this process include:

- Create and promote an identity for the Depot Foundation
- Improve fundraising planning and results
- Facilitate development of a shared vision and business plan among Depot stakeholders
- Develop and implement a strategic grant-making process that supports the Foundation’s mission

We are now creating a work plan with specific objectives that aim at realizing these goals over the next two to three years. We are determined to be successful in this effort. The Depot Foundation is indebted to Ann Glumac for her help in this process.

During these times of decreasing public revenues, the Foundation Board is concerned that vital financial support for the Depot may be further curtailed. While the Depot Foundation is dedicated to preserving a vibrant, thriving facility with engaging arts, cultural and historical programs, as yet it does not have the financial strength to solely ensure the Depot’s success. The earnings from our endowment fund are used to enhance the appearance and functionality of the building and aid our arts, culture and historical organizations in ways that promote attendance at Depot events. As detailed in previous editions of *Expressions*, we have awarded over \$700,000 to these purposes since 2007. We invite each of you to consider means in which you can assist us in accomplishing our goals.

We will soon begin our annual round of grant considerations and will invite our Depot-related organizations to apply for funding to support their programs.

You, our members, and the recipients of the 2011 Arts and Culture Awards will be honored at the *Circle of Friends Celebration* on Thursday, October 27. We cordially invite you to attend the evening reception, the awards presentation (where eight richly deserving individuals will be recognized), and our Annual Meeting.

## **DEPOT FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS**

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# Depot Foundation supported programs, projects, and exhibits



Duluth Art Institute: Northland Women in the Art of Advertising (featuring Esther Bubley)



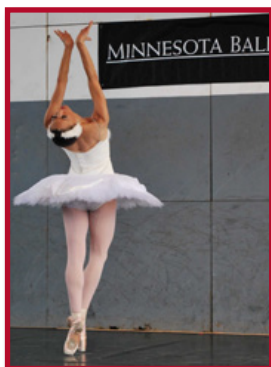
St. Louis County Historical Society: Priley Woodcarving Collection Exhibit Display Case



Duluth Playhouse: production support for 2010-2011: Picnic



July 30th Depot Summer Arts Festival: Erin and Nikolaus Wourms dancing



Suzanne Kritzberg



Minnesota Ballet: Dance Day at the Depot



Attendees learn the Cumbia from MN Ballet dancers

## The Twelfth Annual Arts and Culture Awards

The Depot Foundation Arts and Culture Awards were established in 1999 to recognize those who have made our region an exciting cultural hub. This year eight individuals will be honored for their significant contributions to the arts and culture of our community.

The 2011 awards will be presented at the Depot Foundation *Circle of Friends Celebration*, which will be held at the Kitchi Gammi Club on Thursday, October 27.

Jean Olson, chair of the selection committee, says, "Please join us in honoring our award recipients. They are the force which helps sustain arts and culture in our region. They have given generously – now it's time we give them our thanks."

### **A Little Space** by Tom Whittaker:

We have a little space, and there are some things that I, as editor of Expressions, would like to tell you:

- Please check out our web site: **[www.depotfoundation.org](http://www.depotfoundation.org)**. We have updated it and it now presents a very comprehensive and up-to-date look at the Foundation.
- The web site also contains, **on page 2**, links to all the arts and culture organizations connected to the Depot. Consider it your window to the wonderful world of the Historic Union Depot.

And finally, check those links, find something that interests you, and go visit your Depot. You will be amazed!

## Arts and Culture Awards Committee

Jean Olson, *Chair*  
Ken Bloom  
Marilyn Bowes  
Dolly Schnell  
Neale Roth  
Robert Wahman, *Ex-officio*

**The Lifetime Achievement Award** recognizes individuals who have made a lifetime contribution to the arts and culture of our region. Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” RuthAnn Eaton and Elisabeth Mason have given much to the arts and to our community.



**2011 Arts and Culture  
Lifetime Achievement Award  
RuthAnn Eaton**

RuthAnn Eaton has served our community in countless ways. She has been a civic leader, both at the local and state level. She has served on numerous boards, including the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra, Public Library, Sacred Heart Music Center, YWCA, Duluth Woman’s Club, and Junior League. RuthAnn has also served on the Duluth Planning Commission and the Minnesota State Board for Community Colleges.

RuthAnn has a special love for the visual arts, and has been a major supporter of the Tweed Museum. She and her late husband, Robert, have contributed generously to Depot Arts organizations, and are Magic Circle members of the Depot Foundation.



**2011 Arts and Culture  
Lifetime Achievement Award  
Betsy Mason**

Betsy Mason has been a generous supporter of the arts and of our community. She has served as President of the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors and has supported the Symphony over several decades. In addition to serving as president of the Junior League, Betsy has served on the Minnesota Orchestra Board and Hamlin University’s Board of Trustees. She has been a longtime benefactor of renovations at Glensheen.

Countless organizations have benefitted from her generosity, including the Minnesota Ballet, Duluth Public Library, the YWCA, St. Scholastica, Marshall School, and the Tweed Museum. Betsy is a member of the Depot Foundation’s Heritage Circle.



**2011 Arts and Culture  
Artist Award  
Cheryl and Bob Husby**

The Artist Award recognizes artistic excellence and significant contributions to the development of artists and art in our region. Cheryl and Bob Husby are nationally recognized for their salt glazed pottery.

Bob has taught at East High School, the University of Minnesota Duluth and Lake Superior College and continues to mentor local artists. Cheryl has served on the board of the Duluth Art Institute. In addition to their studio ceramic work, Bob is a glass-blower and Cheryl paints.

The Husbys “feed off each other’s energy.” They have been producing and selling unique salt glazed pottery for 20 years. Their work has been exhibited in Sweden, China, Japan, and the Duluth Art Institute. They donate art to the Empty Bowl and to local fundraisers.



**2011 Arts and Culture  
Community Enrichment Award  
Alessandro Giuliani**

The Community Enrichment Award recognizes bold steps taken to strengthen the arts and culture of our region. Alessandro Giuliani has developed the Clyde Iron Works as a center of arts and culture.

In 2003, Alessandro Giuliani purchased the vacant steel foundry and manufacturing company, established in 1889, with the vision of creating a restaurant and gathering place. His renovation used materials from the original site and has received preservation awards. In addition, he donated land for the Heritage Center, a much needed sports center.

Clyde Iron Works has become a premier venue for the arts, featuring concerts, art shows, and dance. It is the site of many fundraisers and benefits, including a Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra soiree which transformed the building into a grand instrument, using 75 foot long piano wire.



**2011 Arts and Culture  
Lifetime Artist Award  
Robert Gardner**

The Lifetime Artist Award honors an artist whose artistic excellence, ability, and vision have made a positive impact on our community throughout their lifetime. Robert Gardner has been a prime force in the growing artistic strength of the Minnesota Ballet.

An accomplished dancer, Robert joined the Ballet in 1992 and has been Artistic Director since 2007. His emphasis on excellence has enabled the Ballet to secure the rights to perform prestigious Masterworks. Under his direction, the Ballet School Program has grown. Ballet outreach programs help schools and communities present artistic offerings they don't have the resources to provide.

Robert is a gifted choreographer, working with a variety of dance styles. He recently collaborated with the Playhouse, choreographing *Into the Woods*. Now retired as a dancer, Robert still performs character roles, notably Uncle Drosselmeyer in the *Nutcracker*.



**2011 Arts and Culture  
Initiative Award  
Kate Horvath**

The Initiative Award recognizes exemplary initiative in creating opportunities in or expanding access to the arts and culture of our region. As Education Director of the Duluth Playhouse, Kate Horvath has initiated new programs and connected young people with the community.

Kate has added intensive summer programs where students explore all aspects of theater and has collaborated with the Scottish Rite Clinic with *Stageplay*, a program to help autistic children cope with social settings. Her 360 group involves a core group of teens in year-round classes and community service.

Kate believes that involving kids in theater is more than acting. She emphasizes life-long learning skills. Her latest innovation, *Home Base*, brings the Playhouse into Middle School homerooms, helping students connect and communicate.



**2011 Arts and Culture Award  
Historic Preservation and Interpretation  
Dan McClelland**

The Historic Preservation and Interpretation Award recognizes substantial contributions to historic preservation and interpretation. Dan McClelland has worked to preserve the historical integrity of Glensheen’s landscape.

A Landscape Designer, Dan McClelland worked 18 years at Glensheen directing restoration and maintenance of the estate grounds. He conducted research of the 1905 landscape plans and assisted various Minnesota authors with editing text and photographs from the collection. Dan interpreted the transition and evolution of the historic 22-acre estate to volunteer docents, visitors, and community garden clubs.

Dan served on the Downtown Waterfront Design Review Committee and on the Skyline Parkway Citizen Task Force. He contributed to the Split Rock Lighthouse Master Plan and the downtown I-35 Extension with emphasis on Lake Place, Lakewalk and the Historic District.

**Annual Giving - Thank you, Donors!**

The Depot Foundation appreciates every gift, no matter the size. Your contributions – undesignated, designated, restricted, immediate or deferred – are vital to the preservation and presentation of art, culture, and the history of our region. Your gifts provide for the artists and audiences of today as well as for the cultural enrichment of future generations. The Depot Foundation gratefully acknowledges all donors who gave between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

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<b>Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Cash Contributions	\$149,650	\$ 373,147
Recognized In-Kind Contributions	19,158	18,350
Investment Income	95,688	82,742
Net Realized and Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)	797,836	395,228
Other	8,145	5,934
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,070,477</b>	<b>\$ 875,401</b>
<b>Grants, Fees and Operating Expenses</b>		
Grants and Grant Making	150,963	183,448
Management and General	48,479	46,828
Fund raising	36,706	23,466
<b>Total Grants, Fee, and Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 236,148</b>	<b>\$ 253,742</b>
Change in Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets	834,329	621,659
Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets, Beginning of Year	4,455,004	3,833,345
Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets, End of Year	5,289,333	4,455,004
Funds Managed for Affiliated Organizations	280,532	235,552

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 The IRS Form 990-PF is available for review at the Depot Foundation Office*



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**Mission:** The Depot Foundation is dedicated to preserving the Historic Union Depot as a vibrant and welcoming forum for the arts, culture and history through managing and growing a permanent endowment.

**Ideals:** The Depot Foundation will further its mission in accordance with the following principles: act as a responsible fiduciary in the development, management and distribution of assets, conduct strong fund development activities that are respectful of the donor's wishes and the intent of their giving, conduct fair grant-making practices and maintain an on-going dialogue with all constituencies.

### Depot Foundation offices:

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At 130 West Superior Street, Suite 302  
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