

THE VILLAGE NEWS

November/December 2011

6th Annual Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association Pancake Breakfast



Date: Sunday, December 11, 2011

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Maple Bluff Village Center

18 Oxford Place

Maple Bluff, Wisconsin 53704

Please join us for our 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast.

Thank you for your support.

Donations Accepted: Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association
18 Oxford Place, Madison WI, 53704

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Checks Payable To: Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Association
Questions: Kristopher Loy, (608) 244-3390, or e-mail kloy@villageofmaplebluff.com

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FIRE RESCUE NEWS

Fire Chief
Joshua Ripp

Winter is knocking on our door and there are some very important things to remember.

Furnaces/Chimneys: Now is the time to schedule an inspection of your furnace, fireplace and chimney. Inspections are important to ensure a malfunctioning furnace doesn't dump dangerous Carbon Monoxide into your home. The fireplace inspection is important to make sure the chimney doesn't have a blockage or significant creosote buildup, isn't cracked, and to ensure no other issues exist that could cause further damage. The creosote buildup could cause a chimney fire, and any cracks in the lining could allow any heat, smoke, etc from the chimney to find a way into the house structure.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: The start of the heating season is also when you should be checking your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors. Some key points:

- * Replace any batteries (primary power or backup power) when you set your clocks for daylight saving time switch on November 6.
- * Replace any Detectors that are over 7 years old (both Carbon Monoxide and Smoke detectors).
- * Purchase dual sensor (Photoelectric and ionization) smoke detectors. Photoelectric sense smokey, smoldering fires, while Ionization detectors sense hot, fast developing fires. The following links provide more information on Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors.

<http://www.homesafe.com/coalert/detect.htm>

http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/alarms/

If you have any further questions, feel free

to contact the MBFD to speak with a Duty Officer.

Fire Hydrants: While staff (Public Works and the Fire Dept) try to clear out hydrants after snowfalls, there is often a delay in doing so. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, clearing it out while clearing your sidewalk and/or driveway is a good way to ensure it is accessible if an emergency occurs. We try to clear a path of 2-3 feet around the hydrant, and a path about 2-3 feet wide to the street. The path to the street is important during the heavy snowfalls, as the hydrants can be hidden by the high snow banks.

Christmas trees: If you put up a natural Christmas/Holiday Tree, please make sure you keep it well watered (daily) and keep open flames well away from it. Newer LED Lighting heat up much less than older incandescent lights and are easier on the electric bill.

Fire Department Pancake Breakfast: We will be having our pancake breakfast again this year. We will be serving on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011. More information is on the cover of the newsletter. We are always happy to have everyone stop by, chat with the firefighters while getting some great food. If interested, we are also more than happy to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Recruitment: As always, we are looking for individuals interested in helping his/her community. If you would like to see what we do, or would like to ask any questions, feel free to contact any of the Chief Officers listed on the back of the newsletter.



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Sgt. Anne Murphy

Hard to believe that we are in the full swing of autumn. When you receive this newsletter, Halloween will have come and gone and retail establishments will have their Christmas displays up and playing holiday music.

I am happy to say that we had fewer thefts from vehicles this year, BUT the Marina was targeted for selective thievery, i.e. depth finders and fish finders. Towards the end of August there was an overnight spree of theft and damage to 18 boats at the Marina. Arrests were made for possession of stolen property and prowling. A small portion of the stolen property was recovered. Our efforts were hampered by the fact that many of the stolen items were factory installed and we didn't have serial numbers to positively identify them. In one instance, the property didn't have a serial number, but the owner provided a photo of the property that served well enough for the District Attorney's Office to follow through with the theft charge. The Police Department is looking at different security measures for the Marina and the investigation is continuing.

In September, a valuable bicycle was stolen from a garage. The owner was able to provide an accurate description and the SERIAL number. Having that information, we recovered the bicycle three weeks later. To the best of my knowledge, although it had a flat tire, I don't believe there was any other damage. At the risk of redundancy, having accurate, timely information is critical to our ability to successfully solve crimes.

Times are changing here in the Madison area. It is so important to be aware of your surroundings and to make personal safety a priority. As I am writing this, there was another shooting on the north side of Madison, not in the wee hours of the morning, but at 2:00 p.m. on a Monday afternoon. As I drove to work this morning, there was a news report of an 11 year old stabbing a 14 year old.....what ever happened to talking things out??

I am happy to say that the Village of Maple Bluff is still a very peaceful, safe place to live. In order for the Village to maintain that status, everyone needs to be aware of what they see and or hear, and contact us if you are suspicious of any activity that you may observe.

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With winter just around the corner, give yourself extra time while driving to arrive at your destinations. Take the time to make sure that your windows are clear from frost.

In the event of a snow storm prediction with accumulation, please don't request on street parking.

If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1. If you call the Village Center, there is absolutely no guarantee that there will be an officer in the building, and you will actually delay an emergency response.

If you need the assistance of an officer, please call the non-emergency number 255-2345. All of our calls are dispatched by the Dane County Communications Center.

If you are not familiar with the overnight parking restrictions in the Village of Maple Bluff, parking between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. is limited to 30 minutes. If you need to park a vehicle on the street overnight, please call the police business line, 244-1430 and leave a message at extension 113. These overnight parking requests are rarely denied unless there is a scheduled event or impending weather involving snow accumulation.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

Tim Krueger

Village Administrator/Police Chief

Another year is quickly coming to a close as this will be the last "Village News" for 2011. It seems like just a few months ago we were celebrating a new year, and now, we get ready for that same celebration again. By the way, in case I don't see you in the next two months, Happy Holidays!

I want to take a glimpse forward into 2012. I know this will be a busy year as the Presidential election will really begin to take over our lives once again. Of course with any election season brings the political advertisements. But, this also means that we have to be prepared to go through the process of voting. Recent

law changes have drastically changed the voting process. Some can argue whether this is good or bad, but election staff are tasked with implementation of these new requirements. Please review future newsletters for more details about some of these changes and how they will impact you. By the way, there will be at least four opportunities for you to vote this upcoming year so we need to make this process as user friendly as possible.

The Village News has been a bi-monthly production for many years. The Village of Maple Bluff spends on average between \$6,000 - \$11,000 per year for the production of, and, the distribution of the Village Newsletter. We have found in recent years that as additional content was added for recreation programs, additional flyers for various events or projects, the newsletter costs have gone up. Those previously mentioned factors, along with the reality that costs would generally go up for production and distribution, has caused us to look at other options to help save the Village money.

Recently, we have agreed to work with an organization called Neighborhood Communications for the creation of our "Village News". There will be several differences to this new publication. First, the Village will have no costs, meaning we will save the Village quite a bit of money. Second, because of no costs, there will be advertisements included in the publication. These ads will be sold by staff of Neighborhood Communications. This means that if you are a local business or service provider, you will have the opportunity to advertise within the Village News!! Yet another change is that the Village News will be coming out monthly instead of bi-monthly. This should allow us greater flexibility to distribute information in a more timely manner. You should also see the variety of information increase. There may be articles included in our newsletter which are of general interest across Madison and Dane County. Finally, the sample newsletter products we reviewed were quite impressive. This will be a top notch, high quality production, with more pictures and greater color

appeal. We will pursue this newsletter over the course of the next year and will review responses as we look forward into 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Tom Schroeder, Superintendent

The transition from summer to fall has been pleasant, providing all of us with beautiful weather to enjoy the outdoors. Hopefully the seasonal change from fall to winter will also be full of mild temperatures as well. With this change comes leaf collection, always a busy time for all. Another change, and a BIG one, is that trash and recycle will no longer be collected on Mondays and Tuesdays, but will be take place on Wednesdays for the entire Village. This will have several positive benefits; one will be the enhancement to recycle collection procedures that include large wheeled containers with lids. Another positive will be that there will be a cost savings for the recycle service. The larger containers allow for an every other week collection and do away with the open faced tubs, streamlining the process. Trash collection will remain every week; again this will be on Wednesdays. With trash day taking place in the middle of the week, this department will be able to concentrate on other collections Monday and Tuesday. Change is not always easy or necessarily good; however in this case I believe that it is both easy and good.

Leaf collection has been mentioned, and it is arguably the busiest time of year for public works. This department prides itself on making all collections each and every week throughout the village... except the week of Thanksgiving due to the short work week. Please have your leaves and yard waste out to the curb (not in the street!!) as early as possible during the month of November. If you wait until after Thanksgiving, you run the risk of winter weather showing up. Our collection equipment does not work with snow covered yard waste and it is nearly impossible to identify a snow pile from a leaf pile while the roads are being plowed. Again, earlier the better!

We recently completed the sidewalk removal and replacement along Sherman Avenue between the two Fuller Drive entrances. This was a large project that took nearly a month to complete. In order to extend the budget line and achieve the volume of replacement, the village crew performed the removal and haul away of all concrete and sub-base as necessary. We definitely benefited from the weather during September and October.

I would like to ask all of you with young trees in your yard and terrace to be sure to provide adequate water should we get into a dry spell. It is extremely important that trees have moisture before the onset of winter weather. While you are outside looking after the smaller trees, take pause, and look closely at the mature trees that are on your property. The things to look for would be the vigor; did the tree leaf out good this year? Structure, does the tree show balance, is the union showing strength or weakness? Does the tree show decline in the crown or die-back, this is where the tree displayed colored leaves long before the change of seasons. A symptom of stress would be early loss of leaves as well. Of course an indicator that should grab your attention would be loss of branches and limbs; this could be an early warning of tree failure. If you look frequently and closely enough, you should be able to get a good idea if your trees are doing well or giving warning signs.

Winter weather is close, are you prepared? Are the car and snow blower tuned up? Is there a new shovel available? Pleasant thoughts I know. Remember to give yourself extra time for travel during periods of snow and freezing rain, and also clear your windshield before hitting the road. Every year I see vehicles traveling in the village with nothing but a little portal to see through. Give the plow and salt trucks plenty of room both in the village and out, drivers should treat a moving snow removal vehicle like a work zone. This department will continue using a tandem vehicle approach to snow removal on many of the village streets; this has proven to be a great time saver. Look and see if the street has been cleared

from edge to edge before clearing your apron and mailboxes, and do not park your car in the street until the first pass is complete. I for one am looking forward to an average year of snowfall.

Water and sewer bills have been sent quarterly now for the past year. The new automated reading system can provide a "history" of weekly, daily, and hourly displays. It can also be a significant tool in understanding water usage or identifying if your home has a leak. We have been able to share this information with residents who suspected something was not right with their bills.

As always, if you have questions or concerns give us call. Enjoy the holiday seasons and best wishes to everyone for 2012.



GYM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS
Curt Erickson
Recreation Director
 244-3048 x 106

Marina:

Do you need winter storage for your boat or trailer? The Maple Bluff Marina has limited space available from October 15 – April 14. If interested in renting a winter storage space, please contact Curt Erickson at the Village Center.

The Camp Ya-Gotta-Wanna Parent Group

would like to thank the following Big Buddies for their excellent volunteer hours throughout the summer. This year's group of Big Buddies were: Tommy Meyer, Maddie Wall, Jack Dunn, Jack Drake, Katie Arneson, Michaela Finder, Slater Hale and Taylor Wallhaus.

Kindergarten Basketball

Dates: Saturdays 1/7 – 1/28
 Times: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
 All meetings will consist of 30 minutes of practice and working on basketball skills, followed by 30 minutes of games. All program meetings will take place in the Village Center gym.

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GYM MEMBERSHIP AND PASS RATES 2011

HOURS: The gym is open 8 a.m. till 9 p.m., unless reserved. Supervised open gym times will be posted on the website. For security reasons, the Village Center (including the gym) may be closed if no staff is present in the building. Village employees have the right to close the gym if necessary, and without notice.

Daily Pass—Children 5 and Under FREE with adult

Youth	6-17	\$0.50
Adult	18-54	1.00
Seniors	55+	0.50
Family		3.00

Annual Membership

Youth	6-17	\$20.00
Adult	18-54	25.00
Seniors	55+	20.00
Family		40.00

Non-residents must be accompanied by a resident to purchase a daily pass. Youth non-resident daily pass \$1.00, adult non-resident daily pass \$1.00 Only three guests per Village resident.

Reserving Space at the Village Center and the Beach House

To reserve the Gym, Conference Room or Beach House, call 244-3048. A 5.5% sales tax will be added to all rentals with non-educational programs. A \$100.00 security deposit will be required for some reservations. Please contact Curt, Recreation Director, for rates and additional details.

All parties renting the facilities will be required to return the space to its original condition. Appropriate cleaning supplies are available at each location, and paper-work must be completed to ensure return of the security deposit.

VILLAGE ON-LINE ROOM RESERVATION

Forms for room rental at the Village Center will be available on line at www.villageofmaplebluff.com. A calendar of daily room reservations will also be available through this site. Please note that in order to be placed on the calendar your SIGNED rental agreement and payment must be turned in at the Village Center.

1st & 2nd Grade Basketball

Dates: Wednesdays &
Saturdays 12/14 - 2/25
Times: Wednesday Practices 4:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
Saturday Games 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Program participants will meet on Wednesdays starting December 14 for practices. Starting Saturday January 8th, games will be played at the Village Center. A game schedule will be sent out following program enrollment deadlines.

3rd Grade Basketball

Dates: Thursdays &
Saturdays 12/15 – 2 /25
Times: Thursday practices 4:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.,
Saturday Games 11a.m. – 1 p.m.

Program participants will meet on Thursdays starting December 15 for practices. Starting Saturday January 8th, games will be played at the Village Center. A game schedule will be sent out following program enrollment deadlines.

4th Grade Boys Basketball

Dates: Mondays & Saturdays 11/14 –
3/10
Times: Monday practices 4:30 p.m. -
5:45 p.m., Saturday Games TBD

Program participants will meet on Monday afternoons starting November 14. Games will be played at the following locations: Waunakee, Cross Plains and Middleton on Saturdays beginning January 8. Game schedules will be developed following registration deadline. All players will receive a Maple Bluff basketball jersey.

4th Grade Girls Basketball

Dates: Tuesdays & Saturdays 11/15 –
3/10
Times: Tuesday practices 5:45 p.m. -
7:00 p.m., Saturday Games TBD
Program participants will meet on Tuesday afternoons starting November 15. Games will be played at the following locations:

Waunakee, Cross Plains and Middleton on Saturdays beginning January 8. Game schedules will be developed following registration deadlines. All players will receive a Maple Bluff basketball jersey.

5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball

Dates: Mondays & Saturdays 11/14 –
2/18
Times: Monday practices 5:45 p.m. –
7:00 p.m., Saturday Games TBD

Program participants will meet on Monday afternoons starting November 14 for practices. Games will be played at the following locations: Waunakee, Cottage Grove, Monona, Fitchburg, Verona and Stoughton. Games will begin the 2nd Saturday in December; schedules will be developed following registration deadlines. All players will receive a Maple Bluff basketball jersey.

Cascade Mountain Ski/ Snowboard Trip

(Grades 5–10)
Dates: Monday January 16 &
Friday February 24
Cost: \$55.00/each
Deadline to register is 2 weeks prior to
each trip

Hit the slopes with us! These fun ski trips to Cascade Mountain are a great way for kids to spend their day off from school. Cost includes transportation, supervision, lunch pass, lift ticket and ski or snowboard rental. Bring your own skis/snowboard if you wish; otherwise, rentals will be given. Lessons are available for beginners. The bus will leave the Village Center at 8:30 am and return at 6:15 pm.

Chicago Family Fun Day

Date: Saturday March 3
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Cost: Children's Museum \$50.00/
Michigan Ave. Shopping \$35.00

The Maple Bluff Recreation Department is planning a trip to the Windy City. We will be making stops at the Children's Museum

at Navy Pier and at Michigan Ave. for shopping. You can choose where you'd like to spend the day. We will leave the Village Center at 7:00 a.m. All meals will be on your own.

Connie Martin Fitness Classes

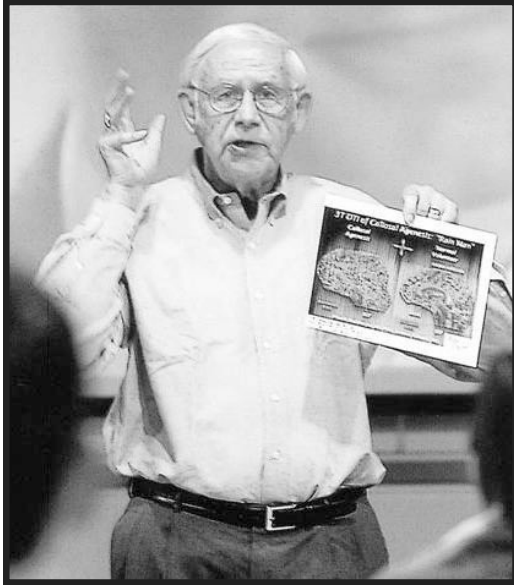
Fitness classes at the Rec Center are in full swing. Please come join us!
Mon. and Wed. @ 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - 30 minute cardio 30 minute strength and tone
Friday @ 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - CIRCUIT TRAINING, then stay for 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - STRETCH



2011 Dailey Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the 2011 Dailey Service Award. Please contact Dave Bruns at coachbruns@gmail.com with your nomination and supporting information.

This is not your ordinary gallery event



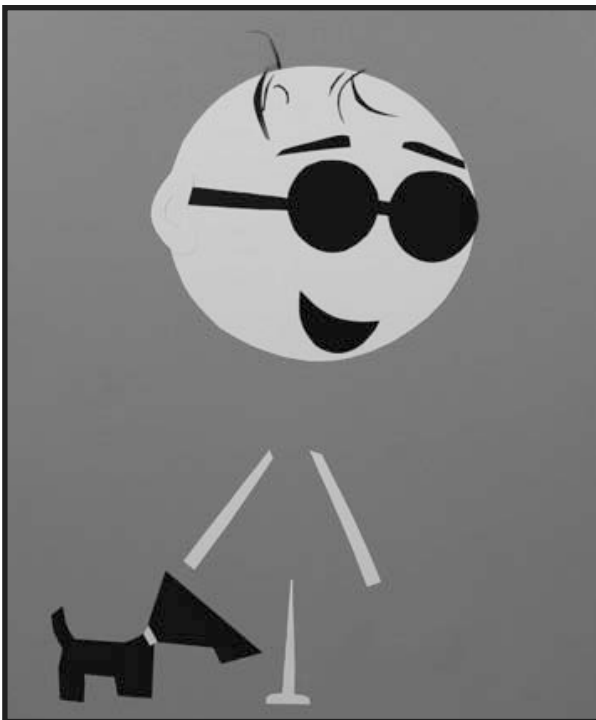
Dr. Darold Treffert

Don't miss a unique opportunity on November 30 to view extraordinary art by prodigious savants and hear Dr. Darold Treffert, renowned psychiatrist who has studied savant syndrome for more than 40 years. Dr. Treffert will show film clips of some of the most famous savants and discuss his work with these amazing individuals. This event is presented by VSA Wisconsin and will take place at 7 p.m. at the VSA Wisconsin Gallery, 1709 Aberg Ave.

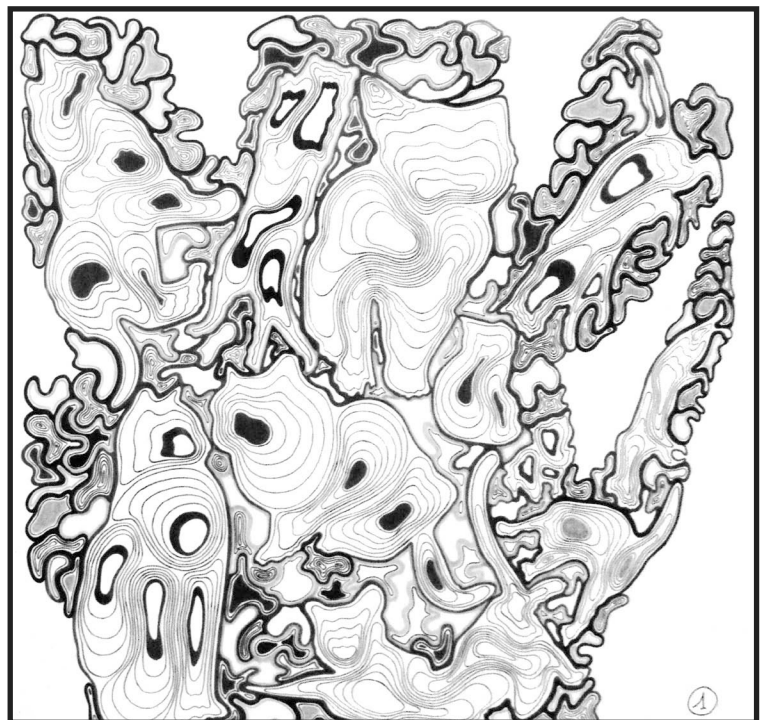
Individuals who display exceptional abilities in math, memory, music or art despite developmental disabilities are known as "savants". Yet within this select group of individuals there are also "prodigious" savants. Prodigious savants are those individuals whose abilities would be considered phenomenal or "genius" even in a person without any limitations or diagnosed disabilities. Dr. Treffert has authored two books on the subject and also consulted on the movie Rain Man.

VSA President, Kathie Wagner anticipates the Windows of Genius exhibition will appeal to a wide audience. The presentation is intended to be educational as well as artistic. Dr. Treffert's lecture on November 30 will provide a better understanding of artistic savants and their disabilities and help promote acceptance and appreciation.

Selected works from Windows of Genius, Dr. Treffert's personal collection, will be on view at the VSA Wisconsin Gallery through December 31. Gallery hours are 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and by appointment.



by Will Kerner



selected detail of "The Eleven Cats" by Catherine Mouet

2012 Election Dates

Spring Primary Election
February 21st

Spring Election
April 3rd

Fall Primary Election
August 14th

General Election
November 6th



Property Tax Bill Information

2011 Property Tax Bills are expected to be mailed in mid-December. For use on your 2011 Income Tax Return, tax bill payments must be received in the Maple Bluff Administration Office by Friday, December 30, 2011. Post-marked tax bill with a date on or before Saturday, December 31, 2011 will also be accepted. Full Tax Bill payments are due to the Village of Maple Bluff by Tuesday, January 31, 2012. If you are paying in installments, the first half is due to the Village of Maple Bluff by Tuesday, January 31, 2012, and the second installment is due to the Dane County Treasurer by Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

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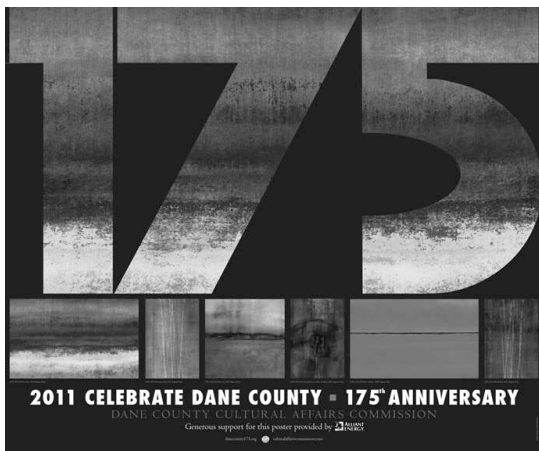
2012 Art Calendar: Welcome Home

The thirteenth edition of our annual art calendar reminds us every day why there's no place quite like our Dane County home.

Your calendar purchase helps support local artists and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission's mission, vision, and programs. Production of the 2012 calendar was generously supported by Alliant Energy.



An annual tradition and perfect gift for \$10.00,
available at the Village Center



2011 Dane County Cultural Affairs Posters
are still available by donation
at the Village Center.

2012 Calendar Artists

Kathy Armstrong
Kay Brathol-Hostvet
Sally Bilder
Kristine Martineau Gellerman
Jim Good
Amy Johnson
Linda Koenig

S.V. Medaris
Cynthia Quinn
Marcia Sparks
Jeff Stern
Dave Tilton
Larry Welo
Jonathan Wilde

