



Spring 2008

St. Croix ArtBarn would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations that assist and financially support our bi-state umbrella arts organization. In 2007, **ArtBarn Music** helped sponsor another summer of free community concerts through the Osceola MainStreet Chamber's *Music in the Park*, as well as two original music programs, and the annual *Bluegrass Festival*. **ArtBarn Theatre** increased the number of productions it produced to six including four comedies—two by local playwrights—and two intergenerational musicals—each featuring local actors. **ArtBarn Visual Artists** offered the *ArtBarn ArtFair* and annual month long *ArtBarn ArtCamp* for youth in June and the 13th annual *ArtExplosion! Day*. A dance festival and a weeklong puppet workshop teaching the process of transforming trash into imaginative art with The Puppet Man, Christopher Lutter, were also offered. In 2007, over 1,000 children and adults participated in ArtBarn programming; in excess of 10,000 individuals attended ArtBarn-sponsored events. As a result, ArtBarn was able to return over \$100,000 to the local economy. ArtBarn continues to collaborate with area arts organizations, schools, churches, nursing homes, museums, and civic groups to cultivate community building and promote changing people's lives through the arts. Visit www.stcroixartbarn.com to view highlights of the season.

2007 saw an additional \$10,000 paid off the principal from the 2002 addition for a lobby and public restrooms using donations and revenues from mailings, a garden tea, two concerts, and ArtBarn's first-ever dinner theatre production. Throughout the year an additional \$8,000 of improvements were made to the ArtBarn facility including a new rehearsal space, storage racks for props and costumes, a ceramic studio, and makeup and dressing rooms along with ongoing electrical improvements. Only \$10,000 remains outstanding from the original \$50,000 loan.

ArtBarn's 2008 programming is being planned around the theme of *Looking Back/Moving Forward*. This year a full season of intergenerational events and projects involving regional artisans in many disciplines—singers, musicians, actors, storytellers, writers, visual artists, and dancers from the St Croix Valley—will begin and **ArtBarn needs your help!** Please consider becoming a 2008 ArtBarn member. Engraved pavers and seat plates are still available to recognize or remember an individual, family, business, or organization. A form and envelop is enclosed for your convenience. Remember, ArtBarn is a 501(c)3 non-profit—**any tax-deductible gift—large or small—is appreciated**. Included is a complete 2008 Schedule of Events; please post it and attend as many events as possible in the coming year—at ArtBarn in Osceola, Gammelgarden Museum in Scandia, or The SPACE in New Richmond! Join ArtBarn in celebrating the unique culture and history he have here in the St. Croix Valley!

With sincere thanks and gratitude,

Ellen Johnson, ArtBarn Program Director

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