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Welcoming spring

I'm writing this on the morning of the official first day of spring. Here in Yolo County, some of us call this time of year "The Pollening," but that aside, it brings welcome sunshine and a slew of community activities.

Over the coming weeks and months, DMA's staff gets busy recording school-based and community events such as the Mark Wood Rock Orchestra and the Wennberg Festival. We continue our work supporting Woodland Community College's eLearning Studio, and believe it or not, we've started planning for November's election.

We'll also support KDRT volunteers who are gearing up to do live radio broadcasts from events including Davis Music Fest and Davis Pride.

My own work exploring civic information needs continues, and by our next newsletter, I hope to share some exciting news about the planning process around that.

Happy spring to all, and may the pollen not wreak total havoc with your sinuses!

In community,
Autumn Labbé-Renault, Executive Director

Save the Date - Big Day of Giving is May 2, 2024

DMA is pleased to once again take part in the Big Day of Giving –affectionately known as the Big DoG—on May 2. This 24-hour online event aims to raise critically needed funds for nonprofit organizations in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo Counties. Last year's event topped $13 million raised for more than 700 nonprofits.

The event kicks off at midnight on May 2, and runs through 11:59 pm that same night.

DMA utilizes the event as a kickoff to our yearly Annual Appeal. We know you have many choices to make on that day but would greatly appreciate your support!

Phenomenal "Open Country" screening

We were fortunate to have longtime friends of Davis Media Access (DMA) and KDRT, Jesse and Glenda Drew premiere their long-awaited film "Open Country" at Davis Odd Fellows Hall on March 10.

The sold-out event left some folks disappointed, but the Drews tell us another Davis showing is possible down the road. For now, they're taking their film on the road, screening it for the benefit of other community and grassroots-based organizations.

"Open Country" is a film two decades in the making, and one the filmmakers describe as "a journey into the roots of American Country music, reclaiming it as the creative musical expression of working people of all colors." They generously donated the evening's benefits in support of our community low-power FM radio station, KDRT. Jesse was a member of the original KDRT Working Group that launched the station in 2004, and Glenda is a former member of DMA's board of directors. We're most grateful to them and the Davis Odd Fellows for a phenomenal evening.

Please check out their website and catch a screening if you can!

Community Events

The Davis Art Studio Tour returns April 13-14, 2024. A two-day, self-guided tour of Davis-based artists' studios, open 10-5 each day. Visit the linked website for a viewable map, or the Pence Gallery through April 3 to get a preview of each participating artist's work. We're excited to see participating artist and DMA Board Chair Robin Kozloff's work!

UU Church presents Free "Muusic at Noon"

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis presents Free Muusic Fridays on the 2nd Friday of each month. The church is located at 27074 Patwin Road in far-west Davis, and the concerts are offered on a pay-what-you-will donation basis. Next offerings are:

- April 12 – Maquette Kuper, Flute, LuAnn Higgs, Piano
- May 10 – Stephen Peitman and Friends - "Great Songs from Unfortunate Musicals"
- June 14 – Sheryl Counter, Soprano - Singing works of African American Women Composers

Yolo Community Foundation Scholarship Applications Due April 5

The deadline for Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) scholarships is fast approaching! Scholarships of up to $10,000 are available for Yolo County students with a wide range of attributes and experiences, including students who demonstrate compassion, who have overcome significant life challenges, who have invested in volunteer services, who demonstrate financial need, and more.

A list of scholarships currently accepting applications through YCF's partners at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation-all are due April 5–is now available. In addition, several YCF fundholders support scholarships at local high schools. Visit YCF's website or contact them at info@yolocf.org or 530-312-0593.

Several of our projects--youth media training, local election coverage and KDRT community radio--depend on community support. You can help these efforts throughout the year with a donation of any size. Thank You!

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