

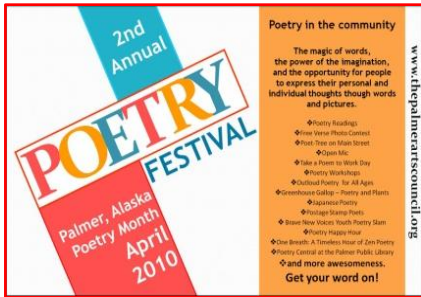
Dear Friend of Palmer Arts Council:

The Palmer Arts Council has made a fast start toward its best year ever. Our annual meeting was a smashing success. Our schedule is full of crowd pleasing events.

- The PAC film festival series during February has brought praise and appreciation.
- The PAC celebration of poetry in April will fill Palmer with poetry.
- Summer programs for children in theatre, band, fine arts, and percussion are well advanced in planning. The finest professional leadership has been recruited, and nearly 200 young people will discover and hone their skills and then perform for your pleasure.
- Local poets of all ages will be given voice, and you will see their work in print in a Palmer Poetry Anthology.



February Film Series



Spring Poetry Month

Along with our success and optimism for the future comes a reality: **ARTS PROGRAMS NEVER PAY FOR THEMSELVES.** The Palmer Arts Council has adopted a budget of over \$100,000 for 2010. By themselves, summer programs for our young people come with a price tag of over \$40,000

Where does the money come from to support your Arts Council?

- All seven of your board members lead the way with generous gifts.
- The Arts Council has developed a loyal base of benefactors who give \$500 or more each year.
- Businesses support PAC with the annual purchase of over \$10,000 of advertising in our programs and playbills.

And then there is YOU. Your membership and your gifts are a vital piece of the PAC effort. We need you as members of Palmer Arts Council, and we need your gifts. Your board has decided to make each March **MEMBERSHIP MONTH.**

For your use, we have enclosed a membership- gift form and a return addressed envelope. Or you can visit our website at www.thepalmerartscouncil.org. Membership fees and donations can be made there through our secure PayPal feature. We hope to hear from you soon as the PAC needs your membership and your gifts.

Recently, funders have shown their confidence in us with major supporting grants.

- + Alaska State Council on the Arts is giving your Arts Council \$2,500 to partially underwrite Poetry Month in April.
- + The Rasmuson Foundation is giving PAC over \$11,000 to purchase a high quality portable sound system and 100 units of comfortable seating.
- + British Petroleum awarded your Arts Council an unrestricted gift of \$7,250.



Summer Art Camps

We hope you will join in our efforts to cultivate creativity and community through the arts with a membership and generous donation.

Sincerely,

BRIDGETTE PRESTON

Bridgette Preston, President
Palmer Arts Council

PS. If you are one of those who have already renewed your membership and made a gift in 2010, please accept our deepest thanks.

Please note that the Palmer Arts Council is sponsoring a performance by the Incredible Porch Pounders with their blues harmonica musical stylings on May 1 at Vagabond Blues. Details will be available at the Palmer Arts Council website:

www.thepalmerartscouncil.org
