

Red Rock Center's February Calendar of Events

February Artist of the Month— Greg Abel, Fairmont



It is Greg Abel's distinct pleasure to share with you some of his photos taken in the last 8 years. It was 2003 when he first began to really show interest in digital photography.

Greg comments, "I have always loved nature and the beauty it presents to us. It is that beauty that became the sought after subject of my photographs. I found the joy of capturing a colorful sunset, a unique shaped cloud, insects and animals totally unaware of my lens. I enjoy landscape and nature photography the most, as each day brings something unique and different, never to be duplicated. Each image floods the memory of its season, with each

picture filling the imagination and senses with sounds, smells and warmth from that moment in time."

Greg's self-taught hobby has provided him with hours of relaxation and observations of nature's finest moments. He is grateful for the opportunity to share these moments in time with you.

An artist reception will be held on Sunday, February 10th 1:30-3pm. Refreshments will be served. Open to the public.

Monday, February 4th FREE 6-week Zumba fitness class

Zumba is for everyone of all ages. Classes run on Mondays for 6 weeks with certified Zumba instructor Katie Kautzmann. For more information and to sign up send Katie a message at <http://katiek.zumba.com>.

Tuesday, February 5th Life Line Screening Preventive Health Event

There will be an ultrasound screenings to scan for Stroke, Vascular Disease and Osteoporosis at the Red Rock Center. These simple non-invasive tests detect abnormalities BEFORE they cause a stroke or other serious event. Screenings for Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm) and Blood tests for complete lipid panel, high sensitivity C-Reactive Protein* and diabetes are also offered. These are all health factors that put us at higher risk of developing vascular and heart disease.

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call: 1-888-653-6441.

Friday, February 15th Watercolor Techniques for Kids!



Have fun exploring with Holly Zinn, art instructor at Okoboji Art Center. Learn different ways to paint with watercolor including graded wash, wet on wet, dry brush, lifting, Sgraffito texture, splattering, salt texture, and plastic wrap texture. Students will create a watercolor technique book and final landscape using all the techniques they have learned.

Bring your own watercolor paints or purchase them at the Red Rock Center for \$4.00.

K—2nd grade 10:00am-11:00am

Cost: \$10.00

3rd—6th grade 1:00pm-3:00pm

Cost: \$14.00

Pre-registration required by calling CER at 507-235-3141

Saturday, February 16th at 7:30pm – Steve Lang – One Man Show



Put on your dancing shoes, and dance away those winter blues with Steve Lang. Steve is well known all around Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa for his love of music. He sings the best in classic country, rock, traditional and gospel. You will hear songs from your favorite country legends: Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, George Jones, Kenny Rodgers, and Merle Haggard just to mention a few. Steve will be taking your requests, too. There will be something for everyone's listening and dancing enjoyment!!

Step Up Campaign was a success!

Kudos to the residents of Martin County and the surrounding area who supported the Red Rock Center for the Arts during the past year. Visual and performing arts and a variety of art workshops were offered and well attended.

At the end of the year we launched our Step Up for Red Rock Campaign. This appeal for funds was to upgrade the parking lot surface and drainage and to replace the front steps. Both projects were necessary, due to deterioration, to provide safe access to the Red Rock Center. The parking lot project is completed and the steps will be replaced this spring.

The Martin County Preservation Association Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to announce that our goal was reached by the end of December. We thank each person who contributed toward these projects. Your gift was essential and greatly appreciated. As promised, everyone who contributed \$250 or more is acknowledged on a Step Up for Red Rock name plate at the Red Rock Center.

We do want to thank the following artists for contributing their talents in order to promote contributions toward the Step Up Campaign: Jason Engquist, David Winkworth, Bill Busse, Joyce Schultz, Sandy Ettesvold, Deeanne Helfritz, Stan Sundberg, Steve Lang, Brothers In Grace, Grace Notes, and the Fairmont Community Choir.

You are invited to visit our website www.redrockcenter.org or watch for advertising and join us at the Red Rock Center for an event that interests you. The board and staff appreciate your patronage as we work to preserve and make accessible our heritage of fine architecture.

Respectfully submitted for the Martin County Preservation Association Board of Directors,

Sandy Meschke, Chairperson



Just In.... Saturday, March 9 – 7pm Legacy, Irish dance band

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10am-3pm

Extended Gallery Hours: Tuesday & Thursday until 6pm