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Please send comments, questions, or submissions to the editor. The submission deadline for the next edition of Weekly Bulletin will be Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 4 p.m.

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Featured Events

German Conversation Table
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Anishinaabe Language Table
Mondays, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

French Conversation Table
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Jane Addams Project
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 111

Spanish Conversation Table
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Russian Conversation Table
Fridays, 4 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

World Touch Cultural Heritage Week Keynote Speaker: Favianna Rodriguez
Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Bookapalooza
Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

2013 Jooinn Lee Lecture
Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

_The King Stag_
Friday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts Raymond J. Lammers Proscenium Theatre

_Faculty Recital: Ann DuHamel_
Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 160 (Recital Hall)

_Safe Zone Train the Trainer_
Saturday, April 13, 8:30 a.m.
Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

_Taste of Asia Dinner_
Saturday, April 13, 6 p.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

_Drag Show_
Saturday, April 13, 9 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

_Walk a Mile in Her Shoes_
Tuesday, April 16, 11:30 a.m.
202 Atlantic Avenue, Morris

_Careers in Biology Alumni Speaker Series: Rachel Bowers ’03_
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Science Auditorium (Science 2950)

_Empowerment Workshop for Women_
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Briggs Library McGinnis Room


**News and Announcements**

**2013 Senior Art Exhibition to Showcase Student Achievement**

Thirteen graduating studio art majors will share their work at the 2013 Senior Art Exhibition in the Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Gallery. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m., with artist introductions beginning at 7:30 pm. This exhibit runs through Commencement on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

**Undergraduate Research Symposium to Celebrate Student Achievement**

Students will present their research, creative, and scholarly work during the 13th annual Undergraduate Research
Symposium (URS) on Saturday, April 20. Spanning the Morris campus, this event celebrates the diversity and quality of student scholarship in all disciplines.

**Holten ’15 Works to Improve Local Businesses’ Online Presence**

Cory Holten, ’15, Starbuck, has returned to his hometown to help local business owners improve their online presence. In partnership with the Center for Small Towns (CST), Holten is working to have these businesses listed on the local Chamber of Commerce’s website.

**Prairie Yard and Garden Travels to Blomkest**

Each week *Prairie Yard and Garden (PY&G)* travels the state to confer with researchers, gardening and nursery professionals, educators, and backyard gardeners about their expertise in horticulture, landscaping, and a variety of other gardening topics. *PY&G* airs Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on Pioneer Public Television. This Thursday host Larry Zilliox travels just south of Willmar to Blomkest and takes a garden tour of Bill and Helene Dykstra’s rural home.

**Nominations and Election of Discipline Student Representatives: Division of Science and Mathematics**

Nominations for Discipline Student Representatives in the Division of Science and Mathematics are open through Friday, April 12. Nominations should be submitted to Carol Ford in the Science and Math Division Office. Elections will be held on Wednesday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**Public Observing**

Public observing will be held in the UMM Observatory at 9 p.m. on the follow evenings: April 10, April 24, and May 7. In the event of poor visibility, observing will be rescheduled for the following Friday. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Jean Cochran at cochr139@morris.umn.edu.

**“From Women to Girls: Female Identity in Contemporary Art and Culture”**

On Friday, April 12, Elizabeth Armstrong, curator of contemporary art at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, will present “From Women to Girls: Female Identity in Contemporary Art and Culture” in Humanities Fine Arts 2. According to Armstrong, “throughout the long history of art, women have been primarily portrayed as objects of the male gaze. Today, they continue to be the focus of great art but are as likely to star behind the camera as in front of it.” Armstrong will examine a new generation of female artists and how they are changing cultural perceptions of “the fairer sex.” This discussion is open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided.

**Come Grow With Us: Successful Vegetable Growing**

On Wednesday, April 17, Steve Poppe, horticulture senior scientist with the University of Minnesota, will offer tips and tricks for vegetable gardening, with special emphasis on growing leafy greens and cole crops (broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower). Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served at noon, and a half-hour program begins at 12:15 p.m. in the AgCountry Auditorium at the West Central Research and Outreach Center (46352 State Hwy 329, Morris, MN). For more information, please visit weroc.cfans.umn.edu or call 320-589-1711. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.
Accomplishments

Work by Athena Kildegaard, instructor of English and environmental studies, was featured in the latest issue of *Rain Taxi*, a quarterly publication that reviews literary fiction, poetry, and nonfiction works that push the boundaries of language, narrative, and genre. Writer James Naiden praises Kildegaard, calling her work “highly inventive, playful, superbly crafted, and very insightful about this mortal business known as living.”

Cyrus Bina, distinguished research professor of economics, participated in Iran’s Economic Outlook, a seminar hosted by the University of Southern California’s Economic Society on Thursday, April 4. Bina presented on the topic “Global Oil and Strangulation of Iranian Oil Industry: New Order and US Post-Hegemonic US.” He received the invitation to speak after the publication of his new book.

The University of Minnesota, Morris and the UMM Athletic Department recognized 183 student-athletes for achieving excellence in academics and athletics while making significant contributions to the community. Students were recognized during the 26th annual National Student-Athlete Day on Saturday, April 6. Student-athletes must have earned a 3.0 GPA while being involved in community service.

Kevin Pope ’09 is one of 39 semifinalists for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced next month. Pope, who teaches physics and seventh-grade science at Morris Area High School, has also been named the school’s head football coach. He received the Morris Area 2012 Teacher of the Year award in December.

In the News

Craig Peterson ’99 was quoted in a recent story by Minnesota Public Radio News. Peterson, principal of Morris Area High School, discusses the impact of weather cancellations on rural school districts like Morris.

The progress of Green Prairie Community construction was again the focus of an article by the *Morris Sun Tribune*. Although frigid overnight temperatures have delayed completion of the facility’s exterior, work on the interior has continued to move quickly since the building was fully enclosed this spring.