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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, September 4, at 4 p.m.

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Upcoming Events:

Morris Area Farmers Market

Mondays and Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.
East Side Park

The Morris Healthy Eating Team encourages everyone to visit the Morris Area Farmers Market where farmers, growers, producers, and artisans sell their own products directly to the public, allowing customers to have a direct relationship with the producers of the items they purchase. The market emphasizes quality, freshness, and originality for the Morris community and surrounding area. The Farmers Market opened on June 14 and will run on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 until 6 p.m. through September 20.

Tournées Festival of French Films

Wednesday, August 29, 7 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

The French Discipline and Entre Nous, a group of Morris francophiles, are pleased to announce the 2012 Tournées Festival of French and Francophone Films. Selected by student officers in Entre Nous, the Festival includes five new, award-winning feature films. The films will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for five weeks beginning on August 29 and ending on September 26. The campus and the public are invited to attend these free screenings subtitled in English. For more information, contact Tammy Berberi berberit@morris.umn.edu. The first film in the series, showing on August 29, is: *Contes de la nuit / Tales of the Night*, directed by Michel Ocelot (2011 / 84 mins.). The esteemed animator Michel Ocelot, best known for *Kirikou and the Sorceress* (1998) and *Azur and Asmar* (2006), returns with *Tales of the Night*, [<http://bit.ly/SSMQkK>] his first film shot in 3D. This collection of six marvelous, visually bold fairy tales is rendered in a “shadow puppet style,” with silhouetted characters set against gorgeously colored Day-Glo backgrounds. These stories span the globe and historical eras, taking place in the Caribbean, medieval Europe, an Aztec kingdom, Africa, Tibet—and the Land of the Dead. Each episode introduces a host of amazing creations: werewolves, giant bees, dragons, sorcerers, talking horses, rival kings. In telling the tale of how a young man overcomes obstacles to win the hand of a princess, each episode takes a decidedly wry, ironic turn.

Humanities Fine Arts (HFA) Lecture Series

Thursday, August 30, 6 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 6

Artists Amy Toscani and Emily Lyman, whose exhibits opened in the HFA gallery on August 22, will lecture prior to the opening reception. Contact Gallery Curator Michael Eble, meble@morris.umn.edu, for more information.

Humanities Fine Arts Gallery Opening Reception

Thursday, August 30, 7 p.m.
HFA Gallery

The HFA gallery presents its first exhibit of the season, featuring Amy Toscani presenting *Wrestling with Yourself and Others* and Emily Lyman showing *Hardware*. The exhibit runs from August 22 until October 11, 2012.

CAC Concerts: Open Mic Night

Thursday, August 30, 9:30 p.m.
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

Share your talents with the UMM community.

Welcome Weekends: ORL Dance

Friday, August 31, 10 p.m.–1 a.m.
Student Center, Oyate Hall

The Office of Residential Life will sponsor a welcome back dance.

Welcome Weekends: Renaissance Festival Bus Trip

Saturday, September 1, 9 a.m.
Meet bus at the North parking lot

Take a journey back in time (sort of) and join our bus trip to the Minnesota Renaissance Festival [<http://bit.ly/TtRWBy>]. Tickets include round trip bus travel as well as admission into the festival. Tickets are limited and only available at the Student Center Information Desk/Higbies for \$18.

Welcome Weekends: Breakfast for Dinner Improv Show

Saturday, September 1, 8 p.m.
Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Breakfast for Dinner, UMM's acclaimed improvisation troupe, will perform. The troupe will play a number of crowd favorites, including audience-participation games.

Welcome Weekends: Minnesota State Fair Bus Trip

Sunday, September 2, 9 a.m.
Meet bus at the North parking lot

Don't miss the great Minnesota gathering. Just \$12 gets you transportation to the fair and back to Morris as well as admission to the fair. Space is limited, so sign up at the Student Center Information Desk/Higbies ASAP.

Welcome Weekend: Morris Amazing Race

Sunday, September 2, 1 p.m.
Meet outside the Dining Hall

Sign up at the Student Center Information Desk/Higbies in teams of up to four to compete in a wacky race around the City of Morris. Teams will face challenges and obstacles as they compete to find clues hidden around Morris. The first three teams to reach the finish line will win amazing prizes.

Labor Day holiday

Monday, September 3
Morris Campus

No classes, and administrative offices will be closed.

Community Engagement Day of Service

Monday, September 3, 1 p.m.

Meet at the Welcome Center

On September 3, UMM will celebrate Labor Day with a Day of Service. UMM students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate in a variety of service projects throughout the community and enjoy opportunities for connecting with one another and reflecting on their work and role in the community. The event, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., will also include an opportunity to reflect on the labor movement and the reasons we celebrate Labor Day, as well as a free supper. An enrollment form will be available online [<http://bit.ly/SQGLXw>]. For more information, please contact the Office of Community Engagement. engagmnt@morris.umn.edu

Welcome Weekends: *Promise of the Prairie* Screening

Monday, September 3, 7 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts, a documentary created by UMM Instructional and Media Technologies, will be screened. In images and voices, the documentary explores three very different educational institutions that have made their home on the same plot of land—the Morris campus.

Art Club Poster Sale

Tuesday, September 4, and Wednesday, September 5, 9 a.m.

Student Center, Oyate Hall

Support the art club with your poster purchases. The sale will be open until 5 p.m.

Jane Addams Project

Tuesday, September 4, 7 p.m.

Imholte 111

Bringing the University, Morris area, and Hispanic communities together, the student and community member-led community-building project “Jane Addams” will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning August 28 throughout the year. Everyone is welcome.

CAC: HAT Bingo

Tuesday, September 4, 8 p.m.

Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

The Campus Activities Council (CAC) Homecoming and Traditions (HAT) committee presents monthly Bingo, beginning September 4 and continuing on the first Tuesday of every month. Open to all, free prizes are given out to those who win and those who just come to play. Prizes include food, dorm/living essentials, seasonal items, and themed items specific to a variety of sponsoring organizations.

Tournées Festival of French Films

Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m.

Student Center, Edson Auditorium

The second film in the festival, on September 5, is *Les Hommes libres / Free Men*, directed by Ismaël Ferroukhi (2011 / 99 min.). A fascinating look at a little-known chapter in the French Resistance during World War II, Ismaël Ferroukhi’s second film highlights the courage of a group of Muslim agents who provided North African Jews with false identification papers and assassinated Vichy informants. *Free Men* focuses specifically on the political awakening of Younes, an illiterate Algerian immigrant who makes his living selling goods on the black market. A taut, suspenseful, and impassioned thriller, Ferroukhi’s film stirringly depicts Younes’s transformation from

apathetic criminal to fully committed freedom fighter.

Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar (TAFS)

Thursday, September 6, 4:30 p.m.
Humanities Fine Arts 6

Joseph Alia, associate professor of chemistry, presents the first TAFS of the semester, entitled “The Chemical Structural Formula, a Physical Picture Too?” Refreshments served at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Garden

Thursday, September 6, 5:30 p.m.
West Central Research and Outreach Center (WCROC) Horticulture Garden

Dinner in the Garden will feature tasty, locally-grown cuisine, expertly prepared by area Chef Matt Jensen and served amid the beauty of late summer in the WCROC Horticulture Garden, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a local wine and cheese tasting. Dinner in the Garden tickets, and more about Chef Jensen, are available online [<http://bit.ly/NWoes8>] as well as at WCROC and Pomme de Terre Food Co-op. This event is sponsored by WCROC Horticulture and UMM’s Morris Healthy Eating Initiative. Proceeds contribute to the sustainability of the WCROC Horticultural Gardens.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program

Thursday, September 6, 7 p.m.
Imholte Hall 109

Suicide is not an everyday topic of conversation, but it may be a concern on the minds of many. How can you help? What are the warning signs? How do you know when to step in and try to assist? On Thursday, September 6, the UMM Wellness Center and Student Counseling will present on the prevention of suicide through public awareness and education. The goal of the program is to reduce the stigma and fears that are associated with suicide and discuss various resources available for those concerned about the risk of suicide. Questions? Please call the Wellness Center at 589-6061 or email Bridget. joosbi@morris.umn.edu

News and Announcements

Bike Commuter Program

The Wellness Program is happy to announce that the Bike Commuter Program is still available to all UPlan employees as an incentive to bike to and from work! The rider must complete 40 rides before the August 31 deadline by riding past the ZAP reader, which is located just north of the RFC off of Second Street. Not only will a bicycle commuter be able to accumulate 50 points for his or her Wellness Points Banks, but the rider will also be able to earn a \$65 wellness reward. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angie Berlinger aberling@morris.umn.edu at 589-6486 to set up an appointment to receive your bike tag.

Save the Date for the 2012 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments

The UMM 2012 Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, in Oyate Hall. University of Minnesota Vice President for Research Timothy Mulcahy is planning to attend as part of his last visit to the Morris campus, prior to his retirement in December. A call for poster submissions for the event is forthcoming. In the meantime, 2011 posters and event information can be viewed at: [<http://bit.ly/JdyXfn>].

Accomplishments

Julia Dabbs, associate professor of art history, has had her article, “The Multivalence of May Alcott Nieriker’s *Studying Art Abroad & How to Do It Cheaply*,” [<http://bit.ly/PsTHwB>] published in the September 2012 issue of

Studies in Travel Writing.

The UMM **men's soccer team**, [<http://bit.ly/PrbxRU>] defending Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Tournament Champions, received 41 points in the UMAC Preseason Coaches' Poll, including one first place vote, landing it in second place behind St. Scholastica. Following its two-goal comeback to tie St. Scholastica in the final 16 minutes of last year's UMAC Tournament finale, Morris advanced to its first-ever NCAA Division III Tournament, falling in the first round to Loras College.

After a fourth place finish in 2011, the UMAC Coaches have voted the UMM **women's volleyball team** [<http://bit.ly/O2MtjS>] third in the 2012 preseason poll. The 2012 Cougars welcome back five starters, including three All-UMAC performers.

In the News

New UMM parent Joel Stottrup, writing in the *Princeton Union-Eagle* "It's All About You" column, gave a wistful account of UMM move-in day in his post "Letting go of children can be so hard to do." [<http://bit.ly/PcJdCC>]

The Kansas State University Department of Art notes that sculptor **Meredith Jack**, former member of the UMM studio art faculty, will present his "Diverse Things" [<http://bit.ly/O2MUe2>] exhibition and lecture this September in the Mark A. Chapman gallery.

Joe Armstrong '11, was featured in the *Star Tribune* article "Rural veterinarians: Too few, far between" [<http://www.startribune.com/business/167398925.html?page=2&c=y&refer=y>]