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# newsletter

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**Welcome to the April 2007 edition of the TCAH newsletter**

April heralds off-season here in Telluride and we are pleased that, to date, we have had such a successful year. We had our great annual fundraiser, the Beaux Arts Ball, in January, started the Telluride Art Walk, hosted three artists at Stronghouse Studios, and granted over \$7,500 to local artists and arts organizations in March. What a great start to 2007!

**1. Updates!**

We are very happy to announce that **Penelope Gleason** of Bootdoctors will be joining our Board. We look forward to her participation and great arts insights!

We also are sad to see the departure of our Student Advisor to the Board, **Fern Miller**. Fern is graduating from Telluride High School in May and a little birdie says that she will be off in the fall to Albertson College, outside of Boise, Idaho. Let's wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor!

Information on any of the events and programs listed in this newsletter are available online at our website, [www.telluridearts.org](http://www.telluridearts.org).

**2. Small Grants: Additional funding for artists and arts organizations**

TCAH announced increased funding this year to artists and arts and humanities organizations working in San Miguel County. Small Grants are now offered for up to \$2,000 in project funding and \$500 for fellowships for continuing education. We have awarded \$7,500 in March and have \$2,000 to offer graduating seniors in arts scholarships in May, and \$17,500 left to offer to artists and organizations this September.

We are also excited to see our Small Grants and Homegrown Performance Grants being used this spring for **Sheridan Opera House Young People's Theatre** presentation of "Annie Get Your Gun" in April, and **Telluride Dance Academy's** 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Recital at the Palm in May. Summer Grants include Norwood's **Livery Playhouse** (Wright Stuff Foundation) starting a drama camp for

[Ah-Haa](#)

[Telluride Historical Museum](#)

**Telluride Art Walk Venues:**

[Stronghouse](#)

[Ah-Haa](#)

[Gallery of Fine Art](#)

[Lustre](#)

[Lucas Gallery](#)

[Wilderness Wonders](#)

[Historical Museum](#)

[Dolce Gallery](#)

[Elinoff](#)

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[Mountain Gallery \(MV\)](#)

[Winston Gallery \(MV\)](#)

teens; **Telluride Mountain Sprouts'** starting a one-week intensive "Theatre Magic Drama Intensive" for preschoolers; **Telluride Academy Mudd Butts'** continuation of their successful Mystery Theatre Troupe; and **Dan Hanley's** "Church of Celebrity" presenting a free-to-public "one time tent revival" for laughs.

**Judy Kohin** will be using her fellowship funds to further her study of encaustic painting, and will offer a seminar at Stronghouse and a demonstration at Ah-Haa this summer upon completion of her studies.

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### 3. Beaux Arts Ball

January blessed us with amazing snow and the arrival of Hazel Miller, here with her band to highlight our 2007 Beaux Arts Ball. The theme was cabaret, and attendees reveled in hats, boas and beads in a black, red and white theme. Dancing to the amazing soul siren, and dressed in anything goes!, everyone had a wonderful time.

The Silent Auction raised almost \$10,000 and we were proud to be sponsored by American National Bank, Mountain Village Owners' Association, Nevasca Realty, Inc., and Jim Jenkins and Sharon Caplan. The 2007 Beaux Arts Ball raised the most money yet for the arts in Telluride. Look for a great event next January!

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### 4. Art Walk

TCAH was proud to bring the Telluride Art Walk to locals and visitors alike in 2007. The Art Walk is a community event in which local studios and galleries agree to stay open "late 'til 8" the First Thursday of every month (except for off-season). Stronghouse Studios, Ah-Haa Silver Bell Gallery, the Telluride Gallery of Fine Art, Lustre, Lucas Gallery, Wilderness Wonders, Telluride Historical Museum, Elinoff & Co., Dolce Gallery, and Lyceum Arts participated in Telluride. Mountain Village venues include Telluride Mountain Gallery and Winston Gallery of Fine Art. We hope to expand this wonderful collaborative event and further the mission of cultivating a partnership between Telluride businesses and the arts community to promote established and emerging artists, local commerce, and public access to the arts.

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### 5. Stronghouse Studios

Stronghouse Studios has had a great 2007 to date. January showcased the abstract photography of newcomer Hudson Cress. February highlighted the encaustic (wax) paintings of Sarah "Sequoia" Gordon, with the best sales to date. March announced the custom jewelry of Alison Mackey ([www.mackeysmark.com](http://www.mackeysmark.com)), featuring lovely wearable art.

One of our High School Mentees, Layton Hebert, hosted a show at the Nugget Theatre of the photography he developed with his Stronghouse mentor, Wyatt Glenn. Gallerie Framing was kind enough to help him finish his abstract photography. Layton participated with Wyatt as part

of the Stronghouse Studios Artist Mentorship program with One-to-One mentoring. Congratulations on your first shows, everyone!

This summer, Stronghouse Studios will feature Daniel Kanow's sculptures and paintings, Elaine Fischer's abstract paintings and Sara Chaffin's drawings. These artists' opening receptions will be the First Thursday of each summer month, from 5-8 p.m. (coinciding with the Art Walk). Stronghouse Studios is open every Thursday from 12 to 6 p.m., so stop by and see what your neighbors and friends have –and are- creating! Stronghouse has over 20 locals participating in an open, loft-like historic setting, and is located at 283 South Fir in Telluride.

During off-season, we are presenting a group show of our resident Stronghouse Artists (jewelry, drawings, painting and sculpture) and we look forward to hosting a visiting artist during MountainFilm weekend, May 25-27.

We would also like to thank Bruce Gomez (Pastel Artist) and Barbel Hacke (manager of Telluride Gallery of Fine Art) for their participation in Stronghouse's new lecture series. Bruce's lecture, "How I made it as an artist" and Barbel's lecture "How to approach a gallery as an artist" drew approximately 15 attendees each. Look forward to more seminars in summer and fall, including Judy Kohin explaining encaustic painting.

For more information about any Stronghouse program, please call Brittany at 970-728-8959.

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## **6. 2006 in Review**

**Changes:** TCAH saw many changes in 2006. The new executive director, Renee Marr, took over in August. Liz Lance is currently attending the SALT Institute in Documentary Studies in Maine to further her photography interests.

**TAG:** TCAH continued their support of Telluride Artisan Guild's annual Holiday Bazaar, held at the High School in 2006. The event, showcasing local arts, textiles, sculpture, jewelry, holiday adornments, local foods, and more, garnered it's best year yet. Look forward to the next event held in December, 2007.

**High School Fundraiser:** TCAH was also able to help the Telluride High School raise funds for a new darkroom for its art students by producing a local calendar featuring student photographers for every month. The calendars sold for \$10 each and TCAH, the students, the teachers, and the families sold 250!

**Grants:** TCAH funded several students, artists and arts organization in 2006, including:

**John McCarron Memorial Student Scholarships:**

Lyndia McGaughey, Telluride, \$500 for U.C. Boulder  
Mesa Hollinbeck, Norwood, \$500 for Fort Lewis College, Durango  
Lillian Sullivan, Telluride, \$500 for Bates College  
Matt Kula, Telluride, \$500 for Savannah College of Art and Design

**Small Grant & Artist Fellowship Awards:**

Nick Keefer, \$500 for "Sacred Geometry"  
Ben Williams, \$800 to bring in an astrological speaker  
Young Audiences Colorado, \$1000 for scholarships  
Robert Fullerton, \$500 to present Ouray Ice Fest photographs  
Kacey Chapin, \$400 to create a clothing line for the TAB fashion show  
Faverman Films, \$1000 for production of a full-length local film  
Second Chance, \$1000 for assistance with the Mobile Adoption Unit  
Sparky Productions, \$1000 to bring Clay Chapman to Telluride  
Rosemerry Trommer, \$1000 for a spoken work poetry collection  
Wilkinson Library, \$763 for Quark software for free Creation Station  
Spirit of Valley, \$500 for dancers and musicians for festival  
Liz Lance, \$500 to produce a Nepal photography exhibition  
Cheryl Kimleigh, \$500 for keum-boo jewelry education  
Andy Kreuger, \$1000 for CoolSculpt 2007 snow sculpting contest  
Hudson Cress, \$500 to produce a photography exhibition  
Meredith Nemerov, \$325 to produce her Aspen Tree exhibition at Ah-Haa in May 2007

**Homegrown Performance Grant Awards:**

Over \$21,000 went to the following organizations in 2006-07, in conjunction with funding from Colorado Council on the Arts:

Heartbeat, a women's a capella group, for their annual concert  
Sheridan Arts Foundation Young People's Theatre, to build sets  
Repertory Theatre's Show and Tell Play Readings, for readings  
Telluride Academy, for the annual Mudd Butts Mystery Theatre  
Telluride Choral Society, for the Bach to Baroque Masterworks  
Telluride Dance Academy, for their 5<sup>th</sup> annual spring recital  
Second Stage, to produce "Living Out" at the Opera House  
Writer's Guild, to produce "Write Here, Write Now"  
TCTV, to document each performance

**Stronghouse Studios:** Brittany Miller (painting), Liz Lance (photography), Tom Fortier (photography), Elaine Fischer (abstract painting) and Amy Poinsett (pastels) were highlighted at the opening of Stronghouse Studio's Gallery. Amy was kind enough to share her amazing show with Stronghouse's First Anniversary celebration.

Brittany exhibits her paintings at Stronghouse and at her home; and Liz and Amy are both currently exhibiting at Gallerie Framing's Local Walls Gallery.

**Members & Support:** Thank you to all who generously donated to the Telluride Council for the Arts and Humanities in 2006 and previous years for your amazing support. Last year was one of the most successful yet, and your donation helped us reach our goal!. All of the money raised supported TCAH programs, including the Small Grants

and Artist Fellowship Program, the Homegrown Performance Series, the Stronghouse Studios artist cooperative, and our newest venture, the Telluride Art Walk. Our non-profit organization has one of the lowest percentages in Telluride of administrative and fundraising costs (25%). Fully 75% of the funds raised goes towards programming!

In particular, we would like to thank: Telluride's Council on Community Assistance, Arts and Special Events, Telluride Foundation, San Miguel County, Mountain Village Owner's Association, El Pomar, and Colorado Council on the Arts for their generous support. We would also like to thank Bill & Sally Estes, Susan McCormick, Smart Living Designs, BONE Construction, and Tiffany Sweet for their wonderful support. We would not exist without the generosity of our local governments, foundations, corporations, individuals, and members like you. Thanks for a great 2006!

For more information about donations, please visit [www.telluridearts.org/support.htm](http://www.telluridearts.org/support.htm) or call 728-3930.

#### **7. Calendar**

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

May 20-22: Annie Get Your Gun, Sheridan Opera House's Young People's Theatre (TCAH Homegrown Grantee)

May 25: [Mountain Film](#)'s Gallery Walk: 3.30-6pm, venues around Telluride & MV, including Stronghouse

June 2 Telluride Dance Academy's 5th Annual Spring Recital, Palm Theatre, 3 pm (TCAH Homegrown Grantee)

June 7<sup>th</sup>: Stronghouse Exhibit: Opening Reception for Daniel Kanow and First Thursdays: Telluride [Art Walk](#)

July 5: Stronghouse: Opening Reception for Brittany Miller and First Thursdays: Telluride [Art Walk](#)

TBD: Summer Grant Recipients' performances

August 2: Stronghouse: Opening Reception for Elaine Fischer and First Thursdays: Telluride [Art Walk](#)

September 6: Stronghouse: Opening Reception for Sara Chaffin and First Thursdays: Telluride [Art Walk](#)

Sept. 7: Small/Homegrown Grant Applications Due (September Round, due Friday at 12 noon)