

NISO NOTES

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Noteworthy Goals

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Summer is a time for musicians to take a break, but summer is prime time for the board and staff to prepare for their *Noteworthy Season*. This season begins on September 26 with the Dakota Chamber Orchestra.

Noteworthy for the summer is the fact that the board decided to keep its fundraising goal at \$30,000, the same as last year. Letters have gone out to hundreds of regular supporters and many prospective donors. The campaign is in full swing.

For *A Noteworthy Season*, the board hopes to sell more tickets than ever before. After a good be-

ginning in pre-season sales in April (\$6,000 worth), and with an aggressive sales campaign in the fall, we hope to realize a total of \$15,000 in ticket sales this year, an increase of 14% over last year. A 14% increase in ticket sales should translate into a 14% increase in audience size. That would be noteworthy!

You may be interested to know that the annual cash budget for NISO will be about \$65,000. In addition to gifts and ticket sales, grants and other revenues will make up the rest of NISO's cash need. In-kind support for NISO (auditorium use,

conductor fees, program/poster printing, musical scores, etc.) is estimated at about \$35,000. NISO's annual budget of cash and in-kind support is about \$100,000.

You recently received in the mail a letter asking for your support. Please mail in your contribution, or ask to be billed later. If you did not yet receive a letter asking you to renew your support, it will be delivered shortly.

Make this a *noteworthy* summer, and we will give you *A Noteworthy Season*!

Fourth Annual Garden Tour sponsored by *Friends*

Dianne Bierma & Shirley Matheis

The *Friends of the Symphony* will again be sponsoring their annual Garden Tour this summer. This year the garden tour will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on **June 30** and **July 1**. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from 3 to 5 p.m. on those days at the Centre Mall or at any of the five garden sites. All proceeds are used for scholarships that provide partial payment of instrument lessons for student members of the NISO orchestra.

- 1578 Crown Ridge Drive -- The **Ralph and Barb Altena** garden features a waterfall, a two-tier flower garden, roses, hostas and daylilies.
- 4255 US75 S -- The **Kosgrove Assisted Living Facility** has a lovely display of annuals and perennials, and a raised vegetable bed is in progress.
- 742 Meadow Drive -- **Barb and Erik Hoekstra's** large yard has a very unusual dry creek bed with various rock and mulch areas planted with clumps of quaking aspen and spruce trees. They also have a variety of grasses, ash trees, and lilacs.
- 925 S Main -- **Nelvina and Gerald Wissink** have a magnolia tree in the front yard and several interesting areas elsewhere, including an English garden and a gazebo that was built using a cupola from the First Reformed Church and four columns salvaged from another house. Around their lawn is an attractive white Victorian fence made from recycled plastic, complete with finials.
- 7th Street NE -- In **Heritage Village**, on the Sioux County Fair Grounds, master gardener volunteers under the careful supervision of Ron Oostra spent many hours on the vegetable garden and the many beautiful flower beds.



Refreshments will be served at Heritage Village during tour hours. Please join us for another enjoyable and profitable garden tour.