

Dear Friends, Please help us promote the arrival of Chris Lutter, who is coming to the St. Croix Valley to offer a week long puppet workshop July 30-August 3. Lutter is known nationally for his work of transforming trash into imaginative art with communities and is a 2006 Bush Foundation Fellowship recipient. If any of you would like to interview Chris during his stay or do a story about his timely work, please let ArtBarn know at 715-294-2787 or email nrjohnson@hotmail.com. You can also reach Lutter at 612-721-1395 or email Chris at puppetfarm@yahoo.com. View Chris' work at <http://www.puppetfarm.org>

With sincere thanks for your help and support, Ellen Johnson, Program Director

ArtBarn Offers Week long Puppet Workshop

St. Croix ArtBarn will offer a week long puppet workshop with The Puppet Man, Chris Lutter, Monday July 30-Friday-August 3 from 10 AM-4 PM. Lutter has been making masks, puppets, costumes, sets, floats and various theatrical accouterments out of waste materials for over ten years. He has taught the process of transforming trash into imaginative art to communities throughout the upper Midwest and he is bringing his art to the St. Croix Valley. A recipient of the 2006 Bush Foundation Fellowship, Lutter is founder of Puppet Farm Arts, whose mission is to enliven and enrich communities by engaging people in collaborative and eco-conscious art-making. His vision is to improve the health of human communities and the Earth by teaching people the process of transforming waste materials into imaginative art. Through art, Lutter teaches respect for the environment and conservation of resources; confronts social and political injustices; advocates for the imaginative and creative lives of children and youth; brings community members together in creative solidarity; and fosters artistic culture across our social landscape. Participants will help Lutter produce work for the ArtBarn musical, Sing Down the Moon, to be presented the last two weekends of August. Workshops are open to all ages; family participation is encouraged. There will be a daily nominal fee for the workshop of \$5 for ArtBarn members and \$15 for non-ArtBarn members; scholarships are available.

As part of the building sustainable communities project, What We Need is Here, ArtBarn will sponsor An Evening With The Puppet Man, Wednesday, August 1, from 6:30-8 PM, in which he will discuss and answer questions about his passion to spread the love and practice of imaginative trash transformation. Puppets will be on view. The public is welcome; no admission. ArtBarn is located at 1040 Oak Ridge Drive, Osceola, one block east of WI State Road 35, next to the Osceola high and middle schools. For more information visit <http://stcroixartbarn.com> or call 715-294-2787.



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