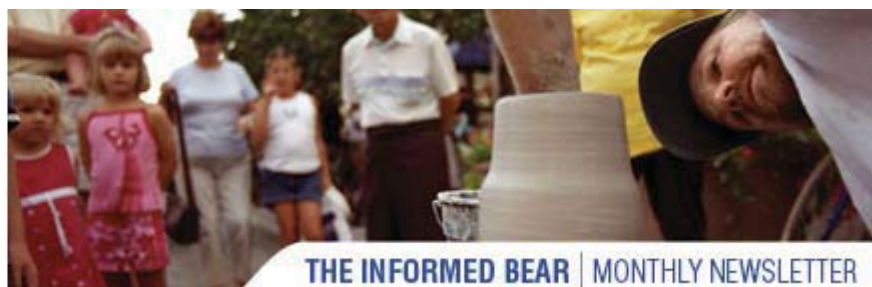




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Denver Art Museum

- August 7
- September 4
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- December 4

Denver Botanic Gardens

- August 25
- September 26
- October 28

Denver Botanic Gardens

Center for the Arts in Evergreen



CAE Sculpture Garden

Evergreen Arts Center dba [Center for the Arts in Evergreen](#) opened in November of 2003 with the mission "To promote and cultivate artistic excellence and to enrich the art experience in our mountain community". The Center houses exhibit space, classrooms and meeting space utilized for art appreciation symposiums and art education. A dozen plus art exhibitions take place throughout the year, showcasing renowned and accomplished artists as well as aspiring artists. For upcoming events, shows and classes visit www.evergreenarts.org.



To discover and post your Metro Denver cultural activities visit [Denver 365](#).

Eligibility



Eligibility is the first required step for new organizations to become applicants for SCFD funds. Eligibility Applications are accepted between June 1, 2010 and October 31, 2010. Please see <http://www.scfcd.org/?page=apply&sub=1> for information on the eligibility process. Eligibility does not guarantee funding at the Tier III level.

SCFD Board of Directors Meeting



Opera Colorado

The July 22, 2010 SCFD board meeting was hosted by [Opera Colorado](#) at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

The [Scientific and Cultural Collaborative](#) and six of the 24 Tier II organizations presented their annual certification reports to the SCFD board. Each presentation was followed by

Board member questions. The remaining 18 organizations will present at the [August Board](#) meeting.

SCFD Treasurer Joseph Arcese reported that the May 2010 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$3,503,471.24. This compares to May 2009 revenue of \$3,121,401.32, which is a 12.24% increase over month-to-date (MTD) May 2009. This is the seventh consecutive month of MTD increases.

The 2010 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue is \$15,565,934.18. This compares to YTD 2009 revenue of \$14,498,981.32, which is a 7.35% increase in YTD 2010 over YTD 2009.

SCFD Executive Director Peg Long reported that the May tax distribution

at Chatfield

August 6
November 5
December 3

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Enter a free ticket drawing at www.denvercenter.org/free. Recipients are randomly chosen and notified when seats are available. Each entry is eligible for two tickets to one production on a date/time determined by The Denver Center.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

August 8
August 30
September 13
September 19
October 3
October 18
November 14
December 6

Denver Zoo

October 13
October 21
November 7
November 13

For more details, please visit our [Free Days page](#).



Cherry Creek Arts Festival



Kelsey and Giana

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the SCFD booth at the [Cherry Creek Arts Festival](#). We had a great time.

Continued Success for "CenterFest"

included a deduction of \$3,136.30 for its share of the direct and indirect costs the Department of Revenue incurred for extending the SB 09-275 vendor fee revenue to RTD, SCFD and the Stadium District.

As follow-up to a previous Board discussion, Ms. Long reviewed the current grants administration work flow process and compared it to the projected work flow process using an Internet-based grants management and database system. Following an explanation of costs, system functions and efficiencies, and a question and answer session, the Board unanimously approved a contract with the [Western States Arts Federation \(WESTAF\)](#) for the GO™ Grants Online system to be launched in 2011.

The next regular SCFD Board meeting is scheduled for 1pm Thursday, August 26, 2010 at the [Center for the Arts in Evergreen](#), 32003 Ellingwood Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Tier II Update

Congratulations to the 24 organizations of Tier II for submitting Certification Reports required for the annual reporting process. The SCC, the Scientific and Cultural Collaborative (comprised of the organizations of Tier II along with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts) and six Tier II organizations made presentations before the SCFD Board at their [July](#) meeting and 18 groups will present later this month at the Board meeting on August 26th. If you need a reminder of when your organization is presenting or if you have any questions please contact Donna at (303) 860-0588 ext. 113 or send an email to donna@scfd.org.

Rex Morgan Award and Tribute Update



It is time to think about nominating those special volunteer civic leaders who have been donating their services in the cultural community. [Nomination forms](#) are now available for the 2010 Rex Morgan Citizen Volunteer Award. The process is a simple way to acknowledge exemplary leadership across the SCFD. Nominations are due before the September 15th deadline and the selected recipient of the award will be honored at a cultural community reception in mid-November.



Please consider participating in the [Rex Morgan Tribute](#) with a modest, tax-deductible cash donation. The Tribute fundraising committee is nearing its goal for securing the donations needed to fund the SCFD Rex Morgan Tribute. The Tribute, an exciting public art sculpture will celebrate the contributions of Rex Morgan, a founder of SCFD, the recipients of the annual Rex Morgan Award and the citizens who make the SCFD possible. Your gift will make a difference and help the committee reach the finish line! Please contact [Donna Smith](#) or [Harry Lewis](#) for more details. Thank you to the many donors who are supporting this community endeavor. See the Rex Morgan Tribute section of the SCFD [website](#) for a complete list of donors.



Congratulations to the Arvada Center for continued success hosting "CenterFest", a summer concert series promoting collaboration between SCFD organizations. All concerts are held at a beautiful outdoor amphitheater, rain or shine, with covered seats available. Highlighting a wide variety of SCFD organizations from across the District, it's affordable fun for the whole family! Kids 12 and under get in free with the purchase of an adult lawn seating ticket. Visit www.arvadacenter.org/summer for details.

Follow Cassiope



Follow Cassiope Sydoriak, SCFD Program Assistant, as she traverses the cultural streets of seven counties in Colorado. Get a personal look at cultural events, talks, art shows, and more! Become a fan at www.scfid.tumblr.com.



Tier III News

For any general Tier III inquiries, contact nancy@scfd.org or 303-860-0588 ext 112.

TIP of the Month: Is your organization one that aspires to achieve the Tier III funding levels received by other grant applicants? Tier III Grant Applications are public record. You may contact scfd@scfd.org to arrange an appointment time to review the applications of top-funded or similarly aligned organizations.

County cultural councils have made Tier III funding recommendations, but as a reminder, these funding recommendations are not official until they have been approved by the County Commissioners or City Council in each county and passed as a resolution by the SCFD [Board of Directors](#) on September 23, 2010.



To discover and post your Tier III activities visit www.thescen3.org.

Filing Relief for Small Organizations

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that small nonprofit organizations at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008, and 2009 can preserve their exempt status by filing returns by October 15, 2010.

Find more information about the filing relief program on IRS.gov.

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