



RAFFLE OF WILLIAM STAFFORD POETRY BROADSIDE TO BENEFIT GRIP

GRIP is hosting a fundraising raffle for a specialty broadside print from lone goose press. The print features William Stafford's poem, "After Arguing Against the Contention that Art Must Come from Discontent," taken from his 1982 book, *A Glass Face in the Wind*. We thank an anonymous donor for the generous donation of this and several other unique prints. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will be sold during our Mar. 5 Open House as well as at upcoming Earth Day events.

The poem is illustrated by a hand-printed Susan Lowdermilk linoleum block and an artist's proof copy, out of 100, printed in 1991 for the Lane Arts Council of Eugene, OR, where lone goose press is also based. Lowdermilk creates artist books and limited edition prints in her home studio in Eugene, working primarily in woodcut, wood engraving and etching. She is a full-time faculty member at Lane Community College's Art and Applied Design Department.

During his lifetime, Stafford wrote over sixty books of poetry that give perspectives on peace, the environment, and education that serve as some of the most articulate and engaging dialogues by a modern American writer about three of the most important issues of the second half of the twentieth century with lasting impacts on future generations. Howard Zinn found Stafford iconic, saying, "William Stafford's prose and poetry, wise and eloquent, speak directly to the violence of our time, and to our hope for a different world."

This artwork has been appraised at \$175. The raffle drawing will be held on Earth Day, April 22.

GRIP WELCOMES ANDREW LINDLOF As 4th Year OSM/VISTA Staffer

by Claire Catlett, OSM/VISTA Staffer

GRIP is happy to host a fourth year of the OSM/VISTA program, thanks to an ongoing association with the Western Hardrock Watershed Team (WHWT). Andrew Lindlof will come aboard March 3 as the latest contributor to an OSM/VISTA legacy that has achieved great success since it began here in 2010.

GRIP staffs a full-time AmeriCorps-VISTA employee through the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program, and the WHWT. The position, initially established as a three-year program, is funded by a matching grant between GRIP and the WHWT. The role of OSM/VISTA has been to expand the capacity of GRIP and its partners to address legacy mine sites and other impacts on the Silver City watershed as well as to target San Vicente Creek for economic development and enhanced quality of life.

The greatest success of GRIP's OSM/VISTA program may be the creation of Silver City Watershed Keepers and its efforts to clean up the San Vicente Reduction Works tailings. The former is a citizen's water quality monitoring group, dedicated to improving the health of our Silver City watershed. Regular events include quarterly monitoring at three sites on the creek plus various field trips and educational events, including the Children's Water Festival and Gila River Festival. GRIP's VISTA staff has also served a critical role with the Grant County Trails Group by facilitating greenways planning and coordinating outreach activities for that volunteer-based organization.

An extension for 2013-2014 was granted to GRIP as part of a final effort to establishing long-term capacity for Silver City Watershed Keepers. It is hoped that in the final year of OSM/VISTA staffing, Andrew Lindlof will be able to dedicate his time to implementing a strategic plan for the Keepers, as well as to strengthening existing community partnerships for the program.

Andrew hails from Mahtomedi, MN, and has an academic background in Geoscience (B.S.) and Water Sciences (B.S.). While attending Northland College in Ashland, WI, Andrew completed a Senior Capstone Project entitled "Long Term Monitoring of Streambank Erosion in the Bay City Creek Ravine on the Northland Campus." In 2011, Andrew interned with the U.S. Geological Service as a Water Science Intern for the Wisconsin Water Science Center and the Natural Resources Department of the Bad River Band of the Ojibwe Tribe in Odanah, WI. GRIP will surely benefit from Andrew's experience in GIS mapping, water sciences, geology, and geomorphology. He's experienced in organizing community volunteers and has the honor of being an Eagle Scout.

Come meet Andrew on March 5 at the GRIP Open House Reception, from 5:00-7:00 pm at GRIP's office, 305A North Cooper in Silver City. This will be your chance to say "goodbye" to me, as I am moving to Albuquerque on March 8 in order to take on a new role with the WHWT as its New Mexico and Denver's VISTA Team Leader. I am extremely thankful for the opportunities and sense of community that Silver City has afforded and promise that I will be back. See you at the Open House!



ANDREW LINDLOF