

# Give to the RUAF this year, and you might win a prize

Perhaps you are among the lucky folks who recently received a burst of springtime color in your mailbox. The brochure — decorated with a pot full of purple, yellow, pink and blue flowers — came from the Racine United Arts Fund, or RUAF. And inside its cheery exterior is an uplifting message about what the nonprofit organization has meant to our community in its nearly 30 years of existence, and how you can be a part of its efforts in the coming year.

For those who didn't get a copy (or haven't yet opened it), RUAF helps the arts thrive in our community through its support of its four member organizations: the Racine Art Museum, the Racine Symphony Orchestra, the Racine Theatre Guild and the Racine Arts Council. Funds donated to RUAF are distributed to all four groups, and they also benefit smaller arts organizations throughout the area with further distributions made through the Racine Arts Council (go to [www.racineartscouncil.org](http://www.racineartscouncil.org) for more on this).

Such funds not only help those organizations stay afloat (some have been a part of our city since the 1930s), but enable them to offer performances, classes, workshops and tours to people of all ages. All donations made to RUAF stay in Racine, and help make our community a better place to live by providing entertainment, encouraging creative thinking and much more.

So, as tax season gets under way and visions of deductible donations dance in your head, consider putting RUAF on your recipient list for 2012. One check can have a ripple effect, and it will also put your name in the hat for a new incentive being offered this year by RUAF. The names of all new donors — as well as those

who increase their donations — will be entered in a drawing for one of several special prizes being donated by RUAF's member groups. Prizes include two admissions to the Racine Art Museum's fall 2012 premier fundraising event; an eight-admission flex pass to the Racine Theatre Guild; two tickets to any concert in the Racine Symphony's 2012/2013 season; and a raku ceramic piece created by artist Jeff Shawhan. To be entered, donations must be received by April 2. For more about RUAF, go to [www.racineunitedartsfund.org](http://www.racineunitedartsfund.org).



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You may also call (262) 619-3156 to request a brochure and/or mail your donation to RUAF at P.O. Box 173, Racine, WI 53401-0173.

## Peeps time

Speaking of spring and the Racine Art Museum, here's a special announcement for all you Peeps fans out there: The RAM will once again host its Annual International Peeps Competition, in which the public is invited to enter works of art created using the popular marshmallow candies.

People of all ages (individuals and teams) are encouraged to be a part of the event which, according to the RAM, is the only museum competition of its kind in the world. The Peeps creations will be displayed at the Downtown museum in April and winners will be chosen to receive prizes.

The entry deadline is March 25. More information is available at [www.ramart.org](http://www.ramart.org) under "Future Exhibitions."

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