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## december 1 is appreciation night



MTN Members enjoy MTN Appreciation Night 2005. This year's event will be on Friday, December 1 from 6 to 9 and will honor Executive Director Pam Colby for her 20 years of service to MTN. For more, see page 2.

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# appreciation night will honor colby

**M**TN's Executive Director **Pam Colby** will be recognized for her twenty years of service at the **MTN Appreciation Night**, on **Friday, December 1**. The stars of community TV in Minneapolis will gather to celebrate at **MTN's StudioA**.

Everybody is welcome to attend this fun event.

Part of the celebration will be shown live on **MTN 16**, from **8 to 8:30 pm**. The celebration itself will run from 6 to 9 pm and will be catered by MTN's downstairs neighbor, the **Aster Café**.

Last year's Appreciation Night Event recognized MTN engineer Jim Derks and long-time board member and producer Mark Engebretson.

In addition to her years of service at MTN, Pam Colby is an independent video producer. She is also the President of the Board of the **National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture (NAMAC)**, an organization that supports and advocates for independent film, video, audio and online/multimedia arts.

## 20 years at mtn: pam colby

**A**lthough the story of **Pam Colby's** twenty years at MTN is almost the story of MTN itself, she first got involved with community television in Iowa City, where she was attending film school. She was the first person in the film program there to work with video. When the access center in Iowa City got some three tube cameras, "everybody was talking about it," Colby said.

Her first encounter with MTN was when it was operating out of the **UC Video** building, a former church in Southeast Minneapolis. As an independent producer, she made a show about women in the peace and justice movement. Soon she went to work for MTN, producing talk shows, driving around the small MTN van, and setting up the remote studio to cover city council meetings.

By the early 90s, Colby had moved up to a management position, working closely with MTN Director **Anthony Riddle**, who is now the Executive Director of the **Alliance for Community Media**, a national organization that advocates for community television.

"Working for Tony Riddle is something I have always valued," she said. "I learned so much from him."



When Riddle left MTN in 1995, Colby applied for the Executive Director position and was hired by the MTN Board.

She said that one of the most exciting things about her time at MTN is seeing "how much better the programming looks today, both in terms of production values as well as content."

Colby has also remained active with her own video work, producing and co-producing documentaries such as **Wellstone!** and **The Unapologetic Life of Margaret Randall**. "MTN is a place where everybody has some kind of work they are driven by, where people are doing things they love," she said. "It helps me in my work to see people succeeding at what they do, and seeing their innovations."

Colby's greatest goal right now is to secure MTN equipment funding as part of the franchise renewal process between the city of Minneapolis and **Comcast** cable. She also looks forward to strengthening MTN's ability to train people to use new technology to create programming that is more innovative and interactive.

- John Akre

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Wolf Spirit producers Martha Fast Horse and Clovis flank MTN Director Pam Colby at the premiere of their program in MTN Studio A. Wolf Spirit is on Sundays at 6 pm on MTN 17.

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## members' screening: looking good

An intense drama about the aftermath of an automobile accident. A comic documentary about bicycles and the people who love them. Blues from a summer outdoor music festival. A humorous animated film about the love of books.

These are the videos that were shown as part of the November **Members' Screening**. All who attended enjoyed the interesting projects and lively conversation along with the popcorn. MTN member videomakers **Charlie Brown, Chris Durant, Don King** and **John Akre** showed their work.

**MTN Members' Screenings** are held the **second Friday of every other month at 7 p.m. in MTN Studio A**. The next Members' Screening will be on **January 12**.

We invite members to bring completed pieces or works in progress to show. We will show excerpts as well as complete projects, but there is a maximum length of 10 minutes.

We also have a short question and answer period following each piece. No pre-registration is necessary to participate, but you are encouraged to contact John (jakre@mtn.org or phone extension

307) to let him know that you will be bringing something.

Even if you don't have something to show, please plan to come and see what other members of the MTN community are doing.

If you have a longer work and need a venue to premiere it, the **MTN Members' Screening** might be just the place for you. If you want to screen that half hour project and invite friends and family, talk to John about getting a featured spot in an upcoming screening.

## new admin office

MTN's administrative office, where you will find the desks of **Pam, Beth, Art** and MTN's new administrative assistant **Eboun**, has moved up one floor. The office is on the third floor, through the door at the top of the stairs just in front of MTN's main entrance.

This is also where the **MTN Board** meetings take place. The MTN Board meets at 5:30 pm monthly, on the second Thursday.

next mtn members' screening:  
friday, january 12 at 7 p.m. in studio A  
Bring something to screen or just come to watch. There is a 10 minute limit on all show clips.  
Questions? Call John at (612) 331-8575 ext. 307.

# mtn series program schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Discover Islam 7:00 Islamic View 7:30 As Above, So Below 8:00 Monday Night Live 9:00 The Hemp Channel 9:30 Full Auto 10:30 Difference Makers 11:30 Heavy Metal TV</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Spectator 6:00 Friendship Set to Music 7:00 SPNN Youth Videos 7:30 Our Turn 8:00 Video Voices 8:30 Moving Forward 9:30 The Review 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:30 Diet to End Diseases</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Holding Forth the Word of Truth 5:30 Living Word Church 6:00 New Vision 6:30 Beyond Today 7:00 Lovepower 8:00 Fire of Change 9:00 PRSPKTV on Life 11:00 Army Newswatch 11:30 Atheist Views</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali American Media 6:00 Uhura 7:00 Leslie Davis Show 7:30 We the People 8:00 Altera Vista 9:00 The Nancy Boys 10:00 Drinking with Ian 10:30 Prima Donnas</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 WWA 5:30 30 Minutes with an Author 6:00 Republican Roundtable 6:30 Vets Visits On TV 7:00 Kinpride 7:30 Bi Cities! 8:00 Soap Factory Gallery 8:30 MTN Access to Art 9:00 Black Economics 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Totally Scrabble Tuesday</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 First Community Baptist 6:00 Search the Scriptures 6:30 Piercing Darkness 7:00 Pure Heart Clear Mind 8:00 Repentance and Love Center 9:00 Word Encounter 10:00 Curtis Farrar Ministries 11:00 The Bible Speaks</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Community Views 6:00 Somaliland America TV 7:00 MTN Com'ry Events 8:00 Let's Learn to Get Along 8:30 Humanist Perspectives 9:00 Judy Corrao Show 9:30 Rainbow Flag 10:00 Irene on TV 10:30 Holistic Health 11:00 LaRouche</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Variety Show 6:00 Bal of Minerva 7:00 On Transit 7:30 House Call 8:00 The Mary Hanson Show 8:30 Perils for Pedestrians 9:00 Viva and Jerry's Country Videos 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Living Free</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Book of Acts 5:30 Hour of Restoration 6:00 Greater Friendship 8:00 Hope Community Presents 9:00 Unheavened Bread 10:00 Metro MN Destroyed 11:00 Healing and Victory Today 11:30 National Socialist Movement</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali TV 6:00 Somali Children Association of MN 6:30 Fitness and Faith 7:00 Best of the Cities 8:00 Chinese News and Entertainment 9:00 Somali Democracy Center 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Lemmy O' Live 5:30 From the Mic 7:00 Real America 7:30 Jazz Plus More 8:30 T.C. Muzique 9:30 Art Cunningham 10:00 Democracy Now!</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Cornerstone Prayer Center 6:00 Transforming Kingdom Hearts 6:30 Tomorrow's World 7:00 Sword of the Spirit 8:00 Turn or Burn 9:00 Hear What the Lord is Saying 10:00 Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church 11:00 Boldly Like God, Go Against the Swords</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Somali Media 6:00 Oromia Regional State TV 7:00 Oromo TV 9:00 Somali Mai TV Network 10:00 MTN Community Events</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Stenglein Byline 5:30 Metro Property Rights 6:00 Toad, Turtle and Whoever Else Shows Up 6:30 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 7:00 Civil Liberties Forum 7:30 MSP Sports 8:00 MBTV 8:30 Third Party Forum 9:00 Art Temple 9:30 Humanist Views 10:00 Democracy Now! 11:00 Body Rock</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 The Best is Yet to Come 6:00 Redeemed Life Church International 6:30 Bible Study Ministries 7:30 Prophetic World 8:00 First Impressions 9:00 Shalom Scripture 10:00 Help is on the Way 11:00 That Which Is</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Busho TV 6:00 Awude Ethiopia 7:00 Dancing with Johannah 7:30 Atheist Alliance 8:00 MTN Community Events 10:00 Undercover TV 11:00 T.C. Muzique Late Nite</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 En Familia 5:30 Inner City Fishing 6:30 For Women Only 7:00 SAMA TV 8:00 My World 8:30 Atheists Talk 9:00 African Rendezvous 11:00 Cinema Apocalypse 11:30 Just a Show</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Light on the Gospel 6:00 Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Guest 7:00 Faith Walk 8:00 Eagle Christian Church 8:30 Solid Rock Church 9:00 Hour of Power 10:00 Truth of God 11:00 Key to the Kingdom 11:30 Galatians Study</p>	<p>MTN 16 5:00 Minneapolis Neighborhood News 5:30 MN at Work 6:00 Wajci TV 7:00 TV Lao 8:00 MTN Community Events 9:00 Somali Life</p> <p>MTN 17 5:00 Black Focus 6:00 Wolf Spirit 6:30 St. Anthony Falls Journal 7:00 Telling People's Stories 7:30 Words of Peace 8:00 ETBM 9:00 Lemmy O' Holding People Accountable 10:00 TBA</p> <p>MTN 75 5:00 Reaching a People 5:30 Trinity Tabernacle 6:00 Walking in the Light 6:30 Worldwide Outreach for Christ 7:30 Stand on the Word 8:30 One Day at a Time 9:00 The Hidden Truth 10:00 Bethel Church 11:00 Farahkan Speaks</p>

click "tv guide" at [mtn.org](http://mtn.org) for a current schedule of stand-alone and series programs