LRAC February Art Headlines

LRAC February News Briefs

LRAC Clay County Board Opening
Lake Region Arts Council has an opening for a board member from Clay County. As a Board member you can help make sure the arts thrive in our communities. Interested??? For more details and a nomination form, email me at directorlrac@gmail.com.

Help for Artists Workshop, March 24, 2018
You don't have a website of your own? This workshop could be just what you are looking for. www.mnartists.org hosts a database of information and artwork from more than 15,000 MN artists and arts organizations. Participants will learn how to build a profile on mnartists.org. Both the workshop and participation in mnartists.org. is free.

Workshop Schedule
Date: Sat. March 24, 2018
Time: 9:30 am -1:30 pm
Location: Lake Country Services Coop, 1001 E Mt Faith Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund."

Register for March 24 Workshop
Arts Advocacy Day is March 6

Join Arts Enthusiasts From Around the State!

On March 6, 2018 Minnesota Citizens for the Arts will bring hundreds of arts advocates from around the state to the State Capitol for "Arts Advocacy Day" to thank legislators for following through on the promise of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that dedicated funds to conservation and the arts. Last year 1000 arts advocates filled the capitol!

Register Arts Advocacy Day

Featured Event

A Workshop for Writers is Coming in February!

"Writer's Path to Publishing"

Presented by Springboard for the Arts:

Date: Saturday, February 10, 1:00pm - 7:00pm (link to full schedule and details below)
Location: Roosevelt Education Center, 340 Friberg Ave., Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Presenter: Regional authors and publishers, Springboard staff
Tuition: Free. If you have questions, please call 218-998-4037 or email: dominic@springboardforthearts.org

More info at: https://springboardforthearts.org/events/writer's-path-to-publishing/
This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund, with additional sponsorship from the Lake Region Arts Council, Victor Lundeen's Company and Fergus Falls Community Education.
**Featured Artist**

Jodi Peterson  
Wolfnest Glass Works

2017/18 LRAC Arts Resource Expert Cohort Member

Jodi is a glass artist working with slumped glass, fused glass and glass beads. She is a graduate of the University of MN, Duluth and has a masters degree from MSUM. Her work is available for purchase at Art of the Lakes Gallery in Battle Lake, MN, The Red Door Gallery in Wahpeton, ND and at her studio.

This year, Jodi is one of 10 artists participating in the LRAC Arts Resource Experts Cohort. The Cohort artists will be taking part in a series of activities such as workshops and individual career planning sessions. These activities focus on career development and setting and achieving career goals.

For photos of Jodi’s most recent creations, please visit [Wolfnest Glassworks](#).

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**Featured LRAC Service**

**LRAC Sponsored Workshops**

Recognizing the importance of providing learning experiences for individual artists and arts organizations, LRAC provides several workshop opportunities throughout the year.

Our spring schedule of workshops includes:
- March 24, "Help for Artists Workshop: How to build a mnartists.org profile."
- April 14, "Help for Artists Workshop: Self Promotion, Grant Writing, and MSAB Percent for Arts"
- May 11, "Help for Arts Organizations: MN Council of Non Profits, Networking"

Watch your email and future LRAC ArtsNews for announcements.

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**LRAC Gallery Exhibits**

Main Gallery  
Native American Artist Showcase  
January 1 through March 2, 2018  
LRAC Gallery Hours, M-F, 9 am -12 & 1-5 pm

Featuring:

Laura Youngbird, The themes in her work originated from experiences her family and particularly her grandmother had while at boarding schools and issues that surrounded their assimilation into non-India culture.  
"I am a mixed media artist, combining drawing, painting an prints."

Laura Youngbird
Angela Babby's work is made entirely of the finest art glass, vitreous enamels, mortar and tile board. "My Lakota ancestry and the mysterious nature of glass inspire my fascination with making art. Glass contains light."

Javier Lara Ruiz, "Many of the themes I work with deal with contemporary Indigenous issues. I strive to research as much as possible to gain a greater understanding of Native Culture and to share my understanding of it. "I am Maxica, Aztec and Dakota, Sioux. Both cultures influence my work."

To view the artist's work:
Angela Babby
Laura Youngbird
Javier Lara Ruiz

Solo Gallery
FFHS - Students of Peder Butenhoff
February 3 - February 26
LRAC Solo Gallery Hours, M-F, 9-5

During February, the LRAC Solo Gallery will feature the work of Fergus Falls High School art students. Peder Butenhoff, their art teacher, said works on display will range from Drawings (graphite to pastels), Paintings (watercolors to acrylics to oils), Ceramics and Sculptures. You won't want to miss viewing the talent of these wonderful young artists!

**LRAC Spring Legacy Grant Round**
One Month and Counting

LRAC will be awarding over $110,594 at the Spring Legacy Grant Round. Applications are now being accepted from both individuals and organizations.

- $36,384 for Individuals
- $74,210 for Organizations

**Important Dates:**

*Grant Deadline: Tuesday, March 6, 2018*
Grant Review: Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Grant Start Date: any time after April 18, 2018

Check out these resources to develop your grant application.
1. Read the Legacy Grant Guidelines.
2. Watch the Grant Writing Webinars
   - Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar
   - Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar
3. Check out the Legacy Grant Writing Tip Sheets
4. Contact the LRAC office to discuss your potential project.

Check out the [LRAC4.org](http://LRAC4.org) website for more information on LRAC Grant programs.

**LRAC Career Development Grant Round**

**Time to Plan Your Next Step**

*Spring is a great time to start something new!*

LRAC is offering the Career Development Grant to move your forward in your artistic pursuits. Take a class, create new work, purchase supplies, purchase equipment, etc.

**Apply for up to $1,200 to make it happen!**

**Important Dates:**

- **Grant Writing Webinar:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:00 PM
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018
- **Grant Review:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018
- **Grant Start Date:** any time after May 16, 2018

Here are some suggestions for getting a jump on the LRAC Career Development Grant.

1. Read the [Career Development Grant Guidelines](http://Career Development Grant Guidelines).
2. Sign up for the [Career Development Grant Writing Webinar](http://Career Development Grant Writing Webinar)
3. Check out the [Career Development Grant Tip Sheet](http://Career Development Grant Tip Sheet)
4. Contact the LRAC office to discuss your potential project.

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**MN State Arts Board**

**Looking ahead to 2019**

**2019 MSAB Arts Learning Grant**

Arts Learning is a grant program that offers funding for projects that help lifelong learners acquire knowledge, understanding, and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage learners with skilled teaching artists and high quality artistic experiences.

*Application deadline*

FY 2019 application deadline is February 16, 2018

**2019 MSAB Minnesota Festival Support**

Minnesota Festival Support is a grant program designed to provide meaningful arts experiences to Minnesotans through festivals that celebrate the arts, build community, and expose communities to diverse art forms including folk and traditional arts.

*Application deadline*
Regional Opportunities
Something to Think About...

West Central Region Networking Lunches

Next Networking Lunch Event Details
April 18, 2018, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm
Concordia College-Barry Auditorium, Moorhead

If you are currently working at a nonprofit in the West Central region, you are invited to join this free, informal discussion and information sharing group.

Each month a topic is identified around which the majority of the discussion will revolve. Participants are encouraged to bring questions, examples and insights related to the topic of the session. In addition to the featured topic discussion, each session will include time to network and ask questions. This network is free and no RSVP is necessary. You are invited to bring your lunch, business cards and ideas.

If you have any questions about the Northwest Region Networking Lunches, please contact Joe Pederson, West Central Minnesota regional coordinator, at jpederson@minnesotanonprofits.org or 218-443-6864.

More information on Northwest Region Networking Lunches will be announced in MCN's monthly e-newsletter, West Central MN Regional Update.

- April 18, Moorhead - Fund Development
- May 23, Alexandria - State Legislator and Nonprofit Updates
- June 20, Breckenridge - Board Member Roles and Responsibilities
- July 18, Morris - Preparing for Online Giving
- August 15, Fergus Falls - Federal Legislators and Nonprofit Updates
- September 19, Detroit Lakes - Fundraising Questions & Answers
- October 17, Moorhead - State Legislators and Nonprofit Updates