LRAC November Art Headlines

LRAC News Brief

LRAC November Milestones

This November marks several important events for LRAC.

- Creation of the Arts Mentorship Program, Nov. 1987. LRAC is proud to have provided over 360 mentorships to regional high school students, grades 9-11. See article below on how to apply for this year's mentorships.

- Approval of the first LRAC logo, Nov. 1987, designed by Dave Thimgan, approval of second LRAC logo, 1995, designed by Chip Borgenhagen, logo colors changed 2011.

- Nov. 17, 2002, Maxine Adams hired as LRAC Exec. Director. Happy 16th Anniversary!

- Nov. 8, 2008, voters of MN pass the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, establishing MN as the leader in state funding for the arts. LRAC will be celebrating the 10 year anniversary for the Legacy Amendment all year long.

Thanks to one and all for these memorable and historic milestones. Please remember to vote, Nov. 6.

LRAC Welcomes New Board Member Representing Stevens County

Jason Ramey - Stevens County

A graduate with a BFA from The Herron School of Art & Design, a MFA from University of Wisconsin/Madison, and a former Lecturer/Assistant Professor at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Jason Ramey currently holds the position of Assistant Professor of Studio Art at University of Minnesota, Morris. Jason is a sculptor who participates in national and international exhibitions, maintains an active studio schedule and has an interest in public art as well as interactive community projects.

The beneficiary of a Jerome Emerging Artist Grant, Mr. Ramey is well aware of the positive impact arts funding in MN has on artists. In response to why he would like to serve on the LRAC board, Jason said, "I would love to be able to give back and make positive contributions to artists in MN, as I believe artists play a vital role in shaping their respective communities."

LRAC has open Board positions in Becker and Traverse Counties.
Cultural and Heritage Events

"PANGEA: Cultivate our Cultures"

Join us at the Hjemkomst Center on Saturday, November 17, for Pangea - Cultivate Our Cultures, the largest free, family-friendly celebration of cultural diversity in our community. In fact, one of the few festivals of its size and kind in the Midwest, Pangea marks its 24th year this November of highlighting the global roots of our local Fargo-Moorhead community, and continues to offer visitors a chance to immerse themselves in the region's vibrant diversity through food, music, arts, crafts, stories, and children's activities.

Native American Heritage Month
November 3 - December 13, 2018

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to reflect on the important historical and contemporary contributions of Native peoples.

To celebrate this month, there will be two festivals presented in partnership between Plains Art Museum, Fargo Public Library, Native American Commission, Cultural Diversity Resources, and Daughters of the Earth.

In addition to the two festivals, the museum will present an exhibition, a film series and two workshops.

Click here for PANGEA Event Page

Click here for Native American Heritage Facebook Page

Featured Event

THE HOLMES THEATRE ART SHOW
November 15 - 17, 2018

Three day - Fine Art Show - featuring 2 dozen regional artists working in various mediums from clay and paint to photography, watercolor, wood turning, and much more. This is our 15th Anniversary! Every day the show is accompanied by a performance on stage at the Holmes Theatre. Come hunt down the perfect Christmas gift or just come enjoy the beautiful art work created by locals. Entrance is free - refreshments always on hand.

Artists: Contact Beth@dlccc.org if you are interested in joining the show!

Fee: Art Show is free to public - Artist entrance fee $25

Click here for Art Show Event
Featured Artist

Grace Clark:  
Visual and Social Practice Artist  
LRAC 2019 Artist Cohort Participant

Grace Clark uses various media to explore ways to live that focus on concepts of simplification, organization, mobilization, compartmentalization, flexibility and “working with what you’ve got” to practically and emotionally fit and flow within a contemporary society that feels unpredictable, volatile, excessive, consumeristic, and exclusive.

Clark’s social practice project space, OVERLAND ARTWORKS, critiques the exclusive nature of art world conventions (especially in regards to money, class, race, etc.) as well as the expectations of what a creative lifestyle looks like. She intends to develop programs that act as experimental solutions to common limitations in the arts and create a greater understanding of the emotional, personal experience of living a creative life.

Born in Idaho Falls, ID, Grace was raised in the Florida Keys and Minnesota. She graduated from the Perpich Center for Arts Education (2011) and Minnesota State University Moorhead (2015). She has exhibited nationally and has worked for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and photographer, Gregory Crewdson.

Click here for Artist Cohort Video

Click here for Grace Clark Website

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery  
"Snow Country Prison: Interned in North Dakota"

Exhibit dates: September 21 - Dec. 21, 2018  
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5  
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Are you surprised to know that there were WWII prisoner of war camps in Minnesota and North Dakota? You now have a rare opportunity to see what life was like for the 3,850 German and Japanese interned at Fort Lincoln, North Dakota from 1942-1946.

The Lake Region Arts Council is hosting the exhibit “Snow Country Prison: Interned in North Dakota”. The exhibit is on loan from the ND Museum of Art. Teachers are encouraged to book a tour of this exhibit for their classes. Contact the LRAC office to reserve a time and for lesson plans.

This exhibit combines official photographs from Border Patrol and INS (Immigration and Naturalization Services) with dozens of haiku (small, graceful Japanese poems). The haiku were provided by Satsuki Ina, whose father spent eighteen months as a prisoner in Fort Lincoln. The reader is struck by how accurately Ina’s father evokes - with singular and simple words - the landscape, the season, and the weather of this new country, coupled with the loneliness and grief that lie at the heart of internment. Without these poems, the
"official" photos of ski jumps, beer gardens, and musicals would define those years as one long picnic.

THIS EXHIBIT IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Solo Gallery
Mike Weatherly - Printmaking

Exhibit dates: October 1 - Nov. 30, 2018
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Although he has received notable awards/honors/grants, exhibited in countless solo and group shows throughout Minnesota, and has been an art instructor for many years, Mike Weatherly still considers himself "an emerging visual artist."

He says, "I am constantly inspired by everyday events and my work tends to focus on things that remind us of the natural world, things we see, people we have met, and places we have been. Art can speak to all of us. It can lift spirits, provoke memories, create emotions and connect the past to the present."

Mike recently incorporated chine collé into his prints. Chine collé is a special technique in printmaking in which the image is transferred to a surface that is bonded to a heavier support in the printing process. This allows the print maker to print on a much more delicate surface, such as Japanese paper or linen, which pulls finer details off the plate.

Photo credit: "Fir Tree" by Mike Weatherly

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LRAC Individual Grants

Six Artist Quick Start Grants Awarded in September, $4,500 total

Learn more about the artists and their grant projects.

Click Here to Read the Full Article

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Spring Legacy Individual Grant Application

What Spring? $26,138 to be awarded in the Spring Legacy Individual Grant Round.

Yes, now's the time to start thinking about your Spring Legacy Grant application. Begin doing your research now to prepare for the next round of LRAC Legacy Grant funding.

Important Legacy Grant Dates to remember:
- Grant Round Opens: January 7, 2019
- Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 6:00
Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Grant Review: April 16, 2019 (mark your calendar if presenting)

Learn More about LRAC Legacy Individual Grants

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LRAC Organization Grants

LRAC Operating Support Grants

Calling All Arts Organizations!!

Did your organizations receive a 2018 LRAC Operating Support Grant this year?

Now's the time to wrap up your 2018 LRAC Operating Support Grant by filing your final report. **Deadline to file is December 15, 2018.**

Looking ahead to 2019

$52,500 will be awarded in the LRAC 2019 Operating Support Grant to Arts Organizations to help keep the lights on, insurance paid, staff benefits, and update the building, etc.

**Important Operating Support Grant Dates:**
- Grant Round Opens: November 1, 2018
- Grant Writing Webinar, **November 27, 2018 at 4:00 pm**
- **Operating Support Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, January 8, 2019**
- Grant Review, Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Find out if Your Arts Organization is Eligible

Register for the Operating Support Grant Writing Webinar

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LRAC Project Grants

Stay tune for the Fall Project Grant Announcement coming next month. $12,870 awarded to six grants.

**LRAC Spring Project Grants will award $19,305.** Why not start working on your Spring Project Grant before the holiday season?

**Important Spring Project Grant Dates:**
- Grant Round Opens: November 5, 2018
- Grant Writing Webinar, **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 4:00 pm**
- **Spring Project Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, February 5, 2019**
- Grant Review, Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Register for the Project Grant Writing Webinar
Spring Legacy Organization Grant Application

$104,533 to be awarded in the Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

LRAC is looking for great art opportunities; projects, exhibits, concerts, performances, workshops, presentations, artistic activities, etc. to be part of the 2019 Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

Arts organizations, non profit organizations, public institutions such as schools, colleges, universities, cities, towns and counties are all eligible to apply for LRAC Legacy Grants.

**Important Legacy Grant Dates to remember:**
- Grant Round Opens: January 7, 2019
- Grant Writing Webinar, *Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 4:00 pm*
- *Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, March 5, 2019*
- Grant Review: April 16, 2019 (mark your calendar if presenting)

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**Other Opportunities**

**McKnight Artist Fellowships for Writers**

2019 *McKnight Fellowship thru the Loft Literary Center*

Five $25,000 fellowships are awarded. McKnight Fellows are also entitled for additional reimbursement of up to $3,000 to attend a writing conference within their fellowship year.

One award in Children’s Literature alternates annually between writers for children under the age of eight and writers for older readers. Four fellowships alternate annually between writers of poetry/spoken word poetry and writers of creative prose. The awards this year are in Prose and Children Older Than Eight.

**Deadline: Friday, November 16, 2018, 11:59 pm.**

**To Learn More, Check out the Loft Literary Center**

**Minnesota Foundations 2019**

*Coming to Fergus Falls, December 18*

Whether you’re an executive director, a fund development staff person or a board member involved in fundraising, Minnesota Foundations 2019 is a great way to jump start your funding prospects for the coming year!

Part One: 1:00 to 2:45 pm will be a live broadcast from St Paul to locations across in the state including Fergus Falls. The focus will be on statewide giving priorities.

Part Two: 3:00 to 4:30 pm will focus on foundation from the WCI/LRAC region. Listen to onsite panels address local and region giving information.

- **Fergus Falls - December 18, West Central Initiative**
Registrations is $75 for MCN members, $125 for non members
Participants will receive a complimentary copy of MCN’s Minnesota Grants Directory 2019.

Click Here to Register for Minnesota Foundation 2019

LRAC Executive Director
Maxine Adams

Please contact the LRAC office for more information: 218.739.5780 or LRAC4@LRACgrants.org
LRAC4.org

Serving the LRAC region: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties.