LRAC News Brief

Public Review of LRAC Biennial Plan

The public is invited to hear a review the FY 20-21 LRAC Biennial Plan at the April 16, 2019 business meeting, which will start at 9:00 pm. Meeting will be held at the LRAC offices, 133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN.

The Biennial plan will outline how LRAC will prioritize our resources for the next two years. The plan's goals and outcomes are based on the feedback we received from over 170 responses to our Needs Assessment Survey.

Photo: LRAC Board members, grant review

Click Here to view LRAC Legacy Arts Give Back video

Cultural and Heritage Events

"Neither Wolf Nor Dog"
A Film @ A Center for the Arts
Saturday, March 9, 2019

RESCHEDULED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER: SECOND CHANCE SHOWING ON APRIL 6, 2019

This film, adapted from the acclaimed novel "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" by Kent Nerburn, follows a white author who gets sucked into the heart of contemporary Native American life in the sparse lands of the Dakota's by a 95 year old Lakota elder and his side-kick.

First published in 1994 and winner of the Minnesota Book award in 1996, no other novel is seen to so successfully bridge the gap between white America and the Native American world. The book continues to see excellent sales aided by a wide readership through academic use. Two sequel novels followed with equal acclaim.

The publisher, New World Library, estimates world-wide sales at around half a million copies with sales in Europe and in particular Germany being very strong.
The American Indian College fund said, "This is one of those rare works that once you’ve read it, you can never look at the world, or at people, the same way again."

**Featured Event**

**2019 FMVA BIG Art Show at the Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County**

For several weeks each spring, the art of participating FMVA members fills the lower level gallery at Moorhead's Hjemkomst Center—work from arts educators, emerging artists, and established artists. Statements from the artists describe their inspirations and techniques, and a reception offers the public an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists. Participants are members of FMVA, and each submits one work for the show. This show is hosted by the Historical Cultural Society of Clay County. Due to the amount of entries, artwork and frame cannot exceed 40 inches wide.

Join The Hjemkomst Center for the FREE opening reception of the FMVA BIG Art Show on Tuesday, April 16, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. We’ll be celebrating another year of fantastic local art with one of our community’s biggest local art gatherings. Admission is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

**Hours:**
- Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
- Sunday: 12:00PM - 5:00PM
- Tuesday Nights: 5:00PM - 8:00PM

**Featured Event**

**April 25 Nordic Folk Arts Festival**

Everything Nordic you can imagine, food, music, crafts and entertainment, will be at Nordic Folk Arts Festival, Thursday, April 25, in Alexandria, MN.

1-5 pm you can enjoy Lefse demonstrations, Scandinavian Music and Crafts, many other activities at select stores downtown.

5 p.m. Folk Music of Scandinavia by Paul Wilson and Mary Abendroth at the Andria Theatre
5:30 p.m. Screenings of Pioneer Public TV Postcards Documentaries, Andria Theatre
6:30 p.m. Questions with Postcards-Featured Artist Karen Jensen and Scandinavian Music at Garden Bar on 6th
7:30 p.m. Sami-Inspired Bracelet Making, Class Observation, Runestone Museum

Co-sponsored by:

[Click here for Facebook Event info](#)
Featured Artist

Sean Scott: "2019 Emerging Artist Award": Given by the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts

Local ceramic artist Sean Scott is being recognized as Emerging Artist for 2019 at the Annual gathering of NCECA, the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. This year’s conference will take place March 27-30 in Minneapolis, MN. He is one of six ceramic artists being given the honor of “Emerging Artist” for 2019. This award is meant to give exposure to individuals who are considered to be underrepresented on a national level. Each year the convention moves from city to city, last year it was in Pittsburg and there were over 6500 people in attendance.

Sean has exhibited his work locally and nationally and has participated in many educational activities. In addition, Sean and his wife Kate started “Pomme de Terre Pottery” in rural Battle Lake, MN in 2005. Sean produces beautiful and useful ceramic artworks of the highest quality, with details inspired by nature and tradition. “We moved to the area to be near family. We chose the name for our pottery because we are at the headwaters of the Pomme de Terre River near Stalker Lake”.

Sean believes that pottery is a beautiful and useful form of artistic expression, one that can be enjoyed every day in the home. “I love to share my passion for the ceramic arts and would like everyone to see and appreciate the great breadth of artistic expression that exists out there. Ultimately my artistic goals are to make sensitive and lovely pottery that can be used and appreciated on many different levels, I feel my best work is in front of me”.

Article written by Daniel Broten: Director of Henning Landmark Center

Pomme de Terre Pottery website

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

"6A Regional High School Art Exhibit"

Exhibit dates: March 18 - April 27, 2019
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Reception: Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 12 noon

The Lake Region Arts Council is proud to exhibit selected art work from this year’s High School 6A Minnesota State Visual Arts Exhibition and Competition. This is a yearly completion that showcases the best art work from high school students throughout the state. Students compete at a regional and then state level. Entries are judged on the quality of the art work and the student’s artist statement. Regional winners will go on to compete at the State 6A statewide competition.
Solo Gallery

BECKY ALBRIGHT:
GYOTAKU & FIBER ARTIST

Exhibit dates: April 10 thru May 31, 2019
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

"I am a long time resident of the Alexandria lakes area having been raised in Henning, MN. I graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. After retiring from my teaching career in the Alexandria school system I am now able to pursue my own visual and fiber art interests. The journey continues!

My current focus is making Gyotaku art incorporated with my fiber art. I use real Minnesota fish and the traditional Japanese gyotaku printmaking technique to create my unique one-of-a-kind fish art.

My art inspiration comes from nature and what surrounds me every day. Whether I am memorializing the beauty of fish through my Gyotaku fish rubbings or using Eco printing and fabric dyeing with leaves and flowers, my hope is to inspire people to better appreciate and take care of nature in every way."

LRAC Grant Announcements

LRAC 2019 Operating Support Grant Awarded

Eleven Arts organizations in the LRAC region were awarded 2019 Operating Support for the coming year, totaling $52,500. Click on the link below for the full announcement.

Watch for the official announcements in the coming months for:
- 2019 Spring Project Grants, $19,300
- 2019 Spring Legacy Grants, $141,976 to individuals, government and organization grants.

Click Here for the 2019 Operating Support Grant Announcement

LRAC Individual Grants

LRAC Career Development Grant
Apply for up to $1,200 for your artistic journey

Now's the time to wrap up your Career Development Grant. The grant is open to all disciplines for residents of the LRAC nine county region.

The Career Development Grant will pay for:
- Workshops, classes, one on one mentorships,
- Supplies, equipment, marketing, promotion,
- Travel, time, expenses while creating new work
To learn more about the application, watch the recorded Career Development Grant Writing Webinar.

**Important Dates:**
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019
- **Grant Review:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019
- **Grant Start Date:** After May 22, 2019

**Click Here to Watch the Career Development Grant Writing Webinar**

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**LRAC 2019 Fellowship Grant**

*One $5,000 award to a Literary or Performance Artist*

The 2019 Fellowship Grant is open to Literary and Performance disciplines this year. The grant recognizes, rewards and honors one person for their outstanding work in the field and in the LRAC region over the past five years.

*Note: the Editing Services will be available for the Fellowship Grant narrative.* Please contact the LRAC office if you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity.

To learn more about the application, watch the recorded Fellowship Grant Writing Webinar.

**Important Dates:**
- **Last Day for Editing Services:** Friday, April 26, 2019
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019
- **Grant Review:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019
- **Grant Start Date:** After June 19, 2019

**Click Here to watch the Fellowship Grant Writing Webinar**

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**LRAC Organization Grants**

**LRAC 2019 Fall Grant Round Preview**

LRAC Fiscal Year 2019 grant program is winding down in April with the Spring Legacy Grant Review on April 13 and April 16, 2019.

Now's the time to start planning for your next round of grant application. Check out the deadline dates for the Fall Grant Rounds.

**Fall Project Grants for Organizations**
- Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, July 30, 2019
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019
- Grant Review, Tuesday, October 15, 2019

**Fall Legacy Organization Grants**
- Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, August 20, 2019
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019
- Grant Review, Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board
FY 2020 Artist Initiative

The Artist Initiative grant program is designed to support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota.

There are two deadlines for the FY 2020 Artist Initiative grant application, depending on the discipline:
- **Literary Arts and Performing Arts:** Friday, April 26, 2019
- **Visual Arts:** Friday, June 28, 2019

McKnight Fellowship Opportunities
Two Upcoming Applications Due Soon

The state wide McKnight Fellowship Programs are managed by various artist organizations. Here’s a list of some of the upcoming application deadlines and links to their sites.

**Playwright Center**

#1 The McKnight Theater Artist Fellowships at the Playwrights’ Center recognize theater artists other than playwrights. The intent of the program is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Three $25,000 fellowships are intended to significantly advance recipients’ art and careers. The theater artist fellowship is open to actors, directors, dramaturgs, stage managers and theatrical designers (including puppetry). It is also open to choreographers and composers whose main body of work is in theater.

Deadline to apply is **Friday, April 11, 2019.**

**Northern Clay Center**

#2 The McKnight Artist Residency for Ceramic Artists program, in its 22nd year at NCC, intends to recognize and support ceramic artists whose work demonstrates exceptional artistic merit, who have already proven their abilities, and are at a career stage that is beyond emerging. Up to three, 3-month residencies will be awarded in 2019, to take place during the 2020 calendar year, through a competitive application process. NCC will invite...
one or two other artists through a nominative process.

Each resident artist will receive a $6,000 award (for a three-month residency), studio space provided at no cost, and a glaze and firing allowance. During the residency, each artist will present a public lecture/workshop, for which he or she will receive an additional honorarium. At the culmination of the grant period, recipients will be featured in a catalogue and group exhibition at Northern Clay Center. The exhibition will travel to 3 – 5 sites around the state of Minnesota. Recipients are also required to submit a final report at the end of the grant period.

Deadline to apply is **Friday, May 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

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**Jerome Foundation**  
Two Grant Opportunities

**Film, Video, and Digital Production Grant**

This program provides grants to individual filmmakers to support specific projects, both short and full-length, for production and select post-production expenses (not pre-production, or marketing, distribution, or festival fees). The program also does not fund retroactively: only costs incurred after the grant is awarded and a grant contract is signed will be supported.

The awards of up to $30,000 do not require matching funds. This program is offered every two years. Funds awarded can be used between October 31, 2019 and October 31, 2021.

**Application Deadline: May 1, 2019, 4:00 pm**

[Click Here for more information](#)

**Textile Center Fiber Artist Grant**

Textile Center partners with Jerome Foundation in selecting emerging fiber artists based in Minnesota for individually designed project grants that inform and advance artistic development in the creation of new work. Together, Jerome Foundation and Textile Center support and celebrate the creative spirit of fiber artists and welcome applications from artists representing diverse cultural perspectives.

**Three $6,000 project grants will be awarded**, as well as additional professional development opportunities at Textile Center for the winning applicants. The grant awards include exhibition planning and implementation, culminating with a final show of the artists’ new work during May and June, 2020.

**Application Deadline: May 10, 2019, 11:59 pm**

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LRAC Executive Director
Maxine Adams

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

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