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What's In This Issue?

**Small But Noteworthy**
An Art Crawl February 16 & 17 in Little Falls

**ARTS = BIG IMPACT in Morrison County**

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**Small But Noteworthy: An Art Crawl February 16 & 17 Little Falls, MN**

**Small Art. Big Ideas.**

Resembling an art crawl, yet between small and medium sized arts venues in our community, Little Falls.
Performances include music, spoken word, and projection art. Art featured for this event is all small and easy to possess (maybe even hug). Food is heart warming, and the conversation will be infused with vigor.

For more information, venue locations and schedule of events visit: [http://www.heidijeub.com/](http://www.heidijeub.com/)

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**Creative MN 2017: Morrison County Reveals Large Impact of Arts & Culture**

**New Creative Minnesota 2017 Study of Morrison County Reveals Large Impact of Arts & Culture on Local Economy**

As the most comprehensive report ever done of the state's creative sector, Creative Minnesota 2017 fills in the gaps of available information about Minnesota's cultural field and seeks to improve our understanding of its importance to our quality of life and economy. Creative Minnesota 2017 quantifies the impact and needs of Minnesota's artists and creative workers and nonprofit arts and culture organizations. The report includes both new, original research and analysis of data created by others.

Read the full article [here](http://www.heidijeub.com/).

All Creative Minnesota research is available for free at [CreativeMN.org](http://www.heidijeub.com/).

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**Notice to FWAC Grant Applicants**

Grant applications for projects beginning BEFORE July 1, 2018 can no longer be accepted in the following grant programs:

- Community Arts Access Project Support Grants
- Small Grants
- Individual Artist Project Grants
- Individual Artist Professional Development Grants

Application forms for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2018 will be available by March 15, 2018.

View more information [here](http://www.heidijeub.com/). For further information please call 877-654-2166 or email [vicki.fwac@arvig.net](mailto:vicki.fwac@arvig.net)

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**Sprout Growers & Makers Request Proposals for Commissioned Art**
Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace in Little Falls is commissioning art that will reside at the Sprout Marketplace to allow for ongoing conversation and appreciation of diverse cultural heritage. We are now accepting proposals from local artists to create an original work, within the artist's discretion, that is of a suitable subject matter, nature and medium for public display.

For more details and information on how to submit a proposal download a copy of the RFP [here](#).

Questions? Call Dawn Espe at 218.893.6013

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**What's Your BIG Idea?**

Do you or your organization have an IDEA to build a MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY and/or BUILD TOURISM INDUSTRY that protects natural and cultural resources? Want to connect your community project with University partners?

Fill out an Idea Brief to start the conversation. The Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership (CRSCP) is seeking your IDEA BRIEF to learn about your work and to consider you as a possible Community-University partner. [Project Idea Briefs](#) are due by March 1, 2018. Once submitted, a regional Executive Director will follow-up with you soon. Funded projects will begin implementation summer 2018.

Read the full story [here](#).

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**Mark Your Calendars! MN Citizens For the Arts, Arts Advocacy Day**

**Tuesday March 6, 2018 | Sign up at [www.artsmn.org](http://www.artsmn.org)**

Join your fellow arts advocates from across Minnesota for the arts community's annual day of action. With new legislators and new committee leadership controlling arts funding in the Minnesota Senate, Arts Advocacy Day is an opportunity to educate and make new friends of the arts at the State Capitol.
Upcoming Events

The Brainerd Writer's Alliance Presents:

Diane Schlagel
"The Price of New Shoes, An Older Sister's Journey"

Feb. 24, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. to Noon Sage on Laurel, 606 Laurel St, Brainerd, MN 56401

For more information about Diane, and the Brainerd Writer's Alliance click here.

FY18 Grant Opportunities

Five Wings Arts Council provides funding to organizations and artists in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison or Wadena counties. A variety of grant programs are available to produce, present, and/or promote arts projects in Region Five.

The FWAC staff is ready and willing to assist applicants in providing feedback about project ideas and pre-review your grant application. Read on to find out more about each of our grant programs. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Chepulis, Grants & Program Coordinator, at 877-654-2166 or vicki.fwac@arvig.net.

Overview of FY18 Grant Information

Links to Grant Guidelines:
Community Arts Access Project Grants
School Arts Project Grants
General Operating Support Grants
Individual Artist Grants

Other Opportunities and Resources

- Minnesota State Arts Board
- Jerome Foundation
- McKnight Foundation
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Springboard for the Arts
- Learn about ArtPlace America's National Creative Placemaking Fund and sign up to receive updates on the 2017 call for proposals