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The Crossing Arts Alliance Presents The Cherrywood Challenge
Imagine a room filled with purple fabric art. All the same size. All the same fabric. All the same color. All inspired by Prince and the huge legacy he left behind. As Minnesotans, Prince was one of ours, and his impact can be seen everywhere in the state.

Cherrywood Fabrics is a Brainerd, Minnesota business that manufactures Hand-Dyed fabric for the quilting, garment, and fiber art industries. It was only natural to choose "The Purple One" as the theme for their annual Fiber Arts Contest. A dramatic collection of "quilts" were selected from 388 entries that came in from all over the world.

It is hard to believe that these 20-inch pieces are made entirely by hand out of fabric, thread, fibers, ribbon, beads, etc. The variety of techniques is incredible—who knew you could do that with fabric?! You will want to study each one closely after you take in the dramatic impact of the whole collection.

You will see Purple Rain, Raspberry Beret, Little Red Corvette When Doves Cry, Paisley Park, First Avenue and countless other references to Prince's life, music and home.

[Link to Lakeland Public TV feature]

**Crossing Arts Alliance Regular Hours:**
Tuesday - Friday 10 am to 5 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Free will donation to The Crossing Arts Alliance strongly encouraged for bringing you this exhibit.

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**Cone Zone Block Parties Take Disruption out of Construction**

**When:** Thursday, June 06  
**Where:** Wood street/ 1st Ave (between Broadway and Kidder street)  
**Cost:** FREE

This summer Little Falls is experiencing construction disruption in the main traffic areas of the city, particularly impacting downtown.

In an effort to mitigate the impact on business traffic and citizen's patience, a group of motivated citizens, with help from the City, the CVB, and many other sources have organized Thursday night Cone Zone Summer Block Parties.

The first Cone Zone Block Party of the summer will feature on the Midwest's
favorite performing groups, The Johnny Holm Band, along with lots of other activities. Check out the schedule and plan to attend!

What's happening all day:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Free Youth Football Camp at the Little Falls High School

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Former MN Viking Meet & Greet at the A.T. The Black & White

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Block Parties begins with food vendors and other fun activities including Rock wall, Military Museum D-day display, face painting and more!

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM | The Johnny Holm Band Concert. FREE to attend. VIP tickets are available.

10:00 PM - 11:30 PM | Blind Joe performing at the Falls Bar

Great American Think Off is Back-Philosophy and Party-What Could Be Better?

Saturday, June 8th at 7:00 PM
New York Mills School Auditorium

Immediately After Debates, Everyone is invited to celebrate at the Cultural Center
24 Main Avenue South

The Great American Think-Off, now in its 27th year, is an annual philosophy contest held in New York Mills, MN, and hosted by the New York Mills Regional Cultural
This year’s question addresses a topic that is both timely and timeless: *To vote or not to vote: does it matter?*

This year the Great American ThinkOff finalists debate why it matters, or why it does NOT matter to cast your vote during election season.

The two finalists in favor of voting and behind its power are Louise Mengelkoch of Oregon, and Jen Nelson of Minnesota. Rebutting against our pro-voters are David Lapakko and Rick Brundage, both from Minnesota.

The audience is invited to a Post-Think-Off Party at the Cultural Center immediately after the GATO event. For more info contact: 218-385-3339

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**Job Opportunities at Great River Arts**

Are you looking for a new career or know someone who is? Great River Arts in Little Falls is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Marketing Specialist
- Event Assistant
- Fund & Grant Development Officer

For a detailed overview of the open positions and qualifications required please visit: [www.greatart.org/job-opportunities](http://www.greatart.org/job-opportunities)

Interested candidates for any of the positions should submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to Michelle Kiley, interim executive director at [michelle@greatart.org](mailto:michelle@greatart.org). Resumes will be reviewed, beginning Friday April 19th and will continue until the position is filled. Contact our offices should you have additional questions about the current job openings at GRA (320-632-0960).

**Additional Opportunities at GRA:**

Great River Arts is currently seeking three to four artists interested in providing art demonstrations during the upcoming community Block Party in August. Art disciplines can be anything from visual to performance. A small stipend is provided ($50-$100) for the artists’ time. Booths and/or a table can be used as well.

For more information please contact:
Michelle Kiley
Interim Executive Director, GRA
Email: [michelle@greatart.org](mailto:michelle@greatart.org)
Phone: 320-632-0960

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**The Crossing Arts Alliance 2019 Salute to the Arts**

**Salute to the Arts Opening Reception:**
Friday, June 14th
5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Crossing Arts Gallery
**Exhibition Dates:** June 14 - July 6, 2019

**About the Event:**
Salute To The Arts is a well-received and energizing annual judged exhibition held at The Crossing Arts Alliance Gallery that highlights exceptional, fresh, new work from area artists. TCAA is looking for your best work yet from the past year! All mediums will be considered, including, but not limited to painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, fiber, and sculpture.

Artwork will be judged by the Crossing Arts Gallery Committee, and our judge, Casey Hochhalter. He will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash awards for selected pieces.

For more information visit The Crossing Arts Alliance website at: [www.crossingarts.org](http://www.crossingarts.org)

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**Brainerd Writers Alliance Writing Contest**

The 2019 Brainerd Writers Alliance Writing Contest Submissions Are Open Now Until June 22, 2019.

**Categories:**

**Fiction:** 2500 word limit. 
Tips: Stories need a strong hook to get the reader into the first scene; good development of character and scene interwoven with action; clear rising action to a turning point and resolution; consistent point of view; theme or story idea is clear by end.

**Creative nonfiction:** 2500 word limit. 
Memoir stories use fiction guidelines above but are based on actual events. 
Essay should concern an issue but still have a hook and be developed using examples, narrative, cause-effect, or comparison-contrast; rising action to a climax - arguments get stronger to the turning point; and come to a clear conclusion.

**Poetry:** 3 poem limit (each poem limited to maximum 40 lines). 
Poems need strong imagery that enhances the theme or emotion. Robert Frost said, "Poems should begin with delight and end with wisdom."

For more information visit the BWA website at: [https://brainerdwriters.com/writing-contest/](https://brainerdwriters.com/writing-contest/)

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**Toss off those body fears—Have Fun and Move It!**

**Saturday, June 1, 6:00 - 7:30** Sprout MN, 609 13th Ave NE Little Falls, MN 56345
Join Megg as she leads class participants in learning how to love their bodies and lead a fun, active lifestyle through the art of belly dance. Participants will connect with their bodies, and with other women in positive, and joyful ways that encourages thinking and moving. The participants will learn moving meditation, shadowing, creative movement, and low impact moves that make a large impact on their everyday lives.

Megg Shepard is passionate dancer of ATS® and Tribal Fusion, as well as a martial artist. She draws great inspiration from her French & Irish heritage, story-telling, and enchanting mythology of all sorts.

Make an evening of it- invite your friends, dance with Megg and, head out to dinner at The Black and White and then to Starry Eyed Brewery for a craft beer.

All are welcome- no previous experience required.

$5.00 Class Fee | Space is limited - REGISTER TODAY!!

Check out Belly dance by Megg for more classes and updates.

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**Wadena's Book Ends Features Lin Enger on June 8th**

Wadena County Historical Society's visiting author program, Book Ends, will feature Lin Enger on Saturday, June 8th 11 AM - 1 PM at Uptown Restaurant, 224 Jefferson St S Wadena

Lin Enger grew up in Minnesota, have spent most of his life in the state, and now lives in Moorhead, where he teaches English at Minnesota State University. Over the years Enger has received several awards for his fiction: a James Michener Fellowship, a Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowship, a Jerome travel grant, and a Lake Region Arts Fellowship. Enger received an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where he was a Teaching-Writing Fellow. Enger has written two novels; The High Divide (2014) and Undiscovered Country (2008). His short stories have appeared in Glimmer Train, Ascent, Great River Review, American Fiction, and other journals. During the 1990s with his brother, the novelist Leif Enger, he collaborated (as L. L. Enger) on the Gun Pedersen mystery novels.

Book Ends is a monthly program connecting writers with readers. On second Saturdays, we invite an author to be interviewed, read a short portion of his/her book, answer questions from the floor, and autograph/sell books.

This activity made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Call (218) 631-9079 for more info.
Sing, Dance, and Eat
Scandinavian at Nisswa-stämman
Scandinavian Folk Music Festival
June 7 & 8

Nisswa-stämman Scandinavian Folk Music Festival celebrates their 20th Anniversary on June 7 & 8, 2019 in Nisswa, MN. Over 150 folk musicians and dancers from throughout the U.S. and Scandinavia will perform from 10 am until 5 pm in 6 different venues in the Norway pine studded Nisswa Pioneer Village.

Scandinavian style instrumental, singing and dance workshops, featuring top level musicians from Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway will take place on June 7, 2019 in and around Nisswa, Mn. You must sign up in advance for these. Sessions are 1-3/4 hours long. The first one starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 11:45 a.m. The second one starts at 1:15 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Cost for the sessions is $30 each.

For more information click here. OR contact Janet Hill at janethillnew@gmail.com.

The Friday night concert on June 7 features a grand sampling of over 25 folk musicians from Scandinavia sharing one stage. After the concert there is a dance featuring some of the same musicians at the American Legion Club in Nisswa. Tickets are $15 adults available at the door.

A musicians parade starts out Saturday's events, with performances and workshops happening throughout the day. A large children's activity tent keeps children engaged all day long. Scandinavian themed food is available on the grounds.

After the festival ends a delicious Scandinavian smörgåsbord is available followed by a dance, all at the Nisswa American Legion club.

Event admission is $15 adults, $5 children.

For more info check out the website: https://www.nisswastamman.org/
Or contact them at: nisswastamman@gmail.com

Link to Brainerd Dispatch Story on Festival
Save The Date!
Nisswa Viking Festival | August 24, 2019

Saturday, August 24th
Pioneer Village in Nisswa
Family Friendly
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Travel back in time as you walk through an encampment from the Viking Age (700-1066 AD). Professional and local reenactments done by local actors that will demonstrate crafts from the period such as woolgathering, blacksmithing, chain mail making, spring-pole lathe work, open fire cooking, archery, board game construction, jewelry making, and fiber arts such as spinning and weaving. Everyone can have an opportunity to try your hand at several crafts as well as play some Viking games. A children's area will provide kids with hands-on experiences specifically for them. The Vikings will also demonstrate the weapons they used and participate in mock battle. They'll engage the audience in a variety of ways, which may include cheering for a champion or allowing self-selected kids to push over a line of Vikings arrayed behind a shield wall. Visit www.nisswavikingfestival.com or find them on Facebook!

The Art of Joseph Kiselewski
Newly Completed Website

Take a moment to visit the newly completed website showcasing the sculpture art created by local artist, Joseph Kiselewski. Originally from Browerville, MN Joseph would find himself first at the Minneapolis School of Art, and then alone in New York City. His mentor and first employer, Lee Lawrie was an influential and productive sculptor. The statue of Atlas in New York City's Rockefeller Center is one of his most prominent works. After winning the acclaimed Beaux Arts Prize, he then went on to live in Paris to begin his Beaux Arts Fellowship. Again, Kiselewski would win another award for his work, the Prix de Rome given to only 5 students each year. This awe-inspiring, breath-taking account of one man's journey to do what he loves regardless of encountering setbacks and more, visit the Art of Joseph Kiselewski to read his autobiography and view his work.

Additional Arts Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board FY 2020 Artist Initiative Grant Application
Deadline June 28th, 2019

The FY 2020 Artist Initiative grant program is now open for application. The FY 2020 Artist Initiative Program Overview and Application Instructions are available on the Minnesota State Arts Board website. 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. Grants will be awarded for projects that will enhance or expand the applicant's artistic skills or process, and advance the applicant's career by helping the artist generate greater visibility with and exposure to the public. Visit minnesotarts.com for more information.
FWAC Seeking a Representative from Cass County

Are you interested in helping people have access to arts experiences in our region? That’s exactly what members of the Five Wings Arts Council board of directors do as representatives of their home county and you might be a perfect fit for this responsibility.

Five Wings Arts Council is currently seeking a representative from Cass County to serve a three year term on its board of directors. Council members are charged with setting policy, as well as approving funding programs and services designed to improve the lives of the people in Region Five through arts and culture projects. They also review and make funding award decisions about grant applications submitted to the council. The volunteer board of directors meets 10 times per year, and is compensated for mileage to board meetings.

Council member candidates should have experience participating in, advocating for, and/or supporting the arts. Anyone interested serving in this capacity should submit a letter of interest stating their expertise, and resume to: Five Wings Arts Council, PO Box 118, Staples, MN 56479 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Questions? Call 877-654-2166.

For more information about serving on the FWAC board of directors click here.

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 FY19 Grant Information

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

Other Opportunities and
Resources

- Minnesota State Arts Board
- Jerome Foundation
- McKnight Foundation
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Springboard for the Arts