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Laura Hansen: Accepted to be on the Creative Aging Roster of Teaching Artists

CONGRATULATIONS!
Master Artist Delina White is Star Tribune's Artist of the Year

Her Super Power: Translating traditional art forms, including beadwork, into wearable fashion.

Star Tribune’s Jenna Ross notes, "Delina White was 6, living in a two-room, tarpaper shack on Leech Lake, when her grandmother taught her how to bead. Today, at 55, she riffs on woodland floral patterns rooted in her Anishinabe heritage, designing beaded bandolier bags."
"But the curators were interested in an 1800s design
White re-created from an old book: a thunderbird for
her son, a dancer whose Native name means "lightning
going around in a circle."
"I wanted to make sure he has that connection to his
clan and to his relatives," she said.

"The beading is intricate, traditional. White, an enrolled
member of the Minnesota Chippewa tribe, also plays
with form. This summer, her label I Am
Anishinaabe staged a fashion show at the Walker Art
Center for a new line of gender-fluid clothing, including
ribbon shirts rather than skirts, for people who identify
as Two-Spirits, or nonbinary."

Delina was included in the Haute Couture Fashion
Show at the Santa Fe Indian Market. She
also partnered with well-known Swedish designer Gudrun Sjödén on a line of bags and
dresses.

Read the full article.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Laura Hansen is on
Lifetime Arts:
National Leaders in
Creative Aging

Lifetime Arts connects the
people, funding, ideas and
strategies necessary to
increase the number and
quality of professional arts
programs for older adults. By
helping to develop policy,
sharing best practices and
providing expert technical
assistance in the design,
funding and implementation of
creative aging programs, we
help organizations and
individuals build livable communities for all ages.

Now on the Creative Aging Roster Laura's artistic disciplines include: Creative Non-Fiction, Memoir, Poetry. Visit her Lifetime Arts teaching page HERE.

CONGRATULATIONS! LAMF
Receives Prestigious Grant from
the National Endowment for the
Arts

The Art Works grant program provides financial
support to distinguished organizations in various artistic fields in regards to artistic
excellence. The Lakes Area Music Festival is one of only six organizations in
Minnesota, and the only non-metro organization, to receive this award. Thank you to
our amazing musicians and our many important supporters who made this award possible!

**ALSO: Don't Miss LAMF On the Road - Minnesota Orchestra**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

Join LAMF as they hit the road to Minneapolis to see a performance by the Minnesota Orchestra!

Your ticket will include:
- Coach bus service from Brainerd to downtown Minneapolis;
- Ticket to the MN Orchestra performance, complete with complimentary donuts and coffee, featuring music by Ravel, Bartok, and Di Castri;
- Lunch with Orchestra musicians at the Local.

*We will be confirming tickets numbers with the Orchestra on Monday. To ensure your seat please reserve your seat this weekend!*

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**Celebrating the Seasons art by Kathy Braud**

**Art Reception on February 6, 2020**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Great River Arts  
122 1st St.SE  
Little Falls, MN

On display in the Great River Arts gallery from January 7th through February 29th, is Kathy Braud's 40 piece watercolor-watermedia exhibition. Everyone is invited to the opening art reception and to stop in during business hours to view the exhibit. The gallery is open Wednesday - Friday from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm & Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. There will be special art, music or play events happening some evenings also. This grouping of Kathy's original artworks span a long history of watercolor painting. Art on display spans 25 years of professional art painting.
Finding Your Voice Through Collage

Friday, January 31st
5:00pm - 7:30pm
TCAA Member: $30
Non-Member: $35
Class limited to 15 students

Join guest artist Martin Nelson, as he guides you through the process of finding your voice through the medium of collage. Step by step, you'll be instructed on how to create your own collage, from an initial idea to a finished piece of artwork. You will learn about creating artwork that stands out, makes a statement and tells a visual story. Starting with the main idea or theme, we will move into collecting imagery and building layers to create a strong composition within your work. You will get a chance to explore materials and different collage techniques, expanding on what you may already know about the medium. In the end, you will leave this class with the knowledge to express your story and voice through an artistic medium, new collage techniques, and the presentation of your finished artwork for displaying your artwork in your home.

Pre-registration is suggested for this class.

You may use the link:
https://the-crossing-arts-alliance.networkforgood.com/events/18281-finding-your-voice-through-collage
OR you are able to register on our website under the events tab
https://www.crossingarts.org/

You may also call TCAA to reserve 218-833-0416
January Growers & Makers Market

Saturday, January 25th, 2020
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sprout MN
609 13th Avenue NE, Door 8
Little Falls, MN

All are welcome to enjoy a live musical performance by Harper's Chord from 10AM - 12PM and local harpist, Colleen Austin, as well as free art activities at the Tiny School of Art & Design by local artist, Heidi Jeub.

Stop by the Sprout kitchen for a cooking demonstration with free samples. Come hungry to enjoy lunch and bar from Cabin Fever Saloon & Eatery - "13 Stills", while supplies last. Visit the Sprout MN Facebook Page for more information and a list of vendors.

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Bookends Features Laura Hansen

February 8, 2020
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
224 Jefferson Street South

Don't miss Laura Hansen at The Uptown for Book Ends. She will be reading from her latest book, "The Night Journey", her collection of poems and short-short stories with the feel of myth or fable that wend their way through the real and the imagined.

Laura Hansen is a regular contributor to regional magazines and literary journals. Her poetry has been featured on Lakeland Public Television, Northern Community Radio, and NPR. Her previous poetry chapbook, "Deja vu", was released by Finishing Line Press in the summer of 2017. Her latest book, "The Night Journey", is a collection of poems and short-short stories.
Book Ends is a monthly program connecting writers with readers. On second Saturdays, they invite an author to be interviewed, read a short portion of his/her book, answer questions from the floor, and autograph/sell books. The Uptown is located at 224 Jefferson Street South in Downtown Wadena.

Central MN Boys Choir Presents: Explorer Choir at Faith Lutheran Church

February 9, 2020
9:00 am to 10:30 am
Faith Lutheran Church
430 12th St NE, Staples, MN 56479

Join the Central MN Boys Choir on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

ADDITIONAL ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Grant Writing Workshops for Arts Initiative Grant Program

The Minnesota State Arts Board is hosting a series of grant writing best practices workshops around the state for the Artist Initiative program.

Arts Board program officer Sherrie Fernandez-Williams will guide participants in a hands-on, interactive workshop. An informative and educational learning experience, participants can expect to gain a comprehensive understanding of the Artist Initiative grant criteria and eligibility requirements, and will work in small groups to practice and discuss the skill of grant writing.

Contact Sherrie Fernandez-Williams, Program Officer
(651) 539-2672
Sherrie.Fernandez-Williams@arts.state.mn.us

The Artist Initiative grant program supports and assists professional Minnesota artists at various stages of their careers through encouraging artistic development, helping artists gain visibility with audiences, and strengthening career and professional skills. If you would like more information about the Artist Initiative grant program, please visit the Arts Board website.

MN State Arts Board Employment Opportunity: Engagement and Outreach Coordinator

The Arts Board has launched a search for an engagement and outreach coordinator. This important full-time position assists in increasing awareness, understanding, and participation in Arts Board program and services.

Well qualified applicants will have at least two years’ experience working in community outreach or engagement, excellent verbal and written communications skills, exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail, and a bachelor’s degree in arts, communications, marketing, or other related areas.
More details about the position, other required qualifications, and application instructions are available on the Arts Board's employment Web page: [http://www.arts.state.mn.us/about/employment.htm](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/about/employment.htm)

Applications must be submitted by **January 27, 2020**.

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**Call for Applications: Uptown Art Fair 2020**

Now in its 57th year, the award-winning Uptown Art Fair invites you to apply to join us August 7 - 9, 2020 in the heart of Uptown Minneapolis, MN.

The event footprint is located at the intersection of Lake and Hennepin, the center of a lively, upbeat business district and is the busiest intersection in the State of Minnesota. Over $2.1 million of art is sold during the festival with some artists sharing that the Uptown Art Fair is the most successful show of the season, and in some cases, of their career. Attendance was reported in 2019 of 375,000 over the three day event. Approximately 350 artists will be invited to exhibit this year.

**Application Deadline: February 15, 2020 - Midnight CST**

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**FWAC Seeking a Representative from Cass & Morrison Counties**

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 and Morrison Counties** 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](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/about/employment.htm).

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**FWAC 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

**ADDITIONAL ARTS RESOURCES**

Other Opportunities and Resources

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

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**DO YOU HAVE A NEWSLETTER IDEA?**

Are you an artist or an arts organization that is interested in being featured in the FWAC monthly newsletter? Contact Vicki at vicki.fwac@arvig.net for more information.