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On Display in the Main Gallery at Great River Arts: Gold Impressions by Bev Gold

CLOSING OCTOBER 27

Pierz artist Bev Gold brings a body of work that spans both years and genres.
Equally adept at realism, abstraction, portraiture, landscape and collage, Gold’s show is a menagerie of paint and color.

On display in the Main Gallery at Great River Arts in Little Falls, MN.

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**Brainerd Writer's Alliance Annual Book Fair & Conference**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Rumbly Hall, 707 Laurel Street

The public is invited to come check out the Book Fair portion for free from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

This year’s conference will feature Minnesota Book Award finalist Erin Hart, and author of Haunted Ground, Lake of Sorrows, False Mermaid, The Book of Killowen. The book fair will be ongoing with a long break during our buffet lunch, allowing time to browse book tables and visit with participating authors. New this year are door prizes and a brag board, not just for our members, but for all participants.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the Brainerd Writers Alliance 2018 Writers Contest! Contest winners are all Minnesota natives and several are FWAC grant recipients.

All winners are invited to read their award-winning work at the Brainerd Writers Alliance Conference and Book Fair, being held on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Rumbly Hall, 707 Laurel St., Brainerd, MN.

**Fiction Winners**

Judged by Erin Hart of Minneapolis, MN

1. "Coopersville Rising" by Becky Flansburg of Baxter, MN

2. "Not a Quitter" by Marilyn Bos of North Mankato, MN

Honorable Mention: "At the Core" by Joe Prosit of Brainerd, MN

**Creative Nonfiction Winners**
Judged by Niomi Phillips of Park Rapids, MN
1. "The Man on the Hill" by Thaddeus McCamant of Frazee, MN
2. "Consenting" by Melissa Birch of Pequot Lakes, MN
Honorable Mention: "Babies, Midwives, and the End of the World" by John Hurd of North Mankato, MN

Poetry Winners
Judged by Bruce Eastman of Brainerd, MN
1. "Ancient Snowstorm" by Charmaine Donovan of Brainerd, MN
2. "Deception and Disguise" by Laura Hansen of Little Falls, MN
Honorable Mention: "Muse Comes Home Disguised as a Sentence" by Tracy Rittmueller of Sauk Rapids, MN

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Photo Club And Writers Groups Join Forces

Don't miss your chance to check out PHOTOWRITE. This unique display at The Crossing Arts Alliance is available to view until November 3rd.

About PHOTOWRITE:

Photographers from the Focalpoint photo club of Brainerd and members of the Brainerd Writers Alliance and the Heartland Poets have joined forces to present a project entitled PHOTOWRITE, to be exhibited at the Crossing Arts Alliance (711 Laurel Street) beginning on Oct. 9, through November 3.

Several images from members of Focalpoint were offered to writers from the two writing groups, asking them to write an original poem or a short prose piece inspired by those images. Within six weeks, all the writing was completed and sent to the photo club, who then mounted each photo and text on foamboard. The photos, ranging in size from 8 by 10 to 16 by 20, include such themes as patriotism, wildlife, water, memorials, still life, and architecture. The writers responded in kind with poems and prose stories that followed those ideas. Poems were limited to 40 lines, and any prose could be no more than a single page of text.

A book containing the entire project is being developed that will be available to the public. Profits from the book will be shared by all participating organizations.

Interested in learning more? The Focalpoint Photo Club meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Northland Arboretum, beginning at 6:30. The Brainerd Writers Alliance meets on the third Saturday of the month at the Brainerd Library, starting at 10 am. The Heartland Poets meet the first Saturday of each month at the Brainerd Library, starting at 10 am.

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Open Call For Projects: 7th Annual Creative City Challenge

Does your city have an idea that centers around community art? The Arts, Culture and the Creative
Economy Program of the City of Minneapolis in collaboration with The Commons and Northern Lights, MN and the Northern Spark festival, announce the seventh annual Creative City Challenge based on the theme: "We Are Here."

Entries are being accepted now through November 26, 2018

About the Creative City Challenge:
The Creative City Challenge is conceived as a showcase for local creative talent: Minnesota-resident architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners, engineers, scientists, artists, students and individuals of all backgrounds to create and install a temporary, destination artwork, which acts as a sociable and participatory platform for 4 months. Three finalists will receive $2,500 to create full proposals. The winning Creative City Challenge proposal will receive a $50,000 commission to execute the project.

For more details visit the Creative City Challenge website here.

FREE Workshop Opportunities for Artists: Artist Workshop Series

MAKE IT HAPPEN!
AN ARTIST WORKSHOP SERIES ON HOW TO CONCEIVE, PREPARE AND EXECUTE A CREATIVE PROJECT.

These artist-led workshops will explore steps for how to imagine, write about and produce a creative project, and how to take care of yourself along the way. Special attention will be paid to the needs of temporary, participatory, public art projects for Northern Spark and other events. Artists working in all disciplines are welcome.

ARTISTS ARE WELCOMED TO ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THE WORKSHOPS. TUITION IS FREE! PLEASE REGISTER HERE.

Brainstorming & Vision
Date: Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018
Time: 6pm-8pm
Location: Model Cities, Reading Room, 839 University Ave W
Saint Paul, MN 55104
Presenters: SEE MORE PERSPECTIVE & Kashimana Ahua

Crafting a Pitch
Dates: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018
Time: 12pm-2pm
Location: Minneapolis American Indian Center, 1530 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55404
Presenters: Lula Saleh & Pa Na Lor

Project Realization
**Kringle Market at The Crossing Arts Alliance Opens November 10th**

Are you looking for special gifts this holiday season to give to family and friends? Support your local artists and shop local!

Everyone is invited to join The Crossing Arts Alliance for a fun-filled Holiday art market. The Kringle Market opens on Saturday November 10th. Join TCAA from 10:00AM to 4:00PM for hot cider, treats, live music, and an amazing selection of artist-created art and fine craft perfect for unique holiday gift-giving.

Kringle Market runs through December at The Crossing Arts Alliance located at 711 Laurel Street in downtown Brainerd. Hours are Tuesday - Friday 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturdays 10:00 to 2:00.

Want a sneak peek and a chance to win wonderful door prizes? Crossing Arts Members can join us for a members-only event on Friday November 9th from 5:00 to 7:00. Memberships start at $35 and can be purchased at the door. Find more details here: https://www.facebook.com/events/2115041372082729/

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**FWAC Seeking Board Members**

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 representatives 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
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