



FIVE WINGS
ARTS COUNCIL
**Arts News &
Opportunities For YOU!**

****Board Meeting Change:** The monthly FWAC Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 5:00 PM at the FWAC office in Staples, MN instead of its usual 4th Tuesday (February 28th) meeting date. This is a one time only change.

[Click here to check out area arts events!](#)



Rumor Has It...

What would happen if the National Endowment for The Arts (NEA) was no longer funded? With the current talk in the news about possible funding cutbacks for the NEA and other arts related organizations, it's always good to take a look at the facts. Read the full story [here](#).

What's In This Issue?



[Congratulations to the Lakes Area Music Festival](#)

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Arts Advocacy Day is February 28th, 2017 | Mark Your Calendars

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts works to increase arts funding by bringing arts advocates to the State Capitol to talk to their legislators about the importance of the arts to our lives and our economy. Every year about 500 arts advocates join together for a rally at the Minnesota History Center Auditorium in the morning, split up into teams with experienced leaders and walk together to legislator offices to educate them about the arts in their communities and ask them to support arts funding.



Learn more about the big day and register to attend [here](#).

Congratulations to the Lakes Area Music Festival

**National Endowment for the Arts honors
local art organization with grant.**

According to a press release from the National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu, they have approved more than \$30 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2017. An Art Works grant of \$10,000 was awarded to the Lakes Area Music Festival. The NEA ArtWorks grant program focuses on the creation of art that meets a high standard of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, the strengthening of communities through the arts, and lifelong learning in the arts.



[Visit the Lakes Area Music Festival Website](#)

What's Left: Lives Touched by Suicide

The Crossing Arts Alliance, with Essentia Health, and Crow Wing Energized Mental Fitness presents the exhibition, "What's Left: Lives Touched by Suicide" for the month of February. This multimedia exhibit intends to create a proactive community dialogue about suicide and mental illness with a goal of reducing the stigma surrounding them.



February 3-24 at the Crossing Arts Gallery
For more information about the Crossing Arts Alliance and this exhibit click [here](#) .

Grant Information & Writing

Workshops

Organizations and Artists want to produce and present art?

This is your opportunity to learn about FWAC grant programs and how you can apply for money for your art projects. For more information and to register for workshops click [here](#). Questions? Call Vicki at 877-654-2166 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net.



Arts Organizations, Register Today!

Ignited Fundraising: Fundraising & Communications: Pulling it All Together | Saturday March 4th 9:30am -4:00pm

The last session of the 6 part series of fundraising workshops is on Saturday March 4th in Staples. For more information and to register go to www.fwac.org.



Call for Artists

Five Wings Art Council is seeking artists to exhibit in the Five Wings gallery. Accepting proposals for 2 dimensional, limited scale 3 dimensional art. Contact Vicki at 877-654-2166 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net for more information.



Seeking Board Members from Todd County

Searching for a way to get involved in your community?

FWAC is seeking board members to serve as representation for Todd County. If you want to help encourage the arts within your community, consider becoming a board member. For more information contact click [here](#). Or call 877.654.2166 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net.



Next Generation 2017 Digital Exchange Webinars

Spring Series: Reflections on The Rural Creative Placemaking Summit

Made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts and the McKnight Foundation, this powerful connection is designed to bridge conversations across the regions, sectors, and place-based philosophers that make the work of creative place-making essential to the future of rural places.

For more information about the Spring Series and to register click [here](#).



2017 Rural Arts and Culture Summit



The 2017 Rural Arts and Culture Summit is scheduled for June 6-8, 2017 at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

For more information and to register click [here](#).

Stay tuned for more information about the new FWAC scholarships.

Grant Opportunities

Need some cash?

Are you an artist living in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison or Wadena county? Grant funding is available for both individuals and organizations on an ongoing basis.

Community Arts Access Project Grants
School Arts Project Grants
General Operating Support Grants
Individual Artist Grants



For more information regarding deadlines and application process click [here](#).

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



- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to accept applications this fall. The NEA Big Read program will accept application this fall from nonprofit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs. Approximately 75 organizations across the nation will be selected to participate in NEA Big Read from September 2017-June 2018. NEA Big Read is a national program that broadens understanding for our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Organizations selected to participate in the program receive a grant (\$5,000-\$20,000), access to online training resources and opportunities, digital guides, and promotional materials. The application deadline is January 26, 2017. To learn more visit, http://www.neabigread.org/application_process.php