FWAC Call For Board Members

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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, Crow Wing, 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.

deTour Downtown Brainerd- You Can Help Make it Happen!

Brainerd Restoration, the City of Brainerd, Five Wings Arts Council and Region Five Development Commission are embarking on a creative placemaking initiative, deTour Downtown, that will attract visitors to Downtown Brainerd during a street reconstruction project that will create access difficulties for those businesses.

deTour Downtown will provide an incentive to come downtown by offering creative, family friendly activities in downtown Brainerd from July through September, 2018. Musicians, painters, muralists, even belly-dancers, plus outdoor games will be showcased this summer. The vision is to have downtown Brainerd filled with events that delight and surprise visitors there every weekend and on at least 2 nights per week.

You can help make these fun opportunities happen by supporting the social crowdfunding campaign that will start on June 1 and run through June 30th.

Watch the FWAC Facebook page for more information and a link to donate starting June 1st.

Besides getting the satisfaction of bringing arts to downtown Brainerd, when you make your investment, you’ll also be eligible for innovative and fun rewards.

Read on to find out more about a few of the activities that will be available this summer in downtown Brainerd. For more information contact Vicki at vicki.fwac@arvig.net or Dawn Espe at despe@regionfive.org.
Seeing Music, Hearing Canvas
Bruce Archer & Liesa Thill

Crowdfunding Need: $2000

Three visual artists and a musician will share an outdoor stage, each being inspired by and playing off the work of the other. The musician will play while the visual artists create original works on large canvases—a dialogue among artists working in their varied media. The audience will be drawn into the visual/musical jam session yet be free to move on and shop, grab a bite to eat or a drink, and return to see the progress. At the end of the performance, each visual artist will have created a one-of-a-kind piece that resonates with the musical performance that inspired and fueled it. Each piece will be displayed in a downtown business through the remainder of deTOUR Downtown, where the works will continue to draw interest and encourage visitors to frequent local businesses. The top three donors to the crowdfunding campaign will each receive one of the three art pieces in October 2018.

Family Games & Creative Fun
Cynthia Askerooth-Olson

Crowdfunding Need: $2500

Cynthia will put together an array of yard and table games, group art activities and more. These Family Fun Activities will be available to use during
events in Downtown Brainerd. Her plan includes Yard Yatzee, Twister, wire sculpturing, portable art tables and more!

Crow Wing Food Co-Op deTour Event Crow Wing Food Co-Op

Crowdfunding Need: $1500

Crow Wing County Co-op's annual farmer's market with an added twist of art and entertainment- demonstrations, exhibits, dancing, and more! Area organizations such as RREAL, Happy Dancing Turtle, as well as folk art, survival demonstrations, spinners and weavers and traditional dancing are just a sampling of what they have planned for July 28th.

Crossing Arts Mural Crossing Arts Alliance

Crowdfunding Need: $2500

TCAA has permission from building owners to do a mural on the entire brick wall that faces the alley between TCAA and the Koop building. Local artist, Tony Powers is developing a sketch that will have multiple sections and the public will be invited to come and paint in a section during a day or several-day events. Tony will first apply the template of the design, the public will paint it in, and then Tony will come back and "tighten up" the design to make it look professional and polished.
Downtown Belly Bliss
Belly Dancing with Megg

Crowdfunding Need: $1500

Megg specializes in improvisational dance with an emphasis on stage presence and contrasting intricate layers and phrasing. She began her dance journey in 2010 in Pine River and danced in parades, at events and festivals in the troupe Isis Moon.

Megg and her dance troupe will entertain viewers with dance and music. Audience members will also learn simple "body positive" dance moves. To learn more, visit http://www.bellydancebymegg.com/.

19th Annual Nisswa-stämman

June 8th and 9th, 2018

A celebration of Scandinavian and Scandinavian/American folk music here in northern Minnesota.

Nisswa-stämman Scandinavian Folk Music Festival, features 150 folk musicians performing on 3 stages, daylong dancing opportunities on two dance floors, dance instruction, a cultural children's activity tent, and great Scandinavian food...all under the shade of the majestic Norway pines of the Nisswa Pioneer Village in Nisswa, Minnesota.

For more information and schedule of events click here.

View the flyer for the event here.
CALL FOR ARTISTS

The MacRostie Art Center in Grand Rapids is accepting submissions for solo and group exhibition proposals.

Submissions for group and solo exhibition proposals are accepted between March 1st - June 1st, 2018. Artists will be notified of acceptance status on or before August 1st, 2018.

For more information and proposal guidelines click here.

Louie Anderson's "The Big Underwear Tour!" Great River Arts

Friday June 8th
7:30PM to 9:00PM

Great River Arts is proud to present "The Big Underwear Tour!" starring Emmy Award winning comedy legend Louie Anderson with special guest Jason Schommer on Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th at 7:30 PM at the Great River Arts Center in downtown Little Falls. For only two unforgettable nights Louie Anderson is making a rare tour stop in central Minnesota as he travels the country playing to sold out clubs, theaters and concert halls. All tickets are $35 General Admission. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 320-632-0960, in person at Great River Arts during office hours, or online at www.greatart.org.

Don't Miss This Opportunity to See the Van Gogh Quilt Exhibit - 10 Days Only

Imagine...200 blue quilts. All made by different people. All 20 inches square. All starting with the same color. All using Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabric (a Brainerd business). All taking inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh. All kinds of textile manipulation and embellishment used.

This is a rare opportunity to see so many works of fiber art in Brainerd. The visual impact is indescribable. A collector book is available at The Crossing. For more information about the exhibit click here.
You won’t want to miss this. Bring a friend!

Van Gogh Quilt Exhibit at The Crossing Arts Alliance located at:
711 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401
Tuesday - Friday 10-5:00
Saturday - Sunday 10-2:00 pm

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**Minnesota State Arts Board**

**Upcoming Evaluation Training Opportunity on July 10, 2018**

Wilder Research is hosting an upcoming arts evaluation training in St. Paul.

Art communicates ideas, experiences, and values. Evaluation is one way for artists to enhance the way that audiences engage with their work.

Wilder Research is offering a training to help artists and arts organizations evaluate the impact of their art and use evaluation to inform their arts practice. Participants will learn how to:

- Define and describe their approach, goals, and desired impact of their art;
- Write effective evaluation questions and gather credible, reliable data that will provide meaningful insights about their work; and
- Use the findings from their evaluation to report to funders or pursue new funding, inform programming, and communicate about the impact their art is having with their audiences.

This in-person training will take place in St. Paul on July 10, 2018. To learn more, including information about fees and registration, visit [https://bit.ly/2In0X0r](https://bit.ly/2In0X0r).

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**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 FY19 Grant Information](https://www.arts.state.mn.us/grantsoverview)

[Links to Grant Guidelines](https://www.arts.state.mn.us/grantsoverview)
Other Opportunities and Resources

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