



LRAC February Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

\$200 FOR TAKING LRAC SURVEY?

JANE WAS OUR WINNER LAST YEAR, THIS YEAR IT COULD BE YOU!

Your answers to the Needs Assessment Survey will help us understand what you value most and help us learn about your ideas for improvement.

Deadline to take survey is February 22, 2019 at 4 pm central standard time. Winner will be drawn at random and notified by email. Need not complete survey to win. LRAC Board members, employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to win. **Must be a resident of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse or Wilkin Counties.**



[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)



Cultural and Heritage Events

"BEYOND BOLLYWOOD: INDIAN AMERICANS SHAPE A NATION" The Hjemkomst Center through March 31, 2019 THIS EVENT IS FUNDED BY A LRAC/MN LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION

In the Western imagination, India conjures up everything from saris and spices to turbans and temples—and the pulsating energy of Bollywood movies. But in America, India's contributions stretch far beyond these stereotypes. From the builders of some of America's earliest railroads and farms to Civil Rights pioneers to digital technology entrepreneurs, Indian Americans have long been an inextricable part of American life. Today, one out of every 100 Americans, from Silicon Valley to Smalltown, USA, traces his or her roots to India. Breakthroughs in business, the arts, medicine, science, and technology, and the flavorful food, flamboyant fashion and yoga of India have become a central part of our national culture.



Beyond Bollywood: Indian Americans Shape the Nation is constructed as a panel-and-artifact exhibition created in collaboration with the Smithsonian's Asian Pacific American

Center. It explores the Indian American experience and the community's vital political, professional, and cultural contributions to American life and history; and the international focus is supplemented with HCSCC's multimedia components detailing the local faces of Indian American immigration to the Red River Valley. This latter effort has taken shape over the last two years in an oral history collaboration with the [Indo-American Association of the Great Plains](#).

Photo credit: An Indian immigrant worker harvests beets ca. 1907-1915

[Click Here for the "Beyond Bollywood" Website](#)



Featured Event

"LA TRAVIATA" and MORE..." at the Alexandria Performing Arts Center

THIS EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY LRAC/ARTS & CULTURAL HERITAGE FUNDING



The Central Lakes Symphony is proud to partner with the Minnesota Opera in presenting "LaTraviata and More...."

This concert will be performed on **Sunday, Feb 10 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Performing Arts Center on Pioneer Road in Alexandria. Seven members of the Minnesota Opera Company will be performing selected numbers from the opera.

Doors will open at 12:30 and Maestro Notes will be at 1:00 p.m. In addition, there will be an "Art Market" featuring members of the local Artists Guild from 1:00 p.m till 5:p.m. Social time follows the concert at approximately 4:00 p.m to meet members of the Opera.

Tickets available now at:

- Trumm Drug (Alexandria)
- Cherry Street Books (Alexandria)
- Carlson Music (Alexandria)
- Community Education (on line)

Fee: Adults: \$12 All Students: \$6.00

[Check out the CLSO website](#)



Featured Artist

Meghan Kirkwood: Photographer

Meghan L. E. Kirkwood is an Assistant Professor of Art at North Dakota State University where she teaches Photography and Foundations courses. She earned a B.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design in Photography in 2006 before completing her M.F.A. in Studio Art at Tulane University in 2009. She has received numerous fellowships, including funding to participate in



artist residencies through the National Parks Service, the Vermont Studio Center, and the Lakeside Lab (Iowa). Kirkwood's photography has been exhibited throughout the United States, Europe, and South Africa.

Kirkwood's photography interests range in scope from individual relationships to national histories to proposals for a landscape photography representative of Aldo Leopold's "land aesthetic." Her experiments with landscape images and research into the history of the genre represent a long-term interest in the ways artistic representations of land help generate and sustain values and attitudes toward the natural environment.

In tandem with her studio practice, Kirkwood also researches in the fields of African art and the history of photography. She holds an MA in Art History from the University of Kansas, where she researched African monuments designed and built by North Koreans, and a PhD in Art History from the University of Florida. Her dissertation examines the uses of landscape imagery by contemporary South African photographers.

Kirkwood is a native New Englander, and has lived in and worked in various states in the South and Midwest. She has also lived abroad for extended periods in Argentina, Germany, and South Africa. When not photographing or traveling, Kirkwood trains for and competes in marathons.

[Check out Meghan Kirkwood's website](#)



LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

"Artists Across MN" Exhibit

Exhibit dates: January 14 - February 28, 2019

Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5

137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Artists from all across Minnesota submitted work to be considered for LRAC/McKnight Main Gallery's "Artists Across MN Exhibit". Our Gallery Committee was challenged to select the best 20 pieces from over 160 submitted works of art. The final selections will feature a wide variety of art mediums, techniques, career levels and geographic representation.



The exhibit will open January 7 and close February 28, 2019. The gallery is open M-F from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed from noon - 1:00 pm for lunch). This is a great opportunity to see artists that are new to our region and see new work from our favorite local artists.

The following artists will be featured:

Marcia Haffmans, Minneapolis, 3D Visual art
Kathy Hagstrom, Fergus Falls, collage/painting
John Beaudine, Lake Park, photography
Kristi Kuder, Battle Lake, textile sculptor
Sarah Guy-Levar, Ely, painting
Ashley Nordan, Minneapolis, woodblock print
Laurie Borggreve, Minneapolis, mixed media
Vicky Radel, Norcross, encaustic painting
Diane F. LaMere, Plymouth, landscape painting
Paul Seifert, Vergas, painting
LeAnn Oman, Hermantown, painting
Alison Albrecht, Minnetonka, painting
Jewett Benson, Alexandria, painting

Ross Hilgers, Moorhead, ceramics
Jeffrey S. Thornton, Terrace, painting
Kim Bromley, Pelican Rapids, painting
Suyao Tian, St. Paul, painting
Mary Nagel Klein, Wayzata, painting

Photo credit: "Mennonite Boy" by Paul Seifert

[Check out the Artists Across MN Preview Video!](#)

Solo Gallery

Kate Andrews, Visual Artist
2018 LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant
Pelican Rapids, MN

Exhibit dates: February thru March 2019
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN



Art has always been a part of Andrew's life from visiting galleries and museums, watching the creations of friends and family and her own connections with creation. Andrews does not ever remember not looking at things and seeing something else in them, acorn were fairy hats, hollyhock flowers were beautiful gowns.

Andrews experiences the most pleasure when she creates art that pleases her and if someone else also sees that, she feels a kinship with them. "I am most drawn to forms of art where I can follow what the medium is doing and manipulate it for effect. Fluid acrylics allows you to interact with the paint as it moves on the canvas, adding, swiping, or blowing to expose what's at different layers in the paint. Well done this creates magical, organic and jaw dropping art and when not done well, it's mud. This interaction with the medium draws me in and out of the flow of time, creating a meditative, Zen experience." *Andrews*

Photo credit: "Bubbles from Below" Fluid Acrylics, Kate Andrews



LRAC Individual Grants

Spring Legacy Individual Grant Application

YES! Spring!

\$26,138 to be awarded in the Spring Legacy Individual Grant Round.

Start thinking about your Spring Legacy Grant application.
Begin doing your research now to prepare for the Spring LRAC Legacy Grant.

Important Legacy Grant Dates to remember:

- Grant Round Opens: January 7, 2019
- **Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019, 6:00 pm**
- **Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, March 5, 2019**
- Grant Review: April 16, 2019 (mark your calendar if presenting)



[Click Here to Watch the Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar](#)



Upcoming LRAC Grants for Individuals

Great Grant Opportunities in 2019



Could a LRAC Grant help move you forward this year? There are three grants available to individuals thanks to funding from The McKnight Foundation.

These grants focus on career development, artistic growth, creativity and discovery.

#1 Career Development Grant: apply for **up to \$1,200** to take a class, create new work, study one on one, advance your artistic career. Open to all disciplines in LRAC region. **Deadline: April 2, 2019**

Do you want to learn more about the Career Development Grant?

Join LRAC for the **Career Development Grant Writing Webinar** on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

It will be recorded for viewing any time at the LRAC4.org website.

Click on the link below to register for the free Career Development Grant Writing webinar.

#2 LRAC Fellowship Grant: one **\$5,000 grant** will be awarded in the **Literary or Performance disciplines** this year. This grant focuses on your artistic challenges and accomplishments from the last five years. **Deadline: May 7, 2019**

#3 Artist Quick Start Grant: apply for \$750 to study, work, create, or expand your artistic goals, open to all disciplines in LRAC region. **Deadline: August 6, 2019**

[Register for the Career Development Grant Writing Webinar](#)



LRAC Organization Grants

LRAC Spring Project Grants

Deadline is next Tuesday, time to wrap up that application!

\$19,305 will be awarded this Spring.

Apply for up to \$3,000 per grant to fund your organization's next artistic event, concert, workshop, artist residency.



Important Spring Project Grant Dates:

- **Spring Project Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, February 5, 2019**
- Grant Review, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- Spring Project Start Date: any time after March 20, 2019



Spring Legacy Organization Grant Application

\$104,533 to be awarded in the Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

LRAC is looking for great art opportunities; projects, exhibits, concerts, performances, workshops, presentations, artistic activities, etc. to be part of the 2019 Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

Arts organizations, non profit organizations, public institutions such as schools, colleges, universities, cities, towns and counties are all eligible to apply for LRAC Legacy Grants.



Important Legacy Grant Dates to remember:

- **Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, March 5, 2019**
- Grant Review: April 16, 2019 (mark your calendar if presenting)
- Grant Start Date: any time after April 17, 2019

Need more information?

Watch the recorded Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar in the comfortable of your own home or office on your device. Learn all the steps required to complete an application online.

[Check out the recorded Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar](#)



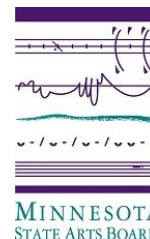
Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board, New Grant Year

Be sure to check out this year's grant deadlines

Are you or your arts organization thinking about applying for a MSAB grant in 2019? Be sure to check out the MSAB grant calendar.

Start by reaching out to the MSAB Program officer to pitch your idea , attend or watch their grant writing webinar, then submit your application early.



Next Up: The Arts Learning Grant, deadline is February 8, 2019

[MSAB Grant Calendar](#)

McKnight Artist Fellowships for Media Artists

Film North offers Four \$25,000 Awards



The goal of the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Media Artists program is to identify talented Minnesota media artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. This fellowship is for filmmakers, screenwriters, and other media artists.

The fellowship program supports established artists by providing significant financial assistance, by creating opportunities to meet with local and national art professionals, by organizing a public discussion panel featuring the fellows, by providing assistance to attend a professional conference in New York or Los Angeles, and by offering four free classes through FilmNorth during the fellowship year.

A fellowship can help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity; or work on a new project.

Application Deadline: March 11, 2019, 5:00 pm

[Click Here for more information](#)

**Northern Clay Center, Call for Scholarships to
Attend NCECA's "Claytopia" in Minneapolis, March 2019**



The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference is taking place in Minneapolis in March 27-30, 2019 .

The conference will provide valuable resources for artists, arts administrators, and students alike, informing participants about new trends in ceramic art through gallery exhibitions, demonstrations by professional artists, a resource hall, a fab lab featuring new and exciting technologies in clay, a Maker Space to share or learn a particular technique, a project space with a participatory project, and professional development sessions.

The list goes on! Additional information is available at nceca.net.

NCC is offering scholarships to a cross section of the arts community. Scholarships will pay for 50% of your four day conference.

To learn more, click on each link below:

- **[Greater Minnesota Artists \(Emerging and Mid Career\)](#)**
- **[Greater Minnesota Arts Administrators](#)**
- **[Greater Minnesota College Students](#)**

Application Deadline is March 1, 2109.

Additional information is available at nceca.net.



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