



June 2023

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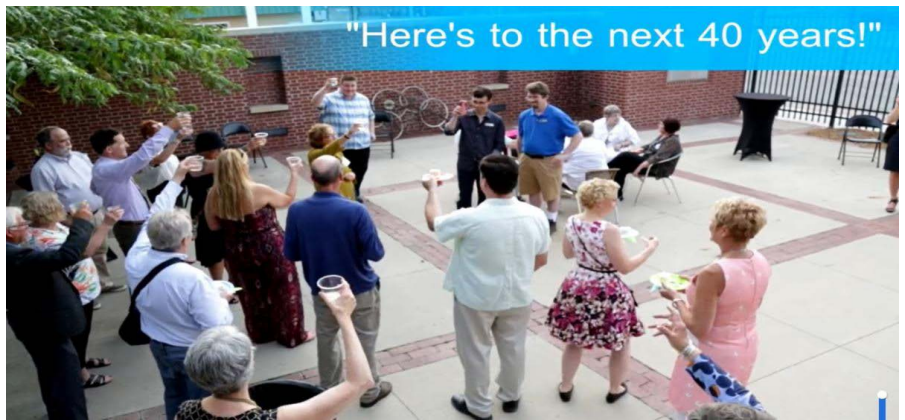
**Mary Beth Gilsdorf,
Detroit Lakes**

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ArtsNews!

46th LRAC Annual Meeting

July 31st at the Theatre L'Homme Dieu, Alexandria



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Office & Gallery
Closed

JUNE 1
JUNE 13 & 14
JUNE 27

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The public is invited to help us celebrate Lake Region Arts Council's 46th year. Our annual banquet will be held on Monday, July 31 at Theatre L'Homme Dieu, Alexandria, MN.

This is the evening when we recognize our retiring board members and celebrate the arts in the region. We will also honor the 2022 LRAC Fellowship recipient, Chris Walla, sculptor, Moor-

head, and the FY23 LRAC Fellowship recipient who will be chosen at the June 16 Board meeting.

Watch your email for a "Save the Date Invitation" and RSVP form.

Maxine Adams
Executive Director
Lake Region Arts Council

**Click here to revisit our
40th Annual Meeting Celebration, 2017**

The 23rd Annual Art & Craft Experience

Location: Downtown Detroit Lakes

Friday, June 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

Fee: Varies

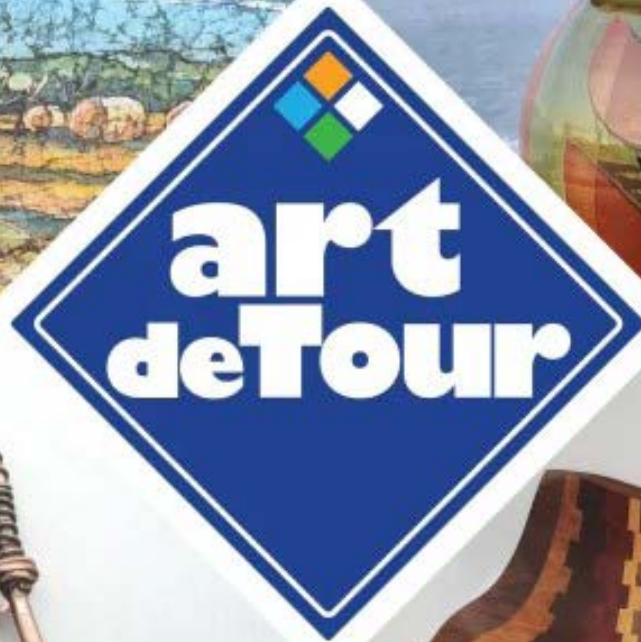
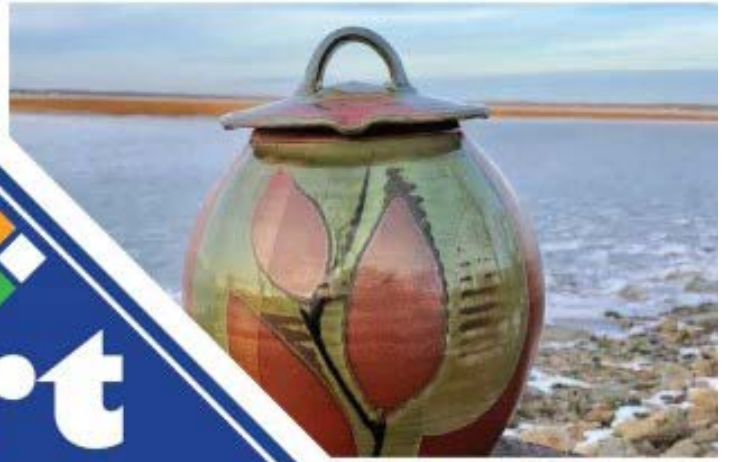
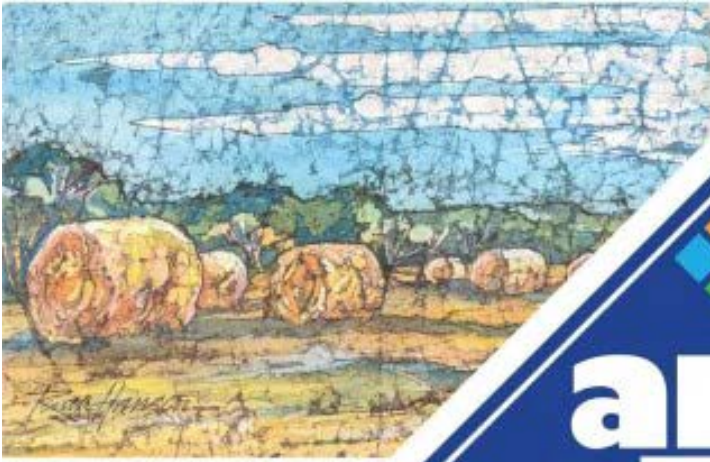


We're so delighted to bring you the 23rd annual Street Faire at the Lakes. Join us in beautiful downtown Detroit Lakes - Friday and Saturday, June 2 & 3, 2023

The Street Faire at the Lakes in Downtown Detroit Lakes is the first outdoor artist fair of the summer! Plan for two days of fabulous artist booths, crafts, music and food.

[Click Here for More Information](#)





Alexandria Art Guild presents:

Art de Tour

Father's Day Weekend • June 15th-17th, 2023

Thursday: 4pm – 8pm • Friday and Saturday: 10am – 5pm

Location: Various Studios/Artists • Fee: Free

The Art de Tour is a self-paced art studio tour filled with a wide variety of visual arts from wood turners and ceramics to paintings and photography. Visit with local artists, see their studios, and buy beautiful, creative work directly from the artists. See artist demos.

We are an inclusive, collective group of visual artists of all abilities, media, and styles with a desire to build rapport and network together. We are makers and creative souls. We meet monthly to build trust and community, to produce an artist member directory,

and a visual arts events calendar for the Alexandria lakes area. We present our talented area artists as a unified and comprehensive group to all those looking to view, purchase, or engage with the visual arts.

[Click Here for a List of Studios/Artists](#)

Touring Exhibition:

Kathleen Ristinen - Woodcuts & Screenprints



May 16 to June 24

Detroit Lakes Public Library
1000 Washington Ave • Detroit Lakes, MN
Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 7:00pm
Fri: 9:00am - 6:00pm
Sat: 9:00am - 3:00pm

June 27 to August 6

Moorhead Public Library
118 5th St S • Moorhead, MN
Mon. - Thurs.: 9:00am - 9:00pm
Fri. & Sat.: 10:00am - 6:00pm

FEE: Free and Open to the Public

Woodcuts & Screenprints is a series of work selected from over the decades of the Ristinen's career. Many were made specifically for The Rourke's Annual Mid-western Invitational Exhibition of Fine Art. Others represent the artist's personal history, or result from something observed, experienced, or documented. The human subjects are Kathleen herself or others who have some connection to her. The majority of her images begin as photographs, either from family collections or from the artist's own photos.

Kathleen Ristinen was born in Menahga, Minnesota. She received a B.A. from Concordia College with majors in art and education and additional study in music, an M.A. in ceramics from the University of Iowa where she also studied photography and sculpture, and a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Arts from Ohio University with additional study in organ and harpsichord. She taught several courses at Ohio University including Humanities, Art Theory, and Art History. She is an artist specializing in printmaking, most recently woodcuts. Her prints have earned awards and recognition in several competitive and invitational exhibitions and are included in public and private collections. Her ceramic work focuses on wheel thrown functional stoneware. She held an

organist position for over ten years. She divides her time between homes and studios in Athens, Ohio and rural Becker County, Minnesota.

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Courtney Werk

Visual Artist and FY23 LRAC Artist Cohort Recipient

I am an Ojibwe/Anishnaabe artist, living in Donnelly, MN, that works with pencil and acrylic paints. The subject matter I am interested in is nature, family, Ojibwe culture, feelings and emotions. My artwork has always included expressing feelings I have trouble getting out, as well as the healing process. I am an introvert at heart and a deeply sensitive person who is drawn to people and animals that are hurting and need help. I want to use my art to connect with and help people heal - to give them hope when life gets difficult and let them know they are not alone.

I have been through many hurtful and traumatic experiences in my life - for the longest time I was an angry person. What helped me through my pain was creating artwork. When I get into the creative zone the world goes away, my stress and worry melt away, and I am focused on sharpening my pencils, mixing paints, and getting set up to put marks on paper and paint on canvas. It gives me the feeling of going home. I am just giddy with excitement and joy about what I am going to create - focused on drawing or painting and nothing else. I love focusing on the details of the subject matter I am drawing or painting as it forces me to slow down and get to know my subject matter.

The artwork I create now is about reconnecting. Reconnecting with myself as an artist, reconnecting with other people and reconnecting with my culture. Although my grandmother was a well-known beadwork artist from the White Earth Indian reservation, there wasn't enough time to learn as much about this artform from her as I would have liked before her passing. So I researched Ojibwe beadwork by looking at books, talking to my cousin who does beadwork, and watching YouTube videos. When I realized I didn't have enough time, material or knowledge to create beadwork, I decided to do paintings based on beadwork patterns instead. I study how patterns are arranged, the color of the background material, and the color of the beads. I research flowers and plants native to Minnesota, then draw images of them and add color. After tracing these images onto a paper folder and cutting them out, I arrange the templates on a canvas. I am currently working on a series of paintings using this dot painting technique which mimics beading.

I would like to learn beadwork again, as well as other culturally related art such as birch bark objects, regalia and ribbon skirt making. I would also like to pass on that knowledge to whoever wants to learn.



LRAC Main Gallery: **Wearable Art Exhibit**

When: May 1 to June 28, 2023
Gallery Hours, M-Thurs, 9 am-3 pm
133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Art credit: "Spring Formal" by Wendy Davenport

The "Wearable Art Exhibit" will feature creative and unusual uses of fiber, textiles, and other materials. This will be a juried exhibit of work by artists living in the LRAC 9 county region. The public is invited to visit the Gallery and enjoy this unique fashion show.

The artists featured in this wearable exhibit are the following; Audrey Dahl of Detroit Lakes, Wendy Davenport of Fergus Falls, Dominic Facio of Fergus Falls, Christy Goulet of Dilworth, Yvonne Hanley of Fergus Falls, Victoria Hanna of Fergus Falls, Jessica Hexum of Fergus Falls, Jennifer Hippe of Starbuck, Madison Hubert of Fergus Falls, Sarah Karsnia of Fergus Falls, Sharon Marquardt of Henning, Katy Olson of Fergus

Falls, Joan Jarvis Ellison of Pelican Rapids, and Mary Jo Wentz of Battle Lake.

The gallery hours are Monday – Thursday 9AM – 3:00PM and closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please email or call before you visit the gallery to ensure that the gallery is open that day.

Call the LRAC office (toll free in MN) at 1-800-262-2787 or 218-739-5780 or email LRAC4@LRACgrants.org.

"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund."

**View LRAC Gallery
2023 Calendar**

LRAC Board Member Spotlight

Mary Beth Gilsdorf

Detroit Lakes



The LRAC Board consists of 2 representatives from each of the nine counties in the LRAC region. For the next year, we will be featuring Board members in the LRAC newsletters so that you can get to know the wonderful people who volunteer to represent their Counties.

Mary Beth Gilsdorf of Detroit Lakes has been heavily involved in various arts events including the Detroit Lakes Street Faire and 150 Sails Up project.

Becoming interested in participating on the Board stems from experiencing firsthand the positive impacts Lake Region Arts Council has on the arts. "I've seen what the Legacy Amendment has done for our region," Mary Beth explains. It is her belief that "LRAC is the catalyst for all things art."

[See all LRAC Board Members](#)

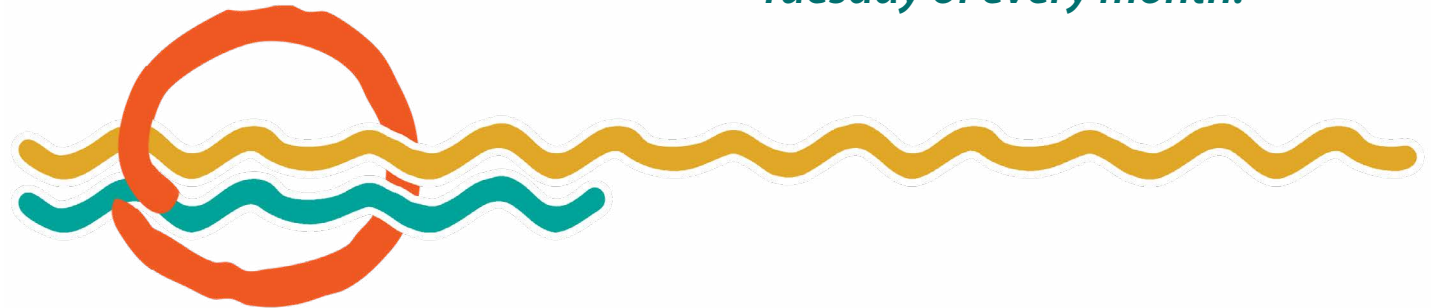


Hey! Where did the Grants section go?

Introducing our new monthly Grants Update newsletter!

This new format will allow us to better highlight the arts funding opportunities available to individual artists and organizations in our LRAC nine-county region. It will feature information on upcoming grant reviews, recent grants awarded, current and upcoming LRAC grants opportunities, and other local and state grants opportunities available to those in our region.

Keep an eye out for future Grants Update newsletters on the last Tuesday of every month!



Maxine Adams

LRAC Executive Director

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