



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

Announcing New LRAC Staff

Welcome Miranda (Hubert) Lape

The Lake Region Arts Council is happy to announce that Miranda Lape will join the LRAC staff on Aug. 2, 2021. Miranda will begin training with Betsy Ostenson to learn the Grant Program Manager position and will assume the position when Betsy retires on Dec. 31, 2021.

Miranda, her husband, and baby daughter will be moving to Fergus Falls from Orem, Utah. This is a journey home for Miranda as she was born and raised in Fergus Falls. Miranda is a past LRAC Artist Mentor student, has worked for the Daily Journal, and volunteered at the Fergus Falls Library. She has a Master's of Public Administration, Nonprofit Management Emphasis from Grand Canyon University and a Bachelor's of Latin American Studies, Civic Engagement Leadership Minor from Brigham Young University.



Miranda is excited about her new position, "I love the arts, Fergus Falls, and LRAC, and am honored for this opportunity to bring what I have learned back to my hometown." On behalf of the LRAC Board and staff, we welcome Miranda back home and look forward to working with her.

Maxine Adams
Executive Director
Lake Region Arts Council



RSVP NOW for LRAC Annual Meeting

July 20th at Carlos Creek Winery

We have all lived through a year like no other. To honor that we met the challenges with creativity, determination, and hope, we have invited all our friends to come and celebrate our collective accomplishments with us. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with arts friends and enjoy a memorable night of conversation, food, and art.

LRAC Annual Meeting



In addition to our Annual Meeting we will also be celebrating Betsy Ostenson's 8 years as Grants Manager. Betsy is retiring at the end of December, 2021 and our Annual Meeting will be our only opportunity for folks to gather and let Betsy know how much she has done for the Arts in our region. I hope you can join us to celebrate!

We do need you to RSVP so we know how much food to order for our guests. LRAC is underwriting the cost of the meals to reduce the cost from \$22.00 to your price of \$15.

Here is a brief list of the fun for the evening:

5:00 Start time/social hour, cash bar available
5:30-6:00 Annual business meeting/LRAC Board members
6:00-Welcome and recognition of Board members and guests
6:30-7:30 Buffet Dinner; Stuffed Chicken Breast, Classic Homemade Lasagna, choice of sides, salads, and Apple-tinis for desert
7:30-7:45 FY21 Fellowship Award, Bethany Lacktorin, musical percussion performance by Dr. Kenyon Williams, FY2020 Fellowship recipient

Throughout the evening enjoy
The Carlos Creek Winery Grounds and Fine Wine
Pre-Registration Required.

[Click here to RSVP for LRAC Annual Meeting](#)



LRAC Main Gallery

**LRAC Main Gallery Reopens July 6, 2021
with an Exhibit by Calvin deRuyter:
"All who wander are not lost"***

**Lake Region Arts Council/LRAC
133 S. Mill St.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537**

Gallery Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9 - 4pm

"I had always loved abstract work. Abstract is defined as "art that does not attempt to represent external reality, but seeks to achieve its effect using shapes, forms, colors, and textures."¹ But, I also felt that previous attempts at the genre on my part were failures...that I seemed to be incapable of actually doing successful, truly pure abstract art.

The transitional pieces in this show are an indication of how I tried to mentally and artistically bridge my landscapes as I contemplated various elements of non-objective abstract art. I attempted to break down the landscapes into strong shapes and forms, with colors and textures that were more loosely formed than what I had previously used in my landscapes.

This step finally helped me to better understand what I was hoping to achieve through the abstracts that I paint today.

My study and desire to understand abstracts, also led to a change in my teaching in workshops and classes. No longer was I just trying to teach my "from the tube" technique. My classes now were based on abstract concepts of use of line, depth, pattern, shape, texture, and value and intensity. I even taught a workshop on composition. I taught these modules to students who painted everything from realism to non-objective, now understanding how all of those elements play in all artwork, no matter the style and no matter how the paint is applied.



I am still learning every time I paint a new painting. I am just wandering through this process we call "art".

"Not all those who wander are lost," from the poem "All that is gold does not glitter," written by J. R. R. Tolkien for *The Lord of the Rings

[Click Here for deRuyter Website](#)



Artist Opportunities

Franconia Sculpture Park: 2022 Artist-in-Residencies



Franconia Sculpture Park 2022 Artist-in-Residence applications are now open! This year we're announcing two new exciting opportunities for Artist Families and Writers.

For our 26th residency year, Franconia Sculpture Park is encouraging applicants with an interest in work rooted in the intersection of art and ecology, including but not limited to: performance; sound art; public interventions; site-specific and ephemeral installation; the rural and natural landscape; earthworks; collaborative works with nature; indigenous history and storytelling; and land and water rights.

[Click here for more information](#)

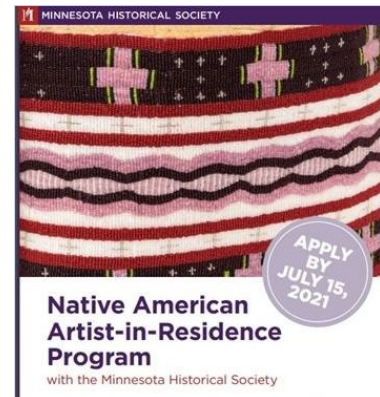


Cultural Opportunities

Minnesota Historical Society: 2021 Native American Artist-in-Residence Program

Apply by July 15, 2021

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking applications for the 2021 Native American Artist-in-Residence Program. In 2021, the program will award 3 residencies for Native artists engaged in traditional artmaking and provide them stipends to connect with museum collections, peer artists, and/or other knowledgeable community members. Artists must currently reside in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, or South Dakota.



[Click here for more information](#)



Featured Artist

Ramona Jacobs:
Director, Teacher, Dancer, Choreographer,
Seamstress, Lighting Designer, Musician & Arts
Advocate



Ramona Jacobs was born and raised in Fergus Falls to a family in which the importance of the arts (especially music) and education were central. Her love of ballet took root at age nine and though limited at first by a dearth of teachers in the area, she followed her desire to study ballet through high school and then for one year at Indiana University, after which she studied Ballet and Modern Dance at Texas Christian University where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance.

On returning to Fergus Falls from Texas she began sharing her passion for dance through teaching, choreography and occasional performances. She became the Director of the Fergus Falls School of Dance in 1985 and has nurtured it to now include three studio spaces and as many as ten instructors providing education and performance opportunities for thousands of students over the years.

As she teaches dance technique, Ramona works to help dancers understand the interconnectivity of the world and to learn discipline and focus. Her choreography is inspired by the music and by the dancers. It is known for complex patterns, musical phrasing, and contemporary ideas within the framework of classical ballet technique.

She enjoys the excitement of making beautiful costumes for her dancers and also enjoys exploring creative lighting design for the school's spring performances. She is always learning.

Ramona lives in Fergus Falls with her husband (visual artist) Chuck Christianson, and two cats. She loves to work in the dirt and grows flowers and veggies, loves to read, bake, play French horn and weave.

[Click here for the Fergus Falls School of Dance Website](#)



Featured Event

"Makers Art Festival"
at Stevens County Historical
Society & Museum

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Stevens County Historical Society & Museum
116 W 6th St.
Morris, MN



Get ready for a one-day art & making extravaganza in Morris, Minnesota! Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10, 2021!

The goal of this festival is to provide a community-building event centered around the notions of making, artistic experiences, and healthy communities.

Here is a taste of what's to come!:

- * Demonstration of how to paint a barn quilt
- * Unveiling of the new Stevens County mural at the museum

- * Rock painting and fluid painting through the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) in East Side Park
- * Samples of local food at Stone's Throw Café
- * Card making classes at the museum
- * Music at East Side Park
- * An exhibition by Michael Weatherly at the PRCA gallery
- * A community mural painting project behind Stone's Throw Café
- * Take-and-make sun prints kits from the Morris Public Library
- * A farmers market on the lawn in front of the library
- * Demonstration of using pastels at the PRCA gallery
- * A knitting circle in East Side Park
- * Art vendors in East Side Park
- * A reception for the art exhibit, Horizontal Grandeur, at the museum (7-8pm)
- * Music on the museum lawn (6-7pm)
- * And MORE!

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

[Click here for More Information](#)



LRAC Grant Announcements

Career Development Grant

11 Career Development Grants were awarded at the Career Development Grant Review on May 18, 2021 for a total of \$12,705.



[Click here to read the full announcement.](#)

2021 is the Literary and Performance Arts Fellowship

One \$5,000 grant was awarded at the June LRAC Board Meeting. **Congratulations to Bethany Lacktorin, Pope County.**



[Click here to read the full announcement!](#)



LRAC Changes for the New Grant Year

LRAC New Grant Year Starts July 1, 2021

As you begin planning for your next LRAC grant application, here are some of the new grant guidelines changes to remember:



All Grants Highlight:

- *No more "As Is Deadline Day Grants"*: all applications will be reviewed for errors and omissions by the LRAC staff regardless of the deadline time stamp. Applicants will have one week to make corrections after the notification of the recommended change.
- All applications approved for funded need to receive *aminimum score of 65%* to be

eligible for funding. Applications ranked lower than 65% will not be funded.

Project Grants:

- "A series of events" with identifiable theme such as workshops, concerts, performances, presentations, etc. will now be eligible for funding.
- Budget requests for overall marketing and expenses related to the series are eligible.
- For FY22, the 20% match will not be required by organizations in the budget.

Legacy Individual Grants

- Legacy Individual Grants will be capped at a \$8,000 maximum. This eliminates the Fiscal Agent requirement for this grant.
- Legacy Individual Grants equipment requests will be capped at \$4,000 maximum.

Operating Support Grants

- Starting in FY22, the Operating Support Grant will be at two year cycle with a mid term and final report requirement.
- The new funding formula will award a minimum of \$1,000 per year and a maximum of \$8,000 per year. Watch for more details in the months to come!



LRAC Individual Grants

LRAC Individual Grant Opportunities

LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant Opens July 6, Six Grants Available

It's time to start getting your plans in order. The next Artist Quick Start Grant is opening up Tuesday July 6, 2021. It's a quick turn around this year with one month to the deadline date.

Apply for \$750 to fund your supplies, equipment, classes, training, mentorship, marketing, time to create, etc...



LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant:

- Grant Opens: Tuesday, July 6, 2021
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, August 5, 2021**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, September 21, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After October 22, 2021

MSAB Creative Support for Organizations Grant



LRAC Organization Grants

LRAC Fall Project Grant Apply for up to \$3,000

The LRAC Fall Project Grant round will begin accepting applications soon. The Project Grant is open to non profit arts organizations and non profits and public entities such as K-12 schools, colleges, towns, museums and libraries to provide arts activities and events in the LRAC region.



Highlights:

- For FY22, the 20% match is waived again this year as the public may return to

attend arts events.

- **New this year:** Project Grant may fund a series of related events or activities with a identifiable theme.

Important Dates

- Fall Project Grant: Opens Monday, July 12, 2021
- Fall Project Grant Deadline: **September 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Fall Project Grant Review: October 19, 2021
- Fall Project Grant Start Date: after November 19, 2021



Other Opportunities

MSAB FY2022 Grants

Creative Support for Individuals: Applications Open Now

Creative Support for Individuals grants are flexible. They are meant to help artists and culture bearers adapt to a changing and challenging environment in which to work. By using their creativity and connection to community, this grant program will help Minnesota artists and culture bearers maintain their visibility and financial sustainability.

Grantees will be able to use funds to sustain their practice and stay relevant and connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities now and in the future.

Here are a few examples for how the funds may be spent:

- To develop and deliver alternative ways to meaningfully engaging Minnesotans in the arts during the pandemic and after;
- To pay salaries or fees for artists, contractors, or collaborators;
- To seek professional development or training that enables planning or adaptation;
- To purchase supplies, equipment, or services needed to accomplish grantees' priorities.

Applicants may apply for \$2,000 to \$6,000 with no cash match requirement. Grants will be awarded in November 2021 and January 2022 respectively.

There is one more application deadline:

- **Friday, August 6, 2021, before 4:30 p.m.**

MSAB Creative Support for Individuals Grant

MSAB FY2022 Grants

Creative Support for Organizations: Applications Open Now

Creative Support for Organizations is designed to support arts organizations, and nonarts organizations that regularly offer arts programming, as they rebuild, reimagine, and continue to adapt their arts programming in response to the changing environment caused by the global pandemic.

Grantees will be able to determine how best to use funds to stay connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities that participate in their regular arts programming. By using their creativity and connection to community, this grant program is intended to help Minnesota organizations maintain the long-term viability of their arts programming so that Minnesota residents and communities will maintain access and connection to the arts.



Applicants may request between \$5,000 - \$25,000. No cash match is required.

Organizations can submit an application by the first or second deadline, but not both. There is no advantage to apply to the first versus the second deadline. The likelihood of being funded is the same for both deadlines.

There is one more application deadline:

- **Friday, October 1, 2021, before 4:30 p.m.**

MSAB Creative Support for Organizations Grant



LRAC Executive Director

Maxine Adams

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