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LRAC Welcomes New Board Members Sarah Grew, Pope County and Sarah Eckel, Stevens County

Sarah Grew will be serving a one-year term, representing Pope County. As a person interested in theatre, dance, music, and art, she is looking forward to reintegrating with the arts in the region and the networking opportunities that serving on the Board will provide.

Sarah graduated from Minnewaska Area High School in Glenwood and attended UMD for graphic design. She has traveled extensively and has recently returned home to Glenwood with her twin daughters.

Sarah Eckel will be serving a three-year term, representing Stevens County. She has a BA from U of M Morris, served on the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance board for 9 years, and is a PRCA member and exhibiting artist.

When asked why she wanted to serve on the LRAC Board, Sarah said, "I am passionate about the arts. I love the work that Minnesota has done to support art and artists."



I want to help to continue that legacy. I also want to grow my knowledge of the process that LRAC uses to strengthen my skills and provide additional resources to members of my community."

Interested in becoming an LRAC Board member? We are seeking people to represent Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Traverse and Wilkin Counties. Contact the LRAC office, email

LRAC4@LRACgrants.org or

Ph. 218.739.5780.

*-Maxine Adams
LRAC Executive Director*

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Writing Workshops: Fiction Writing Fundamentals @ Central Square



Location:
Central Square Arts & Cultural Center
105 2nd Avenue Northeast
Glenwood, MN

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 @ 6:00 PM thru
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 8:00 PM**

FEE: \$100

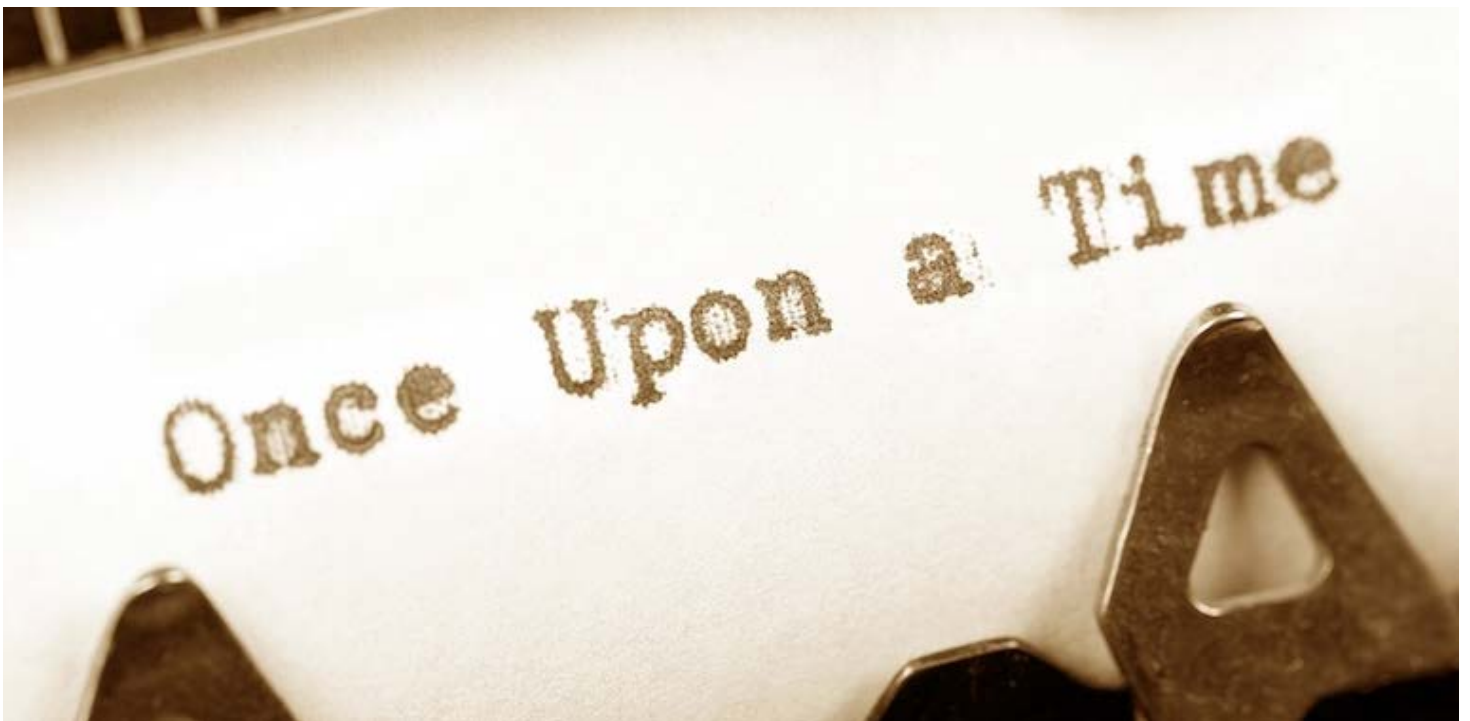
Have you ever felt the desire to write a story? Join University of MN Morris English Professor, Joshua Johnson, for a four-session creative writing workshop. This workshop is designed for aspiring writers who want to discover and strengthen their fiction writing skills. Participants will explore narrative tools and elements essential to creating compelling stories. From character development to narrative structure, attendees will gain practical experience and valuable insights to begin their own fiction writing projects.

No prior experience is required—just bring your imagination!

This class will take place in Central Square's Art Studio, Room 209 on the second floor.

The class fee for all four sessions is \$100.

[Click here for more information](#)



Fergus Falls Middle School Band Concert

World Premiere of Erika Svanoë's New Composition



Location: Fergus Falls Auditorium

601 Randolph Avenue Fergus Falls, MN

Thursday, May 16, 2024

7:00 PM 9:00 PM

FEE: FREE to Attend and Open to the Public

Join us for an enchanting evening of musical talent at the Fergus Falls Middle School Bands Concert. This event showcases the remarkable musical abilities of students from the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands, as well as the Middle School Honors Band and Middle School Chamber Winds.

The highlight of the evening will be the world premiere of a brand-new composition by the renowned composer Erika Svanoë. This piece is a special com-

mission, made possible thanks to the generous support of the Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC). It's an event you won't want to miss, where young musicians come together to create beautiful music and celebrate the arts in their community.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)



Workshop: Paint A Barn Quilt With Cynthia Buchholz

@ Creative Arts Center



Location: Creative Arts Center
112 Main St. W. Battle Lake, MN
Sunday, May 19, 2024
1:00 PM 6:00 PM
FEE: \$135/125 Non-Members/Members

Painting barn quilts is a popular, lively and rewarding experience. Guided instruction which will take you through the process as you tape, select colors, learn color placement, to create a barn quilt painting that looks professional. You will leave with your own 2ft x 2ft masterpiece ready for hanging outdoors or inside. High quality materials will ensure this conversation piece will last outdoors for many years to come and bring unequivocal admiration.

Materials included for class:

2' x 2' Aluminum Composite. It is a premium grade

material that professional sign makers use. It will never rust or rot. It is lightweight and easy to hang but very sturdy and great to work on.

80 plus fabulous paint colors to choose from. I use the highest quality Behr Marquee paint, 3M tape, aprons, hair dryers, and a dance-off for odd but awesome prizes.

[Click Here for More Information](#)



Richard Pallay:

Artists of Color Cohort Recipient,
DJ, Musician & Composer



Music is not just a means to a destination, but it is a journey, a trip that I enjoy as much as I hope my listeners do. I have so much fun curating each set through Serato and my trusty RANE ONE, to post on various music websites. Or, you will see me beaming while I craft creative and unique DJ sets through Rekordbox and Pioneer CDJs while performing for audiences in concert venues. My passion for music stems from unforgettable, fun experiences I had through other performers and their channels, so

everything I create keeps this same energy. As my sound evolves through honing my craft, exploring global genres, and developing new techniques, my hope is that my seamless creations provide a space that is welcoming, cohesive, and full of radiant positivity for all.

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LRAC Main Gallery: **LRAC Artist Cohort Alumni Exhibit**

Exhibit opens: May 6, 2024 • Exhibit closes: June 26, 2024

Reception: Tuesday, May 21st. 5:30-7 pm

Gallery hours, Mon-Thursday, 9 am to 3 pm • Location: 137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

LRAC is celebrating the 7th Anniversary of the Artist Cohort Program. Since 2017, over 30 talented artists have participated in the program. Each Cohort spent 10 months working on their career development goals. We invite the public to visit the LRAC Cohort Alumni Exhibit and enjoy a diversity of artistic styles and disciplines.

The exhibiting Cohort Alumni artists are: Amanda Strauss of Fargo, ND, Annette Marchand of Moorhead, MN, Anna Lassonde of Detroit Lakes, MN, Courtney Werk of Donnelly, MN, Brian Christensen of Fergus

Falls, MN, Jessica Hexum of Fergus Falls, MN and Vicky Radel of Norcross, MN.

"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."

[Visit the Artist Cohort webpage](#)



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