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Meet this year's LRAC Artist of Color Cohort

Lake Region Arts Council is excited to announce this year's participants in our FY24 Artist of Color Cohort, provided by funding from The McKnight Foundation.

Fred Edwards - Multi-Media (poetry-spoken wordtheatre)/Fargo, ND

Lera Hephner - Visual Art - Beadwork/Becker County/Ogema

Richard Pallay III - Music Production/Fargo, ND

Jalaya Whitecloud - Visual Art - Beadwork/Traverse County/Browns Valley

Cohort activities and opportunities include:

- one-on-one career coaching & goal setting
- professional photoshoot for headshot and photographs of your work
- a professional 2-minute video for self-promotion
- access to Springboard for the Arts "Work of Art" series
- Artist Statement & Bio tutorials
- featured in LRAC newsletter & Facebook
- cohort show in LRAC Small Gallery
- participation in LRAC "Talking Circles" hosted by

Meet the New



Artist of Color Cohort

experienced, professional artists • grant proposal proofreading and editing, and more...

"This activity is made possible by funding provided through a grant to the Lake Region Arts Council from The McKnight Foundation"

Maxine Adams
Executive Director
Lake Region Arts Council

[Click here to view video of Brenda Uses Arrow 2022 Artist of Color Cohort participant](#)

Minnesota State University Moorhead Percussion Day @ MSUM Roland Dille Center for the Arts

Location: MSUM Roland Dille Center for the Arts • 801 13th St. S • Moorehead, MN
Saturday, November 4, 2023 • 9:00 AM 6:00 PM • FEE: Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 children

Enjoy a day celebrating the diversity of percussion!
The MSUM Percussion Day will feature hands-on, interactive clinics with some of the top names in the world of percussion, including Allison Miller (drum-set), Ralph Nader (marching percussion), and Whitney McCluskey and Fode Bangoura (West African drumming and dance). The full day of clinics will begin at 9am with a “mass drumline” event allowing area middle school, high school, and university students to learn from Ralph Nader, followed by a “Drumline Battle” featuring area drumlines demonstrating what they can do! The afternoon will feature clinics and performances by Ralph Nader, Allison Miller, and a very special African dance and African hand drumming clinic with Fode and Whitney. The day will conclude with a late afternoon concert featuring the guest artists performing along with MSUM’s own “Fuego Tropical” Steel Drum and African Drum and Dance Ensemble! Don’t miss this truly unique one-day event!



[Click Here for More Information](#)



Pangea: Cultivate Our Cultures 2023 @ Hjemkomst Center

Location: Hjemkomst Center • 202 1st Avenue North • Moorhead, MN
Saturday, November 18, 2023 • 10:00 AM 4:00 PM
FREE to Attend and Open to the Public!

For almost 30 years Pangea--Cultivate Our Cultures indoor family friendly festival has highlighted and celebrated the diversity of our communities in and around the Red River Valley. In that time, it's become one of the community's most beloved events. A group of local chefs, musicians, artists, and merchants share the unique traditions that their families brought to the Red River Valley. Thousands of visitors join them. The museum and auditorium become an international bazaar where the flavors of chai and samosas complement the aromas of aebleskiver and lumpia and the sounds of mariachi and indigenous drumming. Food from 10 different cultures will be for sale until gone!

Performers from different cultures are on stage every thirty minutes 10am-4pm. Free courtesy support from LRAC, MN State Arts Board, Marvin, Hornbacher's, The Arts Partnership, FM Area Foundation, and Alex Stern Family Foundation.

This activity is funded in part by grants from the Lake Region Arts Council and the MN State Arts Board through a Minnesota State Legislative appropriation and The Arts Partnership, with support from the cities of Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo, and from Sanford Health.

[Click Here for More Information](#)



Comedy:

Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement @ Historic Holmes Theatre

Location:

Historic Holmes Theatre

806 Summit Avenue

Detroit Lakes, MN

Thursday, November 30, 2023

2:00 PM 9:00 PM

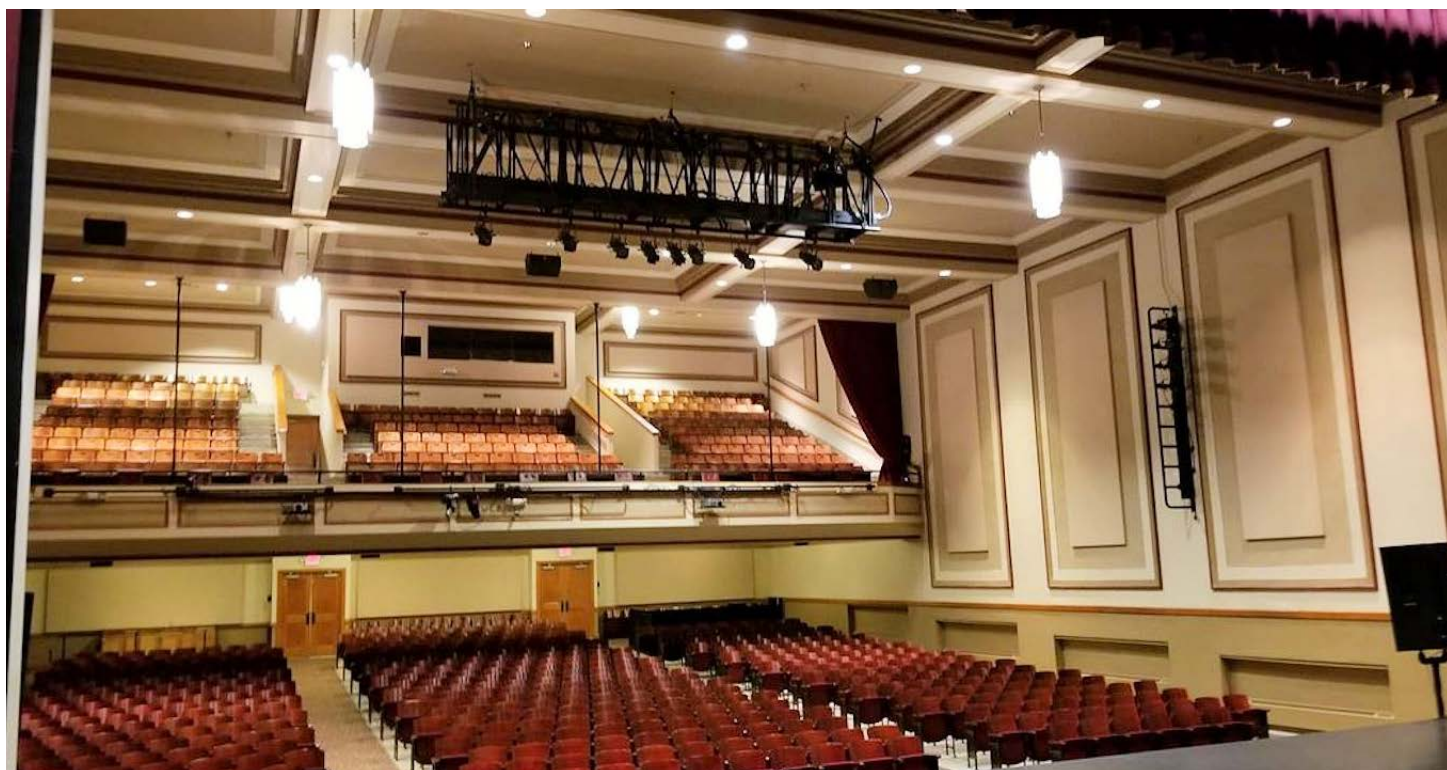
Tickets: Adults \$30 • Students \$15



Ladies, chaos, and comedy, heavily sprinkled with touching moments, are in abundance! The Church Basement Ladies share and debate recipes, instruct the young, talk about hot flashes, and keep the Pastor on due course. Come witness these ladies aptly handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of

a dear friend, a Hawaiian-themed Easter fundraiser, and a steaming hot July wedding.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)





Barbara Benda

Visual Artist

In 2014 Barbara left her career of teaching in public school to explore her dream of being a full-time artist and independent teacher in private and community settings. With degrees from Minnesota State University Moorhead in Art Education and Elementary Education, Barbara specializes in designing courses for those who say, "I am not an artist; I can't draw a stick person; I don't have an artistic bone in my body, etc." She empowers people to create and enjoy working with various mediums including sketching, watercolor and mixed media collage. Nationally known teachers she has learned from include Frank Webb, Roy Swanson, Ratindra Das, Dale Laitinen, Robert Burridge, Janet Rogers, Marilyn Hughey Phillis, June Young, Michael Schlichting, Donna Zagotta, Arne Westerman, Michael Reardon, Anda Styler, Tom Francesconi, Keiko Tanabe, Andy Evansen, Mark Mehaffey, and Iain Stewart. Barbara's studio is named Mourning Dove Studio, and is attached to Double Trouble Gallery, a home-based

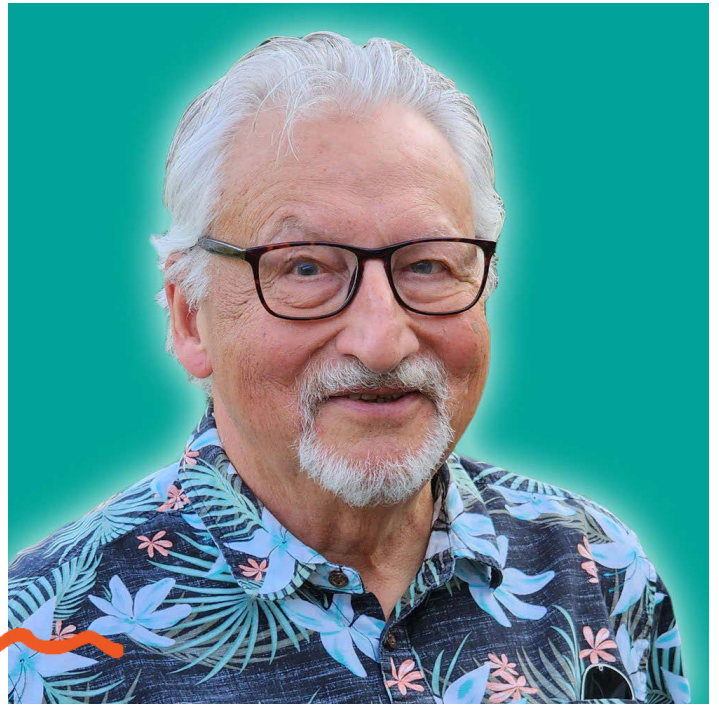
gallery created by Barbara and her twin sister. With a penchant for birds, the mourning dove represents her mother, the most important influence in her life. "She used to stand on the back steps and call my sisters and me home at night by mimicking the call of the mourning dove. She encouraged me at a young age to pursue my interests in art, nature, sports, and reading." As a signature member of the Red River Watercolor Society, and a member of Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists as well as the Red Door Art Gallery, Barbara's work is emotionally and spiritually inspired by everything around her - music, nature, sports, people, animals, and the simplest of objects, such as a pebble or a twig. "I believe that being an artist is a gift from God and one of life's greatest blessings."

[Click Here for Barbara's website](#)



LRAC Board Member Spotlight

Alan Davis Clay County



Alan Davis, Professor Emeritus at Minnesota State University/Moorhead and Senior Editor Emeritus at New Rivers Press, grew up in southern Louisiana and earned a Ph.D. at the University of Denver. His three collections of stories, each a prize-winner, are “So Bravely Vegetative”, “Alone with the Owl”, and “Rumors from the Lost World”.

He’s co-editor of last year’s “Visiting Bob: Poems In-

spired by the Life and Work of Bob Dylan”, and of ten issues of “American Fiction: The Best Unpublished Short Stories by Emerging Writers”. A story from his fourth unpublished collection and the first chapter of his unpublished novel can be found in Solstice Magazine.

[See all LRAC Board Members](#)



LRAC Main Gallery:

Strength Lies in Differences, Not Similarities Exhibit



Exhibit opens: Oct. 2, 2023
Exhibit closes: Dec. 21st, 2023
Gallery hours, Mon-Thursday, 9am to 3pm
Location: 137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Artwork credit: "Parrots", Donna Dean

[Click here to see video of the Gallery Exhibit.](#)

We challenged our regional arts to create work based on Steven Covey's quote, "Strength lies in differences, not in similarities." We encouraged artists who produce unusual or nontraditional art to submit work for consideration or for traditional artists to experiment with new materials or techniques. They responded with an exciting variety of styles and mediums. This is a juried exhibit that has something for everyone.

"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."



Maxine Adams

LRAC Executive Director

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