



## LRAC December Art Headlines



### LRAC News Brief

#### MN State Arts Board Awards \$163,270

Congratulations to the following LRAC arts organizations for receiving grants from the MN State Arts Board



This Activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

#### **Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls \$52,473 -Arts Access Grant**

The Kaddatz Galleries and PioneerCare will collaborate to provide visual art workshops and resulting public exhibitions designed to enrich resident experiences in skilled care, memory care, and other housing settings

#### **Historic Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes, \$99,925 - Arts Tour Grant**

The Historic Holmes Theater and four additional Minnesota presenters across the state will present public performances and outreach activities by The Kingdom Choir, a gospel choir based in Southeast England that performed at the British royal wedding in 2018.

#### **Cheryl Nelson Losset Performing Arts Series, Moorhead \$10,872 - Arts Tour Grant**

Minnesota State University Moorhead will present two stylistically, culturally diverse performances of music along with related educational activities for the public and for students.

Thanks to the following LRAC artists for volunteering to serve as MSAB Panel Review Members:

- Kristi Kuder , Battle Lake and Inkpa Mani (Javier Lara-Ruiz), Wheaton -*FY 2020 Artist Initiative, 2- and 3-dimensional visual arts*
- David P. Stoddard, Fergus Falls, Nat Dickey, Moorhead and Doug Harbin, Moorhead -*FY 2020 Artist Initiative – music,*
- Suzanne Legatt, Moorhead -*FY 2020 Arts Access*
- Rebecca Davis, Vergas and Rebecca Lynn Petersen, Fergus Falls- *FY 2020 Arts Tour Minnesota,*
- Amanda R. Cross, Fergus Falls, *FY 2020 Community Arts Education Support*
- Gail Johnson, Fergus Falls, *FY 2020 Arts Learning*

[Click here to view complete list of MSAB Grantees](#)



## Cultural and Heritage Event

### Intergenerational Art and Culture Traditions:

Videos of Minnesota Master Artists  
(can be used in the classroom)  
Available from PioneerPBS  
800-726-3178  
<https://www.pioneer.org/>



Looking at artistic practices like Sami-inspired bracelet making, Dakota quill working, Norwegian knifemaking and Dakota beadworking, these videos provide a look at how artistic and cultural practices are being used to preserve culture and identity in modern Scandinavian and Native communities in America, specifically in southwest and western Minnesota. Many of these videos portray how master artists and craftspeople are purposefully teaching these practices to younger generations.

[Click here for more information](#)



## Featured Event

### "The Nutcracker" Continental Ballet Company

Central Square  
105 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Glenwood, MN  
December 22, 2019  
3:00 PM



Central Square Cultural and Civic Center presents the holiday classic, The Nutcracker!

As a performing company, Ballet Continental is comprised of young artists ranging from ages 12 through adult who are selected for each performing season by a yearly audition process. These auditions enable the dancers to be aware of the professional selection process. Ballet Continental dancers, actors and performers come from many communities of Southern Arizona including: Tucson, Sahuarita, Green Valley, Amado, Tubac, Tumacacori, Rio Rico and Nogales.

[For tickets and more information](#)



## Featured Artist

### Chanda Kraft, Visual Artist FY20 LRAC Artist Cohort

Chanda Kraft is an Alexandria, MN based visual artist capturing landscapes, florals, and wildlife in oil, watercolor, and drawing mediums. She works from her home studio on Lake Carlos where she lives with her husband Philip and children, Kyler and Savannah.

Gratitude and curiosity for natural places are driving forces behind Chanda's work. Her creative work focuses on natural subject matter helping her feel emotionally present and grounded. Exploring wilderness and creating art are spiritually, physically, and emotionally restorative practices that make her feel connected to nature and reduce anxiety. Her artistic work is a contribution to the growing collective of women's experiences with wilderness and brings awareness to conservation needs.



In addition to her degrees in graphic design, psychology, and teaching, Chanda has also worked in graphic design, elementary education, and art education. She enjoys many outdoor activities with her family year round, hand spinning yarn, knitting, and playing classical guitar.

[Click here for Chanda Kraft's Website](#)



## LRAC Gallery Exhibits

### Main Gallery

#### "Against the Grain Exhibit"

Lake Region Arts Council  
McKnight Gallery  
October 1, 2019 - December 20, 2019



Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC) is pleased to invite you to our "Against the Grain" exhibit that features regional artists that work with wood. Their work will be on display in our McKnight Gallery, October 1, 2019 through December 20, 2019. View a video of the exhibit by clicking here: [video](#)

Artists chosen for this exhibit include:

- Jim Wilkus, Underwood
- Jewett Benson, Alexandria
- Bill Seykora, Alexandria
- Gary Anderson, Fergus Falls
- Dick DuBord, Dent
- Rose Kranz, Richfield (Underwood, summer home)
- Dave Jacobson, Fergus Falls

Photo credit: Bark Houses, by Gary Anderson

### LRAC Solo Gallery

#### Kristi Kuder Fiber Arts Exhibit

LRAC Solo Gallery  
December 1, 2019 - January 30, 2020

Kristi Swee Kuder treats wire mesh like fabric and wire like thread as she stitches, gathers, knits, felts and layers to create three-dimensional forms and installations that capture the obscure nature of ambiguity. Intrigued by this common and ethereal material, Kuder works with wire mesh because it has the unique ability to both reflect and filter light, as well as be delicate yet strong. Her recent work expresses ambiguity through the lens of Ambiguous Loss; a grief that occurs when



both the presence AND absence of a loved one exist—as seen in mental illness, Alzheimers, divorce, and immigration.

Throughout her career as a fiber artist, pushing traditional boundaries by exploring new materials and ways to express herself has been an instinctive part of her process and artistic effort. Her work has always been conceptual and can best be categorized within the post-minimalist genre. Sometimes her pieces include additives such as hog gut, paper pulp or plaster to provide additional context and materiality to her work. She often marks mesh by fire-treating it with symbols, figures, and random patterns to create a shadowy veil of imagery that floats along diaphanous boundaries intermingling interior and exterior spaces.

Kristi Swee Kuder received her BS degree from Minnesota State University - Moorhead, MN. Kuder's works have been featured in solo and group exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally. Kristi is a 2016 St. Catherine Womens Art Institute alumni, LRAC McKnight Fellow and multiple MSAB Artist Initiative Grant recipient. Most recently her work has been featured in Surface Design Journal's International Exhibition in Print: Soft Borders, Sept. '19 issue. A full time artist, Ms. Kuder maintains her studio near her residence at Otter Tail Lake, MN.

[Click here for Kristi Kuder's Website](#)



## LRAC Grant Announcements

### LRAC Fall Legacy Grants

Watch for the Fall Legacy Grant Awardee Announcement in the January ArtsNews Newsletter 2020.



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## LRAC Individual Grants

### LRAC Individual Grants Spring 2020

It's time to start planning for 2020 LRAC grant applications. Check out these upcoming grants and deadlines:



- **\$28,700: Spring Legacy Individual Grant Round:** Deadline March 3, 2020  
Make a difference with your Art, expand the public's access to the Arts!  
*Grant Writing Webinar: Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm*

- **\$7,500: Career Development Grant Round:** Deadline April 7, 2020  
Apply for up to \$1,200 per grant to move your career forward!

- **\$5,000: Fellowship Music/Visual Arts Grant:** Deadline May 5, 2020  
One grant will be awarded to honor outstanding achievement!



## LRAC Organization Grants

### LRAC Operating Support Grant

## 2019 LRAC Operating Support Grantees:

- **Your final report is due Monday, December 16, 2019.**

### For 2020, \$174,000 two year average expenses is the cut off.

If your organization is above this amount, contact MSAB to make sure your organization qualifies for the MSAB grant program based on their formula.



LRAC will be awarding **\$64,173** in Operating Support Grants to Arts Organization in the LRAC region. Arts Organizations with general expenses under \$174,000 are eligible to apply for up to \$6,000 for the coming year.

### Important Dates:

- **Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00 pm**
- Grant Deadline, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Grant Review, Tuesday, February 18, 2020
- **Grant Start Date, after March 19, 2020**

### To learn more about 2020 LRAC Operating Support:

Sign up to view the **live Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:00 pm** or watch the recorded 24/7 when the recording becomes available (Friday, December 6)

[Click Here to Register for the Op Support Grant Writing Webinar](#)

## LRAC Spring Project Grant

**\$19,300** will be awarded in the Spring Project Grant Round. This round is open to arts organizations and non profits and public entities such as schools and community educations, libraries and museum, colleges and universities, and cities and towns.



Apply for up to \$3,000 to fund your next concert, exhibition, artist residency, or other arts activity. Start planning about your Summer or Fall events today.

Need more information? Check out the Project Grant Writing Webinar coming up this month! Or call the LRAC office to start about your idea.

### Important Dates:

- **Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm**
- Grant Deadline, Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Grant Review, Tuesday, March 17, 2020
- **Grant Start Date, after April 18, 2020**

[Click Here to Register for the Spring Project Grant Writing Webinar](#)

## LRAC Spring Legacy Organization Grant

**\$115,000** will be awarded in the Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

### Important Dates:

- **Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm**
- Grant Deadline, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Grant Review, Tuesday, April 21, 2020
- **Grant Start Date, after May 22, 2020**





## Other Opportunities

### Minnesota Council for Nonprofits Build Your Grantwritings Skills Workshops



Whether you're a veteran fundraiser or an “accidental grantwriter,” there is always room to deepen your knowledge and skills regarding the competitive work of seeking grant funding.

That's where MCN comes in. We're pleased to offer three skill-building workshops—in both in-person and virtual formats—customized to your level of grantwriting experience. Have a look below to see what's coming soon!

- **Spotlight on Successful Grant Strategies.** We'll cover project management tools for grantwriters, new tools for grant prospecting, ways to better connect with your funders after grant is awarded, and growing your grant seeking success by measuring your organization's capacity and effectiveness.

**Wednesday, December 18, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Virtual -Live/online**

- **Beginning Grantwriting: Getting Started.** Ideal for nonprofit professionals with one year or less of experience in grantwriting, this workshop will provide a balance of applicable content and resources to deepen your knowledge of and skills in grantwriting. You'll dig into the basic elements of foundation research and grant planning.

*December 2, 2019 - Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, St. Paul*

**February 18, 2020 - Virtual Training, Live - Online**

- **Intermediate Grantwriting: Writing Clinic.**
- Many people who work in nonprofits find themselves in the position of “accidental grantwriter” and do not feel fully equipped for the challenge. This hands-on writing workshop will provide a balance of tools, skills and significant writing opportunities to deepen participants' knowledge of and skills in grantwriting, using the Minnesota Common Grant application as a template.

*December 16, 1 to 4:00 pm, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, St. Paul*

[Click here to Register for MCN Events](#)

### Propel Nonprofits

#### Have you heard of Propel Nonprofits?

Another resource in the LRAC region to check out



Propel Nonprofits was created from the 2017 merger of Nonprofits Assistance Fund and MAP for Nonprofits. The two organizations' programs were complementary, so the combination provides a more holistic approach to services that meet a larger set of nonprofits' needs, including the ability to more closely link strategy, governance, and finance and to support nonprofits throughout their organizational lifecycle. Propel Nonprofits serves nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and the adjacent states of Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

This month, their newsletter offered a interesting article: **Recruiting New Board Members**. This article provides some excellent tips for recruiting and training new board members.

[Recruiting New Board Members](#)



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