



LRAC AWARDS SPRING LEGACY GRANTS

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The Lake Region Arts Council, Fergus Fall, MN announces the results of the Spring Legacy Grant Round held in April, 2022. \$40,850 was awarded to nine Legacy Individual Artist Grants, and \$180,653 for sixteen Legacy Organization Grants. The available amount to be awarded was \$221,538 between the two funding pools, and \$447,930 was requested. This Lake Region Arts Council Grant Program is made possible by the voters of Minnesota, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

Legacy Individual Artist Grant Program Awardees

Christy Goulet - \$7,300, Clay County

Goulet's grant project will help keep the Jingle dress indigenous art form alive through the one-on-one experience of making these spiritual symbols. She hopes to preserve the artform and values of the Ojibwe for future generations, and the community as a whole. The culmination of the project will be events held at the Moorhead Public Library and the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center where Goulet will display the newly created Ojibwe Jingle. The oral story, songs, and significance will be featured at this community event, and Goulet hopes the event will "encompass traditional teachings and the relevance of how this dress signifies healing and comfort in a time of great distress".



A traditional Jingle dress made by Christy Goulet.

Annette Marchand - \$7,960, Clay County

Marchand will purchase studio equipment, dedicate time to create a new body of art for a solo exhibition and artist talk at the Rourke Art Museum, and use the grant funding to provide access to a hands-on workshop for "at risk" students at the Ceramic Shop in Fergus Falls, MN. The solo exhibit and artist talk will take place at the Rourke Art Museum in Moorhead, MN in September of 2022. The exhibition will be named the "Legacy Series" and will be a continuation of Marchand's current explorations. The workshop will allow for a hands-on ceramic experience for "at-risk" students from the Area Learning Center in Fergus Falls, MN. Marchand will teach hand building fundamentals and the underglaze transfer process, allowing students to playfully create a personalized surface.



"Lemon Bowl" by Annette Marchand.

Peter Bremer - \$2,510, Stevens County

Bremer, an award-winning young adult author, will use the grant to facilitate the publication of a short story collection in print and electronic formats on various platforms and outlets, thereby expanding the potential audience. Upon publication, Bremer will hold artist talks throughout the region, including public libraries in Elbow Lake, Detroit Lakes, and Morris. Bremer hopes to teach the public about self-publishing opportunities using his own story and experiences as an example. "Being a positive role model is important to me," Bremer stated. "Helping to inspire more reading and writing is something I believe strongly in."



Author Peter Bremer will promote self-publishing.

Ferolyn Angell - \$5,220, Stevens County

Angell, a choreographer and filmmaker, will create a trans-atlantic choreography exchange between dancers in the LRAC region and dancers from her mother's hometown in Germany. She will work with dancers to produce "What We Leave Behind", a short film that focuses on the plight of refugees & immigrants. Rehearsals will be open to the public, and the final film will be screened at locations to be announced. Angell hopes this project will "encourage face-to-face dialogue for all participants" on the timely topics that surround the project.



Still from Angell's short film, "In The Shadow".

Legacy Individual Artist Grant Program Awardees (continued)

Debbi Anderson - \$5,220, Stevens County

Anderson will create a photo encaustic series, resulting in an exhibit titled “Foraging for Hope” which will be displayed at Alomere Health, Douglas County Hospital. The exhibit is meant to show how Anderson has discovered hope in everyday sights, and built those images into fine art. With video descriptions to be produced by AMS Digital Productions, Anderson hopes that the patients of the hospital, their families, visitors, hospital staff, and volunteers will be treated to and educated through this needed message of Foraging for Hope.



“Dinner and a Show, on the Water” by Debbi Anderson.

Joshua McGowan - \$2,970, Otter Tail County

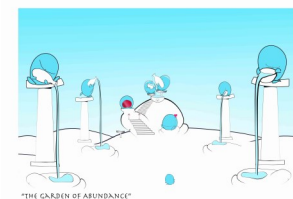
McGowan will purchase equipment needed to create a series of videos for beginning musicians who don’t have private lesson instructors in their area (like many in rural areas). McGowan intends to create these short videos covering the basics of many instruments, and will make them available on YouTube Shorts. McGowan’s experience of ten years as a music teacher will inform his short lesson videos, and he hopes that the videos will help to lessen the lack of access to private lessons that cause many people to never get involved in music at all.



Music Teacher Joshua McGowan will create virtual music lessons.

Blayze Buseth - \$7,890, Otter Tail County

Buseth will develop the myth of Tom, a story that brings the symbolic aspects of pottery into an easy-to-interpret adventure story. “Toms Origin’ will be a playful story that acts as a metaphor for artistic intuitive creation,” Buseth said. He intends for the finished product to be an 10-20 page illustrative book with a short written metaphorical narrative for each drawing. Upon completion of the work, Buseth will hold artist talks and book readings at various locations in the area (dates to be determined), including local libraries and schools.



“The Garden of Abundance” illustration by Blayze Buseth.

DomFreq Productions - \$1,200, Otter Tail County

DomFreq Productions will produce a workshop where youth can learn about the art and culture of drag, and produce a public performance with participants from the workshop. The workshop aspect will include performance inspiration discussion, how to prepare for a performance, and “tips and tricks” of their art. Following DomFreq Productions hopes that the workshop and performance will contribute to “lifting the LGBTQIA+ youth community and celebrating their contributions to our region”. Workshop dates are to be determined.



A performance photo from one of DomFreq Productions' Catwalk Parties.

Kristi Kuder - \$810, Otter Tail County

Kuder will host a cyanotype-making event for the community of Battle Lake as part of Art of the Lakes’ Summer Solstice event. Participants will be able to create their own 8”x10” cyanotype, using their own items or organic materials to block the light and produce variation in the prints. Framing supplies and exhibit space will also be made available for participants who wish to display their creations. Kuder hopes the experience will allow participants to “obtain a greater appreciation for the beauty and meaningfulness they feel about this place they call home.”



“WaterMark II”, Cyanotype, by Kristi Kuder.

Legacy Organization Grant Program Awardees

UMN Morris Prairie Gate Literary Festival - \$10,940, Stevens County
UMN Morris Prairie Gate Literary Festival (PGLF) will use the grant funds to feature five Native writers at their biennial “celebration of writing” on the University of Minnesota Morris Campus. The Native writers will participate in readings, lead writing workshops, participate in open house events, and visit classes on campus. The entire event is free and will be open to the public, and PGLF hopes that the festival will heighten awareness of Native American literature in the region. Exact dates to be announced for sometime in October, 2022.



The Prairie Gate Literary Festival will feature five native writers from Minnesota and beyond.

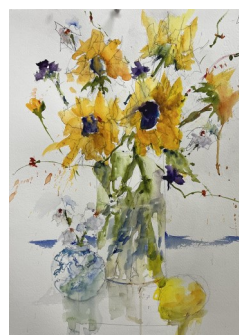
Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee - \$8,360, Otter Tail County
The Pelican Rapids Multicultural Committee will present an International Friendship Festival on Saturday, June 18, 2022 in Sherin Park, Pelican Rapids MN, from 11 am to 5 pm. The event will include performances by around 5 groups presenting music and dance from different cultures, including Mexico, Somalia, Vietnam, Sweden, and Native American cultures. Local ethnic food will also be featured, as well as international craft demonstrations and children’s activities. The grant will fund some of these activities, in addition to the new “Voices and Visions of Resilience” project, an interactive, community art project that will be exhibited after the festival.



Photo of a performance by the Buffalo River Singers and Dancers at the 2008 Pelican Rapids International Friendship Festival.

Art of the Lakes - \$9,690, Otter Tail County

Battle Lake’s Art of the Lakes will provide a series of art workshops to the public focusing on new art forms, instructors and techniques. Six artists will teach their mediums over the course of these classes, including oil pastel landscapes, an introduction to acrylic painting, clay sculpture, watercolors, and plein air outdoor painting. Each workshop will be 1-2 days long, and are intended for individuals ranging from children to adults (depending on the workshop). Art of the Lakes hopes that attendees will “grow and appreciation for the arts” through these workshops, and that they will be “an enriching factor in [the participant’s] lives”. Registration information and dates will be available at the Art of the Lakes website.



Floral watercolor by artist Grace Haverty. Haverty will be one of several artists holding workshops in the Battle Lake region in 2022.

College for Kids & Teens - MSUM - \$5,000, Clay County

MSUM’s College for Kids & Teens program will use the funds to provide funding for need-based scholarships for K-12 students interested in taking summer program courses in the Arts. The program’s mission is to enhance artistry and community enrichment by educating students, of all ages and ethnicities, in the fine arts. Their goal is to enrich lives and strengthen our community through the power of arts, regardless of economic status. This grant will allow the College for Kids & Teens program to remove economic barriers for youth participation.



Children paint a mural at a previous year’s MSUM College for Kids & Teens program.

Fergus Falls A Center for the Arts, Inc. - \$20,000, Otter Tail County
Fergus Falls A Center for the Arts will use the grant funds to present two, week long outreach programs with international performing artists, off the season, culminating in community concerts. The two artists featured will be Steinway artist Robin Spielberg and International Meditation/jazz style guitarist and PBS favorite Pavlo and his band. AC4TA will also involve the community with open workshops and masterclasses, including the healing power of music, the business of the arts, and songwriting. Dates of the performances, workshops, and masterclasses to be announced.



Fergus Falls A Center for the Arts hosts many events, including international artist performances.

Legacy Organization Grant Program Awardees (continued)

Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists - \$17,020, Clay County

The Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists will produce 'Mozart and Minnesota!', a choral and instrumental concert featuring music by Mozart and several emerging Minnesota-based composers. The concert will feature 60 singers and a chamber orchestra of nearly 30 artists performing Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, as well as pieces by emerging Minnesota composers Jake Runestad, Jocelyn Hagen, and Emily Feld. The concert will be held in January, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead.



FM Choral Artists will present 'Mozart and Minnesota!' at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead in January 2023.

Central Square - \$18,800, Pope County

Central Square will present a series of diverse performances to our community as we return to live programming after two-year absence from live performances due to COVID. As part of their goal of rebuilding civic participation with arts programming through music, they will present a series of performances featuring 21 artists, with 9 artists funded by this grant. Artists and groups include "Southern Raised", "The Legends of Soul!", and Branden & James. Performances from these artists will take place in the Fall of 2022, with exact performance dates and tickets to be made available on the Central Square website.



"Southern Raised" will perform at Central Square as part of their grant lineup.

Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County - \$2,769, Clay County

HCSCC will sponsor a cross-cultural concert of two consummate fiddle players, each known for his area of cultural expertise, in a crosscultural concert in Davis-Memorial Park down the block from the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, MN, August 20, 2022 at 1 pm, free and open to the public. Hardanger fiddle master Robert "Bud" Larsen of Brainerd, MN will collaborate with Turtle Mountain Métis (Mitchif) fiddler Cabrael (James) "Cubby" LaRocque in a concert that explores the distinctions and exchanges between Norwegian and Métis fiddling traditions.



Métis (Mitchif) fiddler Cabrael (James) "Cubby" LaRocque will perform in Davis-Memorial Park in Moorhead.

City of Fergus Falls - \$15,600, Otter Tail County

The City of Fergus Falls will commission 12 regional artists to produce works of art inspired by the river and exhibit them in non-traditional retail or public spaces that will transform how people see the river. A map of all the locations will be available to encourage people to seek out the entire collection and complete the sentence "The river is..." in each place of business. Following exhibition in Fergus Falls, the collection will tour libraries in other river cities of Breckenridge, Moorhead, and then return to Fergus Falls library for the Over the River celebration.



Oil painting by Scott Gunvaldson, one of the participating artists in "The River Is" project.

Ulen-Hitterdal School - \$6,190, Clay County

Ulen-Hitterdal will sponsor an artist high school band residency program, high school mini-concert and evening general public performance with C Street Brass from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The group will conduct a workshop with the Ulen-Hitterdal School junior high band and the senior high band with a total of 70 band students to be involved. C Street Brass will also perform a mini-concert for all 7-12 grade students in the afternoon, and on Saturday evening C Street Brass will perform a general public show at 7:30 p.m. The events will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, 2022.



Ulen-Hitterdal band students will work with Pennsylvania-based musical group, C Street Brass.

Legacy Organization Grant Program Awardees (continued)

Kaddatz Galleries Ltd. - \$18,832, Otter Tail County

Kaddatz Galleries will expand and sponsor Kaddatz's Art Reach program serving underserved populations in our community with classes and a public exhibit. Courses will be offered to Fergus Falls groups. Each course will be led by a different experienced artist, teaching a different media, subject or style, including ceramics, printmaking, impressionism, mixed media arts, and 2D & 3D media and techniques. The program will culminate with an exhibit at the Kaddatz composed of student work (date to be announced).



Abstract art by Karan Ouren, one of the Kaddatz's Art Reach program instructors.

DLCCC, Inc. - \$16,750, Becker County

The DLCCC will use the grant funds to purchase and install a portion of new seats in the balcony of the Holmes Theatre. Plans include removal of 72 center balcony seats to be replaced with 58 new seats. Also, 27 seats would be removed balcony house right to create a safe platform and the addition of 6 wheelchair spaces plus 6 companion seats. By replacing these seats, HHT anticipates being able to provide a more comfortable, safe, and aesthetically pleasing experience for patrons seated in the balcony during a show.



A photo of the current seats at the Historic Holmes Theatre. Balcony seats will be updated with grant funds.

DanceBARN Collective - \$7,560, Otter Tail County

DanceBARN Collective will produce the 8th annual DanceBARN Festival, including producing community classes and performances in Battle Lake, MN. 20 professional dancers will engage with the community through providing free dance classes for all abilities, opportunities to observe professional classes, free outdoor performances, and a dance Movie Night featuring the new hit movie West Side Story in the Art Alley of Downtown Battle Lake. Exact dates and times of performances and classes to be announced, however, the Festival will take place in July, 2022.



Dancers in Battle Lake's Art Stream Alley, participating in the annual DanceBARN festival.

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead - \$9,000, Clay County

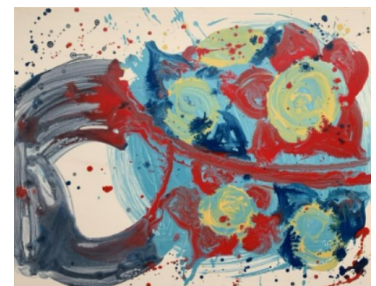
The Kicks Band will increase college age awareness and participation in the jazz arts through big band swing dancing. Four dances will be held at Minnesota State University Moorhead Ballroom. The dances will be open to the general public, and admission will be \$10 adult/\$8 college ID.) Planned dates include Oct 25, 2022, Nov 22, 2022, March 28, 2023, and April 25, 2023. One hour before each dance officially begins, the college's dance club will provide free basic dance lessons, and the Kicks Band will perform 2, 1-hour sets each evening.



The Kicks Band hopes to increase awareness of big band jazz through swing dancing nights.

The Fergus Falls Public Library - \$7,660, Otter Tail County

The Fergus Falls Public Library (FFPL) will increase the public's access to artwork by acquiring new works for the library's permanent and circulating art collections with a particular focus on expanding the gender and racial/ethnic diversity of artists reflected in their collections. Seven pieces of artwork by four artists will be added to the collection. FFPL anticipates that Increasing the size of the library's art collections, the availability of more diverse artwork, greater artistic representation, and promotion of the collections will help fulfill the library's mission and their Art Advisory Committee's goals.



"Kokeshi Doll", recycled latex paint, by Nancy Valentine. Two of Valentine's pieces will be purchased by the FFPL for their collection.

Legacy Organization Grant Program Awardees (continued)

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead - \$6,482, Clay County

The Kicks Band will record original big band compositions of area composers using local musicians. The organization hopes that area composers, musicians, and ultimately, the local community will benefit from this project. The end result will be a professional recording featuring 16 local musicians and between 5 and 8 composers' original that will be available for download.



The Kicks Band will record an album using grant funds.

Twice a year, LRAC awards Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants to provide art access, art education, and arts cultural heritage to the nine county region.

LRAC Legacy Grant instructional videos for grant writing assistance will be available online for the upcoming Fall Legacy Grant programs for Individuals and Arts Organizations and may be watched at any time.

The Fall Legacy Grant Round will open Monday, August 22, 2022. Applications are due Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:00 PM. The Grant Review will take place over one-two days (depending on application volume) on November 15 and November 22, 2022. Projects may begin in mid-December, 2022.

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