



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

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

FY 2020 Artist Initiative, photography **Suzanne M. Legatt, Moorhead, \$9,120**

Collected from potluck style events, Legatt will combine photography of community dishes with conversation excerpts and critical essays to create an art cookbook highlighting the complexity of contemporary Minnesota culture.

Christian E. Mortenson, Moorhead, \$9,861

Mortenson will continue working on his project Tumulus, a contemporary look at the landscape, culture, and complexities of the Iron Range in Minnesota.

FY 2020 Artist Initiative, two- and three-dimensional visual art **Christopher N. Walla , Moorhead, \$10,000**

Sculptor Walla will complete a new body of work that continues his exploration of the poetic interplay of text and physical form.

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*
- Donald S. Clark, Lake Park , Jon A. Solinger, Pelican Rapids, Gary D. Wahl, Morris-*FY 2020 Artist Initiative, photography*

[Click here for grant details.](#)

LRAC Artist Registry

LRAC's Regional Communications Specialist Steve Henning and the team at AMS Digital recently redesigned and published a new Artist Registry. You will find it in the SERVICES dropdown menu on Lake Region Arts Council's website:
<https://lrac4.org/>.

If you are an artist living in one of the nine Minnesota counties (Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant,



Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin) that comprise LRAC's service area, we encourage you to apply from the link on the Artist Registry page.

We are striving to make this a rich and user-friendly website experience for visitors, showcasing the talented artists of this region, so we want every artist listing to include work samples. Depending on your discipline, the site can post audio files, text documents, and video, as well as visual images.

[Click Here for Artist Registry Page](#)



Cultural and Heritage Event

Plains Art Museum: Northern Plains Summer Art Institute for Native American High School Students



The Northern Plains Summer Art Institute (NPSAI) is a two-week (June 14-26, 2020) intensive art program for twelve (12) Native American high school students from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin seeking an art education that mixes fundamentals in art and a connection to their cultural identity. Students will spend two weeks with their peers learning from active Native American professionals in multiple disciplines of the art world. The program is free for all who attend, which will include housing, meals, coursework and all art supplies are provided with the program.

Eligibility

High School Student starting 10th – 12th grade next academic year, or Freshman college students (up to first year completed age limit 20) from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. A dedicated student who pursues the visual arts and has an interest in their Native American culture. Students are selected based on a submitted portfolio of their artwork, one letter of reference, and a signed Guardian Permission Form.

Submission Instructions

Applications are due by April 1, 2020

- Applicants can fill out the online form below.
- It is recommended that a student include 8 – 12 pieces of work for their portfolio. The portfolio can be uploaded in the online form or include a link to where the portfolio can be viewed.
- One (1) reference letter from a teacher or individual on why a student should be considered for the institute.
- Completed (signed) Guardian Permission Form

Reference Letters and Guardian Permission Form can be emailed or mailed to Joseph Williams at jwilliams@plainsart.org , or: C/O: NPSAI, Joseph Williams, Plains Art Museum 704 1st Avenue North, Fargo, ND 58102

[Click here for more information](#)



Featured Event

Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra presents: "The Science of Sound"

Alexandria Area High School
4300 Pioneer Road, SE
Alexandria, MN 56308
218-844-7469
Sunday, February 9, 2020 @ 2:00 PM



The "Science of Sound" will bring new and exciting features to this performance, including a collaboration with students from the Animation Class at Alexandria Area High School and a book depicting how sound is created. Illustrations for the book are created by Faythe Mills, local artist, with text by author, Deb Mercier (a member of the Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra).

Tickets: Adults : \$15 Students: (K-12) \$5

[For tickets and more information](#)



Featured Artist

Nancy XiáoRong Valentine: Visual Artist

Nancy XiáoRong Valentine is a self-taught water-medium artist from Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

In January of 2016, Nancy moved into the Kaddatz Artist Lofts where she began her creative career with nothing but artistic inclination, a Crayola brand watercolor palette and daily dedication to her new medium.



In the spring of 2017, Nancy was awarded a Career Development Grant from the Lakes Region Arts Council which allowed her the means to purchase professional-grade supplies and spurred her on to continue with her creative pursuits.

Now, drawing technical inspiration from her Chinese heritage, Nancy strives to reveal hidden connections to her audience through implied design and intentional mark-making. Many of her works communicate her affinity for minimal color, appreciation of organic line work, and often focus on the natural and the feminine form.

Nancy's current mediums of focus are watercolor, gouache, and Chinese ink. Nancy is not currently accepting any commission work.

[Click here for Nancy's Website](#)



LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

LRAC Guest Juror, Anna Lee Exhibit

Lake Region Arts Council
Main Gallery
January 6, 2020 - March 9, 2020

Video of Exhibit Coming in LRAC February ArtsNews!

Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC) is pleased to invite you to our "LRAC Guest Juror, Anna Lee Exhibit" exhibit that features regional artists that work in a variety of mediums. Their work will be on display in our Main Gallery, January 6, 2020 through March 9, 2020. A reception for the exhibit will be held Jan. 21, 5-6:30 pm at the Lake Region Arts Council Galleries, 133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN, and is open to the public.



Artists chosen for this exhibit include:

Donald Clark, Lake Park
Dar Eckert, Fergus Falls
Heidi Goldberg, Walcott
Kathy Hagstrom, Fergus Falls
Ross Hilgers, Moorhead
Rick Kagigebi, Detroit Lakes
Scott Kiemle, Vining
Inkpa Mani, (Javier Lara-Ruiz), Wheaton
Jim Park, Dilworth
Amy Schmidt. Campbell
Paul Seifert, Vergas
Nancy Valentine, Fergus Falls
Chris Walla, Moorhead
Michael Weatherly, Elbow Lake
Erinn Webb, Fergus Falls
Mary Jo Wentz, Battle Lake

Photo Credit: "Isaac" by Scott Kiemle

[Click here for Exhibit Video](#)

LRAC Solo Gallery

Victoria "Torri" Hanna - Fiber Arts Exhibit

LRAC Solo Gallery
133 S. Mill St.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-739-5780

Exhibit: February 1 - March 27

Victoria "Torri" Hanna received her BA in Fine Arts with a Concentration in Fibers from Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota. She lived in Colorado for many years after college, where she learned to knit and spin and for a time, managed and taught classes at Lambspun of Colorado. Ms. Hanna then moved back to Canby, Minnesota, where for many years, she owned and operated her own yarn store, Briar Rose Fibers. She also spent several years in Walnut Grove, MN working with Blackhawk Studios. Torri currently works full time in her store, studio and gallery, Torri's Tangles to Treasures in Fergus Falls, MN. You can find her there weaving, embroidering, knitting and spinning, as well as creating her own weaving and knitting designs. Torri's original designs have been featured in Interweave Knits, Piecework and Beadwork Magazines.



[Click here for Torri Hanna's Website](#)

LRAC Grant Announcements

LRAC Operating Support Grants

February is the month that the 2020 Operating Support Grants will be awarded at the LRAC Grant Review on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.



\$64,173 will be awarded, Watch for the announcement!

LRAC Individual Grants

LRAC Spring Legacy Individual Grant

Make 2020 the year to expand your artist career and your audience! Legacy Grants provide opportunities for the public to access the arts in all its creative forms. This could be your year!



Find out the facts, figures, and financials by watching the LRAC Spring Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar. Learn all the rules and requirements for submitting an application by clicking the link below.

Now's the time to contact the LRAC office with your big ideas and questions. Don't wait until the last minute to start this application.

Important Dates:

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

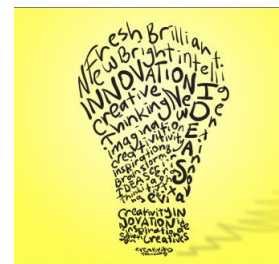
[Watch the Spring Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar](#)

LRAC Individual Grants Spring 2020

Start Planning for Your Next Opportunity!

Check out these upcoming grants and deadlines:

- **\$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 over the past five years!



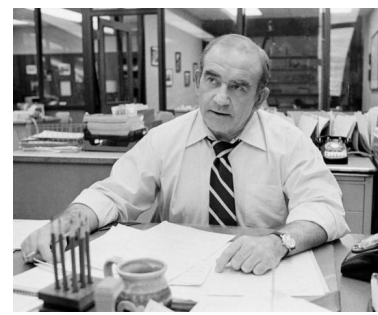
Learn all about with the LRAC Career Development Grant Writing Webinar.

Click on the link below to register for the live broadcast
on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm

[Register for the Career Development Grant Writing Webinar](#)

LRAC Editing Services Available Again for Individual Applicants!

LRAC is contracting the services of an editor to assist individuals again this year. A number of applicants took advantage of this opportunity last year as they developed their Legacy Spring Individual Grant, Career Development Grant, and Fellowship Grant applications.



Benefits of the Editing Service:

- Second set of eyes to proof the application for spelling and grammar.
- Constructive feedback on the content of the narrative questions.

Contact the LRAC office when your application is ready to be reviewed. The narrative will be forwarded to the editor, proofed, and returned in time to submit the application before the deadline date.

Editing Services for the Spring Legacy Individual Grant will be available through Friday, February 21, 2020.



LRAC Organization Grants

LRAC Spring Project Grant

Time to Wrap up your Spring Project Grant!
\$19,300 will be awarded in the Spring Project Grant Round.



Apply for up to \$3,000 to fund your next concert, exhibition, artist residency, or other arts activity. Applicants may apply for more than one Project Grant with \$5,000 cap for total funding for the year.

Important Dates:

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

[Watch the Spring Project Grant Writing Webinar Recording](#)

LRAC Spring Legacy Organization Grant

\$123,700 will be awarded in the Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

The Legacy Organization Grant is open to public entities such as K-12 schools, community education, colleges, universities, libraries, and museums along with non profit organizations located in the LRAC region.



The focus of the grant is to increase the public's access to arts programming either through new or expanded arts activities.

Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

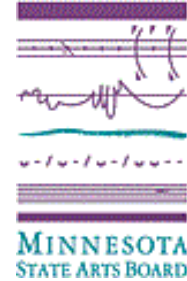
- Grant Review, Tuesday, April 21, 2020
- **Grant Start Date, after May 22, 2020**

Watch the Spring Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar



Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board 2021 Arts Learning Grant



The FY 2021 Arts Learning grant program is now open for application. Arts Learning is a grant program that offers funding for projects that help lifelong learners acquire knowledge, understanding, and skills in the arts. For the purpose of this program, arts learning happens when participants are engaged in creating, performing, and/or responding to art in a disciplined and intentional way with a teaching artist.

The Arts Board will offer a free online information session about the FY 2021 Arts Learning grant opportunity on **Thursday, January 9, at 3:00 p.m.** [Learn more.](#)

Deadline: February 7, 2020, 4:30 pm

MSAB Arts Learning Grant Information

McKnight Fellowships for Book Arts

MN Center for Book Arts offers two \$25,000 Fellowships

MCBA

The intent of this program is to recognize and support mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate exceptional artistic merit and commitment to the field. 2019 marks the first year McKnight partnered with MCBA to offer the fellowships program in the field of book arts. Each year going forward, MCBA will administer two Fellowship awards, which will allow Minnesota book artists to set aside time for study, reflection, opportunities, new projects, experimentation, and exploration.

Applicants are also welcome to schedule one-on-one meetings (in person or over the phone) with the Exhibitions and Artist Programs Manager before submitting their applications online. Appointments may be made between December 1, 2019 through February 21, 2020.

For further information, contact:
Torey Erin, Director of Exhibitions and Artist Programs
Terin@mnbookarts.org
612-215-2528

Deadline is March 1, 2020 at noon

MCBA McKnight Fellowship Book Arts Guidelines

McKnight Fellowships for Media Artists

FilmNorth offers four \$25,000 Fellowships



The goal of the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Media Artists program is to identify talented Minnesota media artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. The fellowship program supports established artists by providing significant financial assistance, by creating opportunities to meet with local and national art professionals, by organizing a public discussion panel featuring the fellows, by providing assistance to attend a professional conference in New York or Los Angeles, and by offering four free classes through FilmNorth during the fellowship year.

For questions about the fellowships or the application process, contact Eric Mueller, Program Administrator, FilmNorth, 651-644-1912, emueller@myfilmnorth.org.

Deadline is March 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Film North McKnight Fellowship Media Artists Guidelines



LRAC Executive Director

Maxine Adams

Please contact the LRAC office for more information:
218.739.5780 or LRAC4@LRACgrants.org
LRAC4.org

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