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Arts Community Celebrates Funding

"I congratulate you on all the hard work and success that you have had with passing the amendment ... and I think you have done a great service to the State of Minnesota with the additional funding that this will provide for the arts," Representative Kent Eken stated at a roll-out event hosted by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, Northwest Regional Development Commission, Minnesota State Arts Board, and Minnesota Citizens for the Arts on Feb 6, 2010 in Ada.

Artisans in our seven-county area will share the \$250,000 in new program grants and services from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, thanks to the new sales tax revenue from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment!

"It has been demonstrated that communities where the arts are well funded is where you do have communities that flourish." stated Rep. Eken "I do believe that the arts are critically important tools in life."

(More on the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund within this newsletter on pages 2 and 3.)



Enter the Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibition

Entry Forms Due:
Feb 26, 2010
The entry form is inside.

Pictured those attending the event. Front row left to right: Cindy Tsukichi, Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Chair; Sue Gens, Executive Director of Minnesota State Arts Board; Representative Kent Eken; Sheila Smith, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts; and Mara Wittman, Northwest MN Arts Council Director. Back row left to right: Bill Montague, RDC Commission member; Joyce Schlagel, Gen Svare, Lee Ann Hall, and Shirley Hansen, Arts supporters from Ada; Leon Heath, NWRDC Executive Director; and Dale Knotek, Northwest MN Arts Council Board member.

A Program of the Northwest Regional Development Commission
218-745-9111 (arts) 745-6733 (receptionist) • www.nwrdc.org/arts.htm

Grant Deadlines

Applications are available at www.nwrdc.org/artsgrants.htm as printable pdf files and fill-in-the-blank forms. You can also call 1-800-646-2240 or email mara@nwrdc.org to request a form.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grants: Arts organizations, schools, communities, and other non-profits may apply for grants of up to \$6,000.00. A 10% cash match is required to be eligible. May 1st deadline for any and all applicants. Special April 1st deadline for non-profit arts organizations.

Cultural Bank Grants: Small insurance grants to cover a loss. Grants are up to \$1,000 or 1/3 of the costs of your arts project. Call to learn more about this exciting new program that will help organizations take some risk out of programming. Must submit simple one page application 28 days prior to your event dates.

NWRDC/McKnight Capital Grants: Special deadline for schools to purchase artistic equipment for music, visual, theater, media arts or literary departments. April 1st deadline. (Final deadline due to policy changes)

Artist Training/Mentor Grants: Area high school student artists may apply for \$500.00. These funds must be used for a training or mentorship project only. Applications must be postmarked by April 1st.

Northwest Artist and Arts Advocate Awards: Each year two highly respected individuals in the arts receive \$500.00, special recognition, and an award for their outstanding service to our area. Nomination form on page 6 of this newsletter. Due February 26th.

NWRDC/McKnight Hispanic Arts Grants: Flexible project grants for schools, non-profit organizations, or hispanic individuals. The project must either center around a hispanic theme and/or directly involve a hispanic artist. Deadline May 1st.

Regional Arts Council Staff

Mara Wittman, Arts Council Director
mara@nwrdc.org

Regional Arts Council Members

Chair: Cindy Tsukichi, TRF

V-Chair: Betty Pikop, Stephen

Sec: Alice Hofstad, Plummer

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Barbara Geer, Middle River

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Bill Montague, Crookston

Aliza Olson, Roseau

Kay Rosengren, Hallock

Arts Council Members Needed

These are exciting times for our regional arts council! We are looking for new Board members to help during this time of growth. The first step is to talk with Arts Council Director, Mara Wittman at 218-745-9111 to learn more about our openings and to visit our "About The Arts Council" web pages which includes a nomination form at www.nwrdc.org/arts.htm Members are needed from Red Lake County and Norman County.

**Many grant writing
workshops coming up!**

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

A New Opportunity

In November 2008, Minnesotans passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution. It will provide dedicated funding for arts and cultural heritage in our state for 25 years.

This year, the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council will have approximately \$250,000 from this new fund to invest as widely as possible so that northwestern Minnesotans will have more opportunities to participate in and benefit from the arts!

**Arts Advocacy Day is
March 2, 2010**

**We need you in St. Paul! Be on
our team to visit all our
legislators. Register today at
www.mncitizensforthearts.org**

New Grants Available

A number of new grant programs and services are being offered. Nonprofit organizations, communities, units of government, schools, arts organizations, artists, and many others will be able to apply for these grants.

Funding Focuses

New funding will be invested in the following three broad categories.

- Arts and Arts Access: Investing in high quality arts activities and experiences for all Minnesotans
- Arts Learning: Investing in lifelong learning in the arts
- Art and Cultural Heritage: Building bridges between cultures through the arts

These funds will strengthen existing arts organizations by providing stability and allowing them to increase their programming in new ways.

Many creative examples of grant proposal ideas are on our web site. www.nwrdc.org/arts.htm

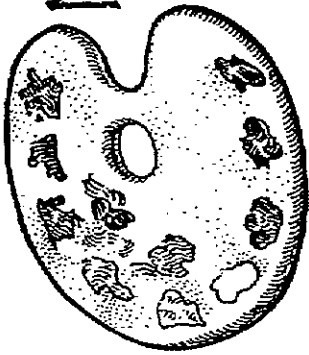
McKnight Artist Fellowships

The McKnight Foundation funds \$25,000.00 artist fellowship programs in ceramic arts, literature, music composition, music performance, photography, playwriting and theater arts, screenwriting and filmmaking, and visual arts, administered respectively by the various arts organizations based in Minnesota.

See <http://www.mcknight.org/arts/fellowships.aspx> for links to applications.

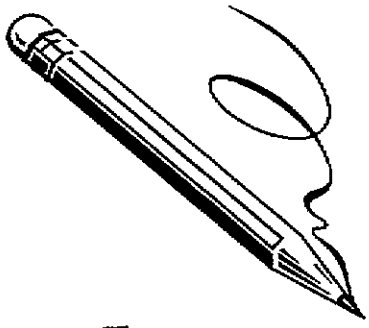
MN State Arts Board Deadlines

Call 1-800-866-2787 for more information; applications can also be downloaded from www.arts.state.mn.us.
Feb 19, 2010 Arts Learning
Feb 26, 2010 Arts Access
Feb 26, 2010 Minnesota Festival Support
March 1, 2010 Arts in Ed. Organizational Support
March 5, 2010 Community Arts School and Conservatories
March 5, 2010 Folk and Traditional Arts
April 30, 2010 Partners in Arts Participation
On-going [Percent for Art Slide Registry](#)



The 11th Annual Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibition

Wednesday thru Sunday, April 21 - 25, 2010
Library and Community Center, Climax, MN



Rules for Entry and Exhibition

HOWTOENTER

1. Please print (with dark ink) all information on the entry form.
 2. Entry must be postmarked no later than **February 26, 2010**. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.
 3. **FEEs:** High School students must send a payment of \$5.00 with their entry form. Adults (including college students) must send a payment of \$10.00 with their entry form. Checks payable to NWRDC.
 4. Artists may enter a total of two works in any 2 or 3 dimensional media. Please submit a photograph of each work entered.
 5. Original work only, conceived and executed by the artist. Copies will absolutely not be selected as part of the exhibit.
 6. The artist must be a resident of the Minnesota counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau.
 7. Entries must be of work completed within the last five years. Pieces that were displayed in previous year's shows are not eligible for display.
 8. Previous year's first place adult winners are not eligible for awards for the same style of artwork. The selection committee will determine whether artwork submitted is of a different style and therefore eligible for awards.
- IF SELECTED FOR EXHIBIT** (a maximum of 120 pieces can be displayed)
9. All work must be appropriately finished, suitable for hanging or display (e.g., properly wired, no sawtooth hangers, etc.) Work not meeting requirements will be refused.

10. Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibit will not handle sales, but every effort will be made to put potential buyers in contact with artists.

11. Although the utmost precaution will be taken to protect works, the Northwest Regional Arts Council, the sponsoring group, the facility, and Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibition are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged work. Artists may wish to personally insure their own work. Submission of work and entry card signature indicates acceptance of all conditions and waiver of liability.

AWARDS: A total of \$1,650 will be awarded. Adult (over 18 years old) awards will be for 1st Place \$500.00; 2nd Place \$250.00; 3rd Place \$100.00; and five merit awards of \$50.00 each. Student (14-18 years old) awards will be 1st Place \$150.00; 2nd Place \$75.00; 3rd Place \$50.00; and five merit awards of \$25.00 each. Previous year's first place adult winners are not eligible for awards for the same style of artwork.

FUNDING: Funding for this exhibition is being provided by the Arts Council of the Northwest Regional Development Commission through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and funding from The McKnight Foundation.

PLEASE NOTE: Entry requirements will be enforced, so please let us clarify any questions or concerns you may have. Call: Mara Wittman at 1-800-646-2240.

ENTRYCARD

Mail by **February 26, 2010** to the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council • 115 South Main, Suite 1 • Warren, MN 56762.
Samples may be reviewed for possible selection by a committee as early as March 4, 2010. **PLEASE PRINT.**

Artist: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

If you are a student please fill in your age _____
and school's name _____

Artist's Signature: _____
(Students ages 14-18 are eligible for student awards.)

_____ My check or cash is enclosed: High School students \$5.00; Adults \$10.00 per person

Title A: _____ Title B: _____

Check one category that best describes your artwork

Drawing _____ Painting _____ Photo/Computer Art _____

Sculpture/Pottery _____ Jewelry/Fibers/Mixed/Other _____

Medium materials: _____

Medium materials: _____

Size Framed: _____ Price if for sale: _____

Entry sample must be submitted (photo is preferred)

Slide _____ Photo _____ CD/Disc _____ Email _____

If you choose to email your sample please use a jpg file extension and meet the deadline date for submission.

Make sure your samples are labeled with your name and title; or Entry A/Entry B if untitled. Thank you.

Size Framed: _____ Price if for sale: _____

Entry sample must be submitted (photo is preferred)

Slide _____ Photo _____ CD/Disc _____ Email _____

You will be notified in writing by March 21, 2010 whether your pieces have been accepted into the exhibit.

Northwest Arts Award Nomination Form

An **ELIGIBLE NOMINATION** must include a completed typed nomination form, narrative on merit, a copy of the nominee's resume and be received by **February 26, 2010**. Only residents of the Minnesota counties **Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau** are eligible for these **\$500.00** awards.

I wish to nominate: Name _____
Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____
Day Time Phone Number _____
Other Phone Number _____
Art Discipline _____

My name is: Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Day Time Phone Number _____
Other Phone Number _____

RESTRICTIONS: Each award can be received only once in a lifetime. Nominations will not be carried over from year to year. Previous nominees must be renominated each year. It is the policy of NW MN Arts Council that nominees will not be notified of their nomination unless they are chosen to receive an Award.

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1. Please check one.
This nomination is for: _____ Northwest Artist _____ Northwest Advocate (arts supporter)
2. Attach a narrative addressing the following questions: (Please use 12 point type and do not exceed two pages)
Northwest Artist
 - a. On what merit are you nominating this artist?
 - b. How does this artist's work enhance and impact the arts community in our region?**Northwest Advocate**
 - a. On what merit are you nominating this art supporter?
 - b. Describe the impact this arts supporter has had on his/her peers and our region. Mention the specific project or programs they have been involved in that have made substantial contributions to the arts.
3. Optional: Attach support materials such as work samples (up to 5 examples), letters of support (up to 3 letters), and/or additional background information on the person.
4. Send all materials to Mara Wittman, NWRDC, 115 South Main, Suite 1, Warren, MN 56762 by **February 26, 2010**.

Awards will be distributed at the artist reception of the Northwest Minnesota Art Exhibition on Sunday, April 25, 2010 in Climax, MN.

Arts Grants Awarded

Arts Project Grants: (next deadline Aug 1, 2010)

- City of Karlstad, \$2,050.00; for Prairie Fire "Sleeping Beauty" in June 2010.
- Crookston Comm. Theatre, \$2,620.00; for "Helen's Most Favorite Day" in Sep 09.
- Middle River Comm. Theatre, \$3,000.00; for "Harvey" in Oct 09.
- Campbell Library, East Grand Forks, \$1,080.00; for the sponsorship of Doug Ohman and Ann Zemke in March and April 2010.
- Crookston Library, \$1,000.00; for the sponsorship of a storyteller at area libraries in July 2010.
- Thief River Falls Community Arts Council, \$3,000.00; for Kiss Me Kate in June 2010.

Artists in the Schools Grants: (next deadline Aug 1, 2010)

- Roseau School District, \$1,200.00; for writing residency in May 2010.
- Tri-County School District, \$1,275.00; for writing residency in January 2010.
- Crookston School District, \$2,000.00; for string residency in November 2009.

Small Capital Grants: (next deadline Apr 1, 2010 for schools)

- Stephen Arts Council: \$1,800.00; accessibility repairs
- Crookston Community Theatre: \$1,930.00; purchase light equipment

Adult Artist Fellowship Grants: (next deadline Oct 15, 2010)

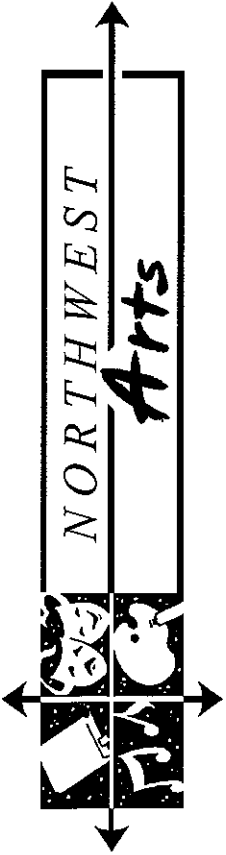
- Catherine Erickson, Middle River: \$4,000.00; to document music therapy sessions
- Nancy Kasprovicz, Roseau: \$1,200.00; glass bead equipment
- Nancy Vraa, Red Lake Falls: \$1,200.00; fiber art studio/store
- Karen Engevik, Roseau: \$1,200.00; pottery equipment

Student Artist Training Mentorship Grants: (next deadline April 1, 2010)

- Kayla Jeffery, Warroad: \$500.00; pottery
- Travis Miller, Stephen: \$500.00; music
- Haylee Pearce, Argyle: \$500.00; voice
- Ciera Goldsmith, Lengby: \$500.00; visual art
- Jessica Sistad, Fosston: \$500.00; visual art
- Abbey Kindall, Winger: \$500.00; drawing
- Brita Christenson, Kennedy: \$500.00; visual
- Anna Christenson, Kennedy: \$500.00; writing
- Shannon Balstad, Fosston: \$500.00; photo



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