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**Artist Kathy Braud Achieves
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Congratulations to watercolor artist, Kathy Braud, who was recently awarded Signature Status in the Northstar Watermedia Society. As result, her watercolor painting, "Ruffled Feathers 5," was featured at the 2018 Northstar

Watermedia Society Juried National Show. The Northstar Watermedia Society is the oldest watermedia society in Minnesota with over 200 members. The group promotes the artistic use of water-based media and is well known for their lively and informative monthly meetings, art shows, and workshops that feature nationally and internationally known watermedia artists. Read the full story [here](#).



You can also regularly find her work in her kiosk/shop at the Shoppes in Little Falls. There you will find a collection of framed art, mounted (but not framed) works, and cards. Kathy Braud's work can be viewed and purchased on her website at kathy-braud.pixels.com and kathy-braud.artistwebsites.com. Everyone is invited to take a peek.

Experience Kathy Braud up close and personal Saturday, December 1, 2018 11:00AM to 12:30PM at the Shoppes of Little Falls. Watch this talented artist as she demonstrates how she uses watercolor to paint a vivid rendition of sunflowers in a pottery vessel.

Join the Wadena Historical Society on November 30th for Contempo Physical Dance, SenZalma

**Friday November 30th, 7:00PM
Wadena Memorial Auditorium,
600 Colfax Ave SW**

Cost: Free

Contempo Physical Dance will present SenZalma, a full-length work inspired by the poem O Navio

Negreiro (The Slave Ship) by 19th Century Brazilian abolitionist and poet Antonio de Castro Alves at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium on Friday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.



Directed and choreographed by co-founder Marciano Silva dos Santos, Contempo Physical Dance is recognized for its dynamic fusion of Afro-Brazilian dance, capoeira (a Brazilian martial arts form that combines elements of dance and music) and contemporary dance.

Contempo Physical Dance is in Wadena thanks to a MN State Arts Board Arts Tour grant and a partnership with the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center. This activity made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. This is a free program for Fall 2018 from the Wadena County Historical Society.

Call for Art: The Brainerd Public Library is Seeking Outdoor

Kinetic Art

Are you an artist with a knack for creating engaging and creative kinetic outdoor art?

The Brainerd Public Library with funding from the Five Wings Art Council, the Arts and Legacy Amendment's Cultural Heritage Fund, and the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library, will award up to \$7,000 to an artist or artists for the design, fabrication, installation, and other associated costs of the Kinetic/Wind Art project. To read the RFP and learn more about this amazing opportunity click on the link below. The deadline is December 7th.



[Kinetic Art RFP](#)

Have You Heard? Money Available for Arts Based Community Development

The Arts Based Community Development (ABCD) grant program encourages and supports the integration of the arts to address a local community issue or need through an arts-based solution.



It is open to any nonprofit 501c3 organization, organizations or groups without nonprofit designation but using a 501c3 fiscal agent, school, or local government entity serving Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and/or Wadena Counties in Minnesota. FWAC will award up to \$7,500 for an approved ABCD application. The applicant organization must provide at least a 50% cash match towards the total cash costs of the project.

ABCD projects may be new initiatives or the expansion of an existing arts and community development project. Successful applications will demonstrate that the project addresses a community issue that has been identified as a priority for resolution. The project must involve a collaboration between at least one arts organization and/or artist and one non-arts organization, each with clearly defined roles related to the project. Artists or arts organizations must play a leadership role in the core conception, planning, implementation and evaluation of the project.

Deadlines for grant application submission is **January 6, 2019** and, if funds are still available, again on March 1st. Applicants will be notified within 14 days of the application deadline date of the board's decision regarding their application.

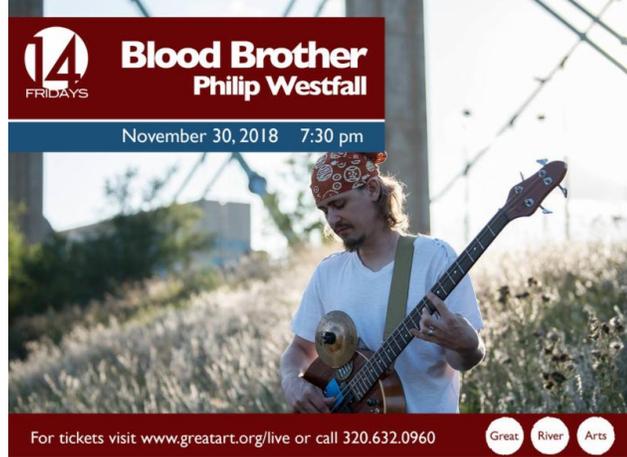
For complete details and grant guidelines click [here](#).

Great River Arts in Little Falls Presents 14 Fridays

November 30th at 7:30PM

Blood Brother Phillip Westfall

Phillip is a Minnesota-based vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, luthier, and inventor. He uses this specific combination of skills to simultaneously perform all of the parts of his compositions live using instruments and mechanical contraptions he has designed and built. His dynamic, sweeping voice has drawn comparisons to Thom Yorke, while the sonic texture of his music is reminiscent of Neko Case's Blacklisted, with catchy but smart arrangements that evoke The Beatles or Elliott Smith.



December 7th at 7:30PM Michael Shynes

Little Falls musician returns to the place it all started with a concert performance at the newly renovated Great River Arts. Shynes recently released his new album, There Goes the Devil, and played a concert in Gdansk, Poland. He has toured the country and internationally and played with platinum recording artists including Howie Day. Shynes has worked to become one of the most sought after acoustic performers and songwriters in the Midwest. He has an ability to blend shades of multiple genres over an acoustic landscape, and his songs are ripe with lyrical depth rarely paired with mainstream appeal. "The thing that seems to separate Shynes is unquestionably his voice and phrasing. With a range and falsetto that is nothing short of captivating, his acoustic finger picking style acts as the perfect bed of warmth on which his soulful lyrics can rest."



Purchase tickets at <http://greatart.org/>

Congratulations to The Crossing Arts Alliance: Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year

The Crossing Arts Alliance has been named as the Nonprofit of the Year by Brainerd Community Action and the Brainerd Jaycees. A committee with Brainerd Community Action selects a nonprofit every year based on their impact on the region and their ability to improve the overall quality of life for the community they serve.

Five Wings Arts Council applauds the hard work and dedication of the staff

and board at The Crossing Arts Alliance!



Congratulations Candace Simar on receiving the Laura Literary Award

Candace Simar, Brainerd, received the Laura Literary Award for her short fiction titled "Night Riding" on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the 24th annual Convention in Walla Walla, Washington. Simar's agent, Krista Soukup, read her story and received the award on her behalf.



The Laura Award, named in honor of Laura Ingalls Wilder, is sponsored by Women Writing the West, an organization that supports authors and other professionals in promoting the contributions made by women to the history, culture and growth of the American West. "A simple story narrated in a quiet voice but capturing the range of human desperation, birth, death, forgiveness and hope," stated award judge Janet Harris, PhD. "A simple story, a remarkable narrative." Simar is an award-winning author of eight books, including the "Abercrombie Trail" series, "Dear Homefolks" and her most recent young adult novel, "Escape to Fort Abercrombie."

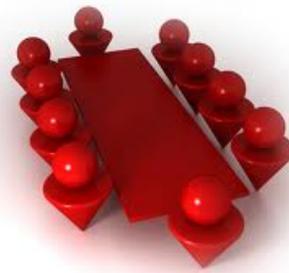
Candace is also a recipient of McKnight funded grants from Five Wings Art Council.

To read more about Candace, visit her website at CandaceSimar.com.

FWAC Seeking Representative from Cass County

Are you interested in helping people have access to arts experiences in our region? That's exactly what members of the Five Wings Arts Council board of directors do as

representatives of their home county and you might be a perfect fit for this responsibility.



Five Wings Arts Council is currently seeking a representative from **Cass County** to serve a three year term on its board of directors. Council members are charged with setting policy, as well as approving funding programs and services designed to improve the lives of the people in Region Five through arts and culture projects. They also review and make funding award decisions about grant applications submitted to the council. The volunteer board of directors meets 10 times per year, and is compensated for mileage to board meetings.

Council member candidates should have experience participating in, advocating for, and/or supporting the arts. Anyone interested serving in this capacity should submit a letter of interest stating their expertise, and resume to: Five Wings Arts Council, PO Box 118, Staples, MN 56479 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Questions? Call 877-654-2166.

For more information about serving on the FWAC board of directors click [here](#).

Grant Opportunities

Five Wings Arts Council provides funding to organizations and artists in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison or Wadena counties. A variety of grant programs are available to produce, present, and/or promote arts projects in Region Five.

The FWAC staff is ready and willing to assist applicants in providing feedback about project ideas and pre-review your grant application. Read on to find out more about each of our grant programs. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Chepulis, Grants & Program Coordinator, at 877-654-2166 or vicki.fwac@arvig.net.



[Overview of FY19 Grant Information](#)

Links to Grant Guidelines:

[Community Arts Access Project Grants](#)

[School Arts Project Grants](#)

[General Operating Support Grants](#)

[Individual Artist Grants](#)

[Small Project Grants](#)

Other Opportunities and Resources

- [Minnesota State Arts Board](#)

- [Jerome Foundation](#)
- [McKnight Foundation](#)
- [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
- [Springboard for the Arts](#)



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