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**Revitalizing & Growing: The
Brainerd Writer's Alliance**

Established nearly 30 years ago by Central Lakes College professor Doug Hibbard, the Brainerd Writer's Alliance was created with a mission to provide local writers with a community of fellow creatives to help foster and grow their craft. Today, the Brainerd Writer's Alliance continues to provide a place for writers of all skill levels



to share and develop their work. Working alongside local authors, poets, and freelance writers the group continues to foster positive relationships while providing outlets for members to share their work with others who have a passion for the written word. For more information and to read the full story click [here](#).

SUCCESS BY DESIGN Workshop **Tuesday April 10, 2018**



SUCCESS BY DESIGN - **Your Arts Organization Needs This!**

When: Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Time: Gather at 8:30 for coffee.
Session from 9 am - 4:30 p.m.
Lunch, snacks and beverages provided.
Location: Staples, MN. NJPA, 202 12th St. NE

Participants in this workshop receive a 2 week extension on the completion of their April 15, 2018, application deadline.

Do you work with an organization that brings arts and culture experiences to your community?

If so, REGISTER NOW for this important workshop! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We hope you will join us for this day:

- To articulate your vision and aspirations in terms that align with the vision of the Legacy Amendment;
- To explore specific, measurable goals for your work;
- To build a plan for benchmarking progress toward your goals.

*Bring your current projects and your ideas for future projects, or your application in process for the April 15th Community Arts Access grant deadline.

[WORKSHOP INFO FLYER](#)

MN State Arts Board Artist Initiative **Grant**

Application Deadlines: May 4 and June 29,
2018

The Artist Initiative grant program is designed to support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota.



Grants will be awarded for projects that will

enhance or expand the applicant's artistic skills or process, and advance the applicant's career by helping the artist generate greater visibility with and exposure to potential audiences.

Those considering a first time application are urged to review the program's overview and application instructions, and speak with program officer Sherrie Fernandez-Williams prior to beginning an application. She can be reached at (651) 215-1626, toll-free at (800) 866-2787, or via e-mail at sherrie.fernandez-williams@arts.state.mn.us

For more information please visit the MN State Arts Grant Program website: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/>

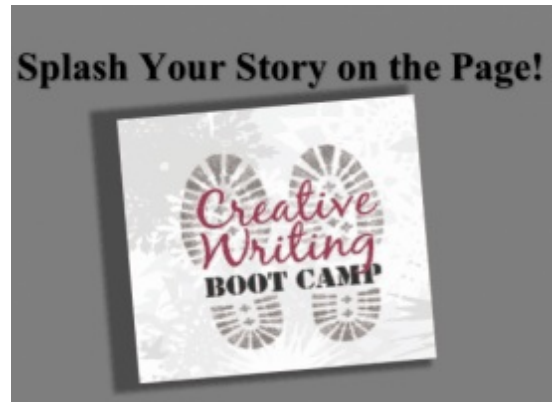
BOOT CAMP For Writers: Splash Your Story on the Page!

Splash Your Story on the Page!

When: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$25 for Crossing Arts Members, \$30 for Non-Members

Where: Northern Lakes Living Community Room, 8186 Excelsior Road, Baxter MN
Instructors: Angela Foster and Candace Simar



Join the Farm Girls (Angela Foster & Candice Simar) for a fun day of writing. Together, we'll capture that perfect image to hook your reader and practice ways to improve your prose with vivid details, imaginative settings, crisp dialogue, and dynamic action.

Bring your favorite pen and a laptop or notebook. Appropriate for all writing levels and genres.

To Register for this event click [here](#).

Three Writing Workshops at the Brainerd Public Library

MEMOIR: April 25

Tame the Memoir Monster:
What to Put In, What to Leave
Out

When: Wednesday, April 25
from 6-8 p.m.

Where: Brainerd Public Library, Large Meeting Room

Class instructor: Angela Foster

Cost: FREE

Register for this class [here](#).



BUSINESS: MAY 2

Business Writing - How to Get your Point Across in a Clear and Interesting Way

When: Wednesday, May 2 from 6-8 p.m.

Where: Brainerd Public Library, Large Meeting Room

Cost: Free

Class Instructor: Angela Foster

Register for this class [here](#).

RESEARCH: MAY 9

Workshop: Writers' Workshop: Dig Deeper-Mining Research Details to Enhance your Story

When: Wednesday, May 9 from 6-8 p.m.

Where: Brainerd Public Library, Large Meeting Room

Cost: FREE

Register for this class [here](#).

Nonprofit Financial Management Training Sessions: Register now for April 5 training



Nonprofit financial planning can be a complicated and nuanced process. Propel Nonprofit's Phil Hatlie will be here to help by presenting essential financial management concepts during two half-day training sessions on Thursday, April 5, at the Initiative Foundation's Little Falls office. These sessions will provide useful information for executive directors, program managers, finance directors and board members who want to step-up their budgeting processes. Attend one or both sessions.

Cost: \$49/session or \$104 for both (option includes on-site lunch)

To Register Click Here: [Financial Management Training Sessions](#)

Calculating True Program Costs Thursday, April 5, 9 a.m. to noon

Strategic Financial Planning Thursday, April 5, 1 to 4 p.m.

Accepting Entries for Sculpture Trail for the Red Bridge Park in Park Rapids

The City of Park Rapids and Park Rapids Arts and Culture Commission are accepting entries for a sculpture trail in Red Bridge Park.



As part of the planning process, more than 100 residents completed surveys and attended public meetings to

discuss specific recommendations to grow community arts and cultural resources. As a result, one of the plan's high priority projects is to develop a sculpture trail along the Heartland Trail in Red Bridge Park on the Fish Hook River.

Entries of completed works are invited and must be submitted, along with a \$10 entry fee, by the end of the business day Monday, April 30. Artists will be notified of selection committee results on May 18 and will have until June 8 to install their works. Each artist whose work is selected will receive a \$500 honorarium. The entry form with more details is available to be downloaded at www.prlaac.org/pages/sculpture-trail/sculpture-trail.php.

FY18 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](#)

Notice to FWAC Individual Grant Applicants

Five Wings Arts Council is not accepting new applications for grants in the Individual Artist categories of Project Support or Professional Development until August 15, 2018. New application forms will be available on August 1, 2018, for projects beginning October 1, 2018 or later. The next date that the FWAC board will be reviewing Individual Artist grant applications is September 25, 2018.

Preview applications in Word format are available for advance preparation of your application by contacting Vicki at 877-654-2166 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net.



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Other Opportunities and Resources

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

