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**Pine River Area Foundation's  
Lakes Bluegrass Festival Wins  
the 2018 Niche Marketing Award  
from Explore MN Tourism**

Congratulations to the Pine River Area Foundation's Lakes Bluegrass Festival for winning the 2018 Niche Marketing Award from Explore Minnesota Tourism. This year's festival will take place on August 21-25, 2019 on the Cass Country Fair Grounds in Pine River.



## About The Lakes Bluegrass Festival:

The Lakes Bluegrass Festival is a four-day event held in late August each year providing over 40 hours of professional main-stage entertainment, celebrating the truly traditional American art form of bluegrass music. The festival provides not only a wonderful opportunity for under-served communities to hear some of the nation's and Minnesota's best bluegrass artists perform on stage, but to also participate and learn about this American folk music genre through hands on workshops presented by the performing band members. Attendees can also immerse themselves in the music by watching and participating in impromptu jam sessions that spring up around the camp ground.

For more information visit their website at: <http://www.lakesbluegrassfestival.com/>

## Meet Author M.E. Fuller Debuts Her Novel 'Saving the Ghost'

**Saturday, March 30th  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
Sage on Laurel  
606 S. 6th Street in Brainerd**

Save the date to meet author M.E. Fuller and FWAC grantee. Everyone is welcome to discuss her debut novel, *Saving the Ghost*. This event is free and open to the public.

*Saving the Ghost* is available for purchase on Amazon. Visit M.E. Fuller's website at [mefuller.com](http://mefuller.com) or [savingtheghost.com](http://savingtheghost.com).

## Meet Author M E Fuller *Saving the Ghost*

Saturday, March 30 from 1 to 3 p.m.  
Sage on Laurel,\* 606 S. 6th St., Brainerd

Meet author M E Fuller and discuss her debut novel, *Saving the Ghost*.

This event is free and open to the public.

Help support Sage on Laurel. Order a little something off their fabulous menu.

\*Use of the meeting room is FREE with two drink or any food minimum.



I loved this book! *Saving the Ghost* is an emotionally authentic story, beautifully told. Definitely 5 stars!!!  
Amazon review

A difficult story to tell but fabulously written. Can't put it down but the kind of book I want to read without outside interruptions. Goodreads review

Contains adult language and some violence.

*Saving the Ghost* is available on Amazon.



About: M E Fuller

Fuller has published short fiction in Shark Reef A Literary Magazine, Talking Shop 76, PHOTOGRAPHY 2016, and SouthJournal blog. *Saving the Ghost* is her first novel. She is also a freelance writer, visual artist in the Brainerd Lakes area.

Thank you to Free Arts Council with funds from the Midnight Foundation for your support of this project.

Invite M E Fuller to speak to your group about the writing of *Saving the Ghost* and to discuss the importance of this difficult yet timeless topic.

[savingtheghost.com](http://savingtheghost.com) [mefuller.com](http://mefuller.com)

## Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra Presents: Water Songs

**Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m.  
Long Prairie Grey Eagle High School  
Commons and Auditorium  
510 9th Street N.  
Long Prairie, MN 56347**

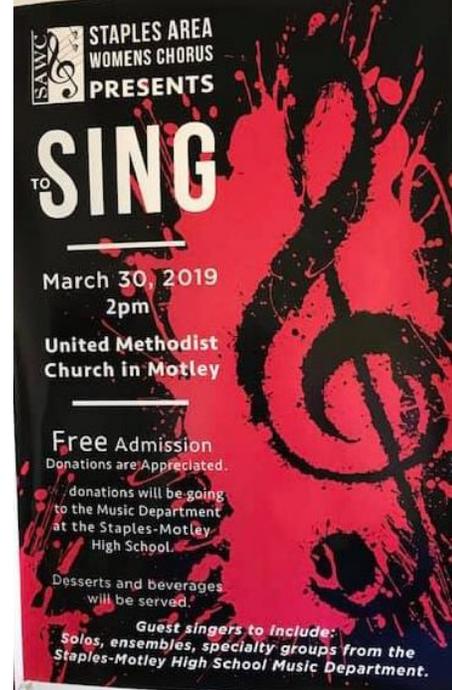
The Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra welcomes the Long Prairie - Gray Eagle Chamber Choir to the stage. Come hear the youthful talent of the Chamber Singers, an ensemble only available to those who successfully audition for the ensemble! The two groups will perform together "Va, pensiero" from Verdi's opera Nabucco, and John Rutter's "Good Ale". In addition, the orchestra will present Smetana's Die Moldau, Douglas Wagner's arrangement of "River Songs", Johann Strauss's "Hands Across the Sea" march, and selections from Handel's Water Music. Leading up to Earth Day, this water-themed concert is FREE to all attendees! Free will offerings are welcome.



## Staples Area Women's Chorus Presents: To Sing

**March 30th at 2:00 PM**  
**United Methodist Church in Motley**  
**847 3rd Avenue South**  
**FREE Admission**

Join the Staples Area Women's Chorus for an afternoon of solos, ensembles, and specialty groups from the Staples-Motley High School music department. Free will donations are encouraged with proceeds benefiting the music department at Staples-Motley High School. Desserts and beverages provided.



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## Upcoming FWAC Deadlines

The [Arts Based Community Development Grant Program](#) deadline is just around the corner. Applications are due by Monday April 8th. Information, grant guidelines and applications are available by clicking the link above. Questions? Contact Vicki at [vicki.fwac@arvig.net](mailto:vicki.fwac@arvig.net) or call 877-654-2166.

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## Additional Arts Opportunities

### Submit Your Barn Quilt to be Featured in the 2019 Brochure

Barn Quilts of Central MN is looking for submissions for their upcoming brochure. Their goal is to have 100 barn quilts on the Central MN Trail! Simply register your barn quilt with us by **March 31st, 2019**, to be included in our new 2019 brochure. Your barn quilt must be painted on wood, tin or a building, located in Cass, Todd, Wadena or Morrison County, and be visible from the road. Click [here](#) for more information and to download an application.

### The Crossing Arts Alliance Accepting Applications for Arts Scholarships

The Crossing Arts Alliance is proud to open the application process for its annual arts scholarship. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from high school in the Lakes Area (Brainerd, Crosby, Crosslake Charter, Pequot Lakes, Pillager, and Pine River). The applicant must be planning to pursue further education in the arts including, but not limited to, visual art, music, drama, speech, literary arts, dance/movement, photography, and technology-produced arts. To apply, applicants are asked to answer five questions in either a written narrative (no more than 500 words) or presented through a video (3 to 5 minutes in length). Applications can be completed by filling out the online form on their [website](#). **Deadline is April 2, 2019.**

### Community Artists Sought for Pequot Lakes Festival of the Arts

Community artists are invited to set up exhibits or perform. To arrange for an art display table or area, contact Todd Knutson at 218-568-9252 or [tknutson@isd186.org](mailto:tknutson@isd186.org). Performance artists should contact Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200 to reserve a place on the stage schedule. The festival is set for Thursday, April 18, 2019.

## Minnesota State Arts Board FY 2020 Artist Initiative Grant Application Deadlines April 26th and June 28th, 2019

The FY 2020 Artist Initiative grant program is now open for application. The FY 2020 Artist Initiative Program Overview and Application Instructions are available on the [Minnesota State Arts Board](#) website. 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.

## Lakes Area Music Festival Summer 2019 Outreach Opportunities

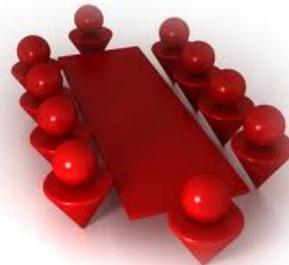
Lakes Area Music Festival is accepting applications for summer 2019 outreach opportunities. Accessibility has been a core value of the Lakes Area Music Festival since its inception. The music presented each summer seeks to provide everyone with the opportunity to experience and enjoy world-class live performances, regardless of previous classical music education, or economic status. As a continuation of this commitment to accessibility, LAMF's [Outreach Initiative](#) brings the mission of the organization outside the walls of Tornstrom Auditorium and directly into the community.

LAMF is proud to present an expanded calendar of outreach activities into the Brainerd Lakes Area. The world-class musicians of the LAMF roster will perform and interact with members of the community who would not otherwise be able to experience live classical music performances - places like area nursing homes, shelters, and the Crow Wing County Jail. Questions? Contact Ava Figliuzzi, Outreach Coordinator at: [ava@lakesareamusic.org](mailto:ava@lakesareamusic.org).

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## FWAC Seeking Representative from Cass and Todd Counties

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 **Todd and Cass Counties** 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](mailto:vicki.fwac@arvig.net). Questions? Call 877-654-2166.

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

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## 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](mailto: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](#)

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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](#)

