



FIVE WINGS ARTS COUNCIL

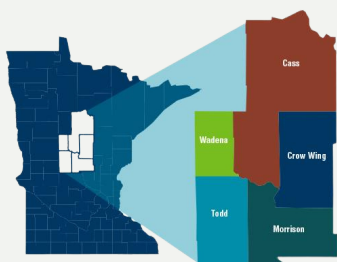
Welcoming New Board Member Mary Dye Moen is music to our ears. She brings a vast background in music directing and education, alongside a passion for the arts. Mary's new role as the Wadena county representative on the Five Wings Art Council board coincides with her enthusiasm to assist fellow artists with the grant funding process. As the music specialist for the Staples-Motley Elementry school for 28 years, and the artistic director for the Central MN Boys Choir and Colla Voce Girls' Choir, she is both gracious and familiar with how grant funding opportunities can enhance the arts community.

Inspired to Give Back

As a former grantee of the Five Wings Art Council grant programs, Mary understands how grant programs can truly make a difference in how the arts can enhance the community. "I'm excited to be on the other side of the grant funding process. I helped write the grants that were submitted to FWAC for funding our amazing music programs. Now I can serve other organizations from the "other side" of the grant writing process. I feel truly blessed to have the Five Wings Art Council to support our artists and arts organizations, and it is what inspired me to become a board member!"

Music, Arts & Getting Back to Her Roots

Although recently retired this past August, Mary isn't ready to slow down quite yet. She is excited to explore the benefits of having some extra time to perform, "I'm finally able to go back to my roots and perform again as a musician, especially on my flute," shared Mary. She is also a long-time member of the Wadena Area Community Band.



Serving Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Wadena, and Morrison counties



Who: Mary Dye Moen

Represents: Wadena County

Mary is an avid flute player and is excited to give back to her community and fellow artists by serving on the Five Wings Art Council board. Mary lives in Wadena with her husband. She graduated from Bemidji State University with degrees in vocal music education and flute performance.

Board Member Roles & Responsibilities:

- Policy Setting
- Review and Award Funding for Grant Programs
- First-Hand Involvement in the Arts Community

Looking Forward

As she settles into her new role as a board member, Mary is looking forward to exploring other areas of art.

"Since my specialty area is music, I know quite a bit about how musical groups plan and perform. I am looking forward to learning more about the visual, literary, and theater arts in this capacity as a board member! I am also excited to learn about and attend Arts events of all kinds in our region, and to help artists in all arts disciplines pursue their artistic visions through our grant processes.