



NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL



SUPPORT THE ARTS LICENSE PLATE

Available for purchase NOW!

The Nebraska Arts Council is elated to announce that you may now purchase Nebraska's very first Support the Arts license plate!

"The Nebraska capitol building's beautiful mosaics, largely designed by renowned artist Hildreth Meiere, inspired the mosaic design for this license plate. Mosaics only work when all the pieces fit together. When the pieces come together in the correct position, orientation, and color, only then do we see the whole picture. By using this mosaic metaphor, this license plate represents the magic when all arts are accessible to the community to create something wonderful." -- License plate artist, Danielle Dewees, Bennet, NE.

Great news, you don't have to wait until your current plates expire to upgrade to the Support the Arts license plate!! \$5 alphanumeric/\$40 personalized.

[for more information on the specialty plate and artist, click here!](#)

- New Virtual NAC Offering -



Session 3: Leaving a Legacy

Wednesday, Mar 10th at 1:00pm CST

Leaving a legacy, the third part of NAC's Winding Down series, focuses on the best practices of publicizing your organizational status to your community and ensuring your mission's work continues. Stuhr Museum Executive Director Chris Hochstetler will discuss how to maintain the human element in drastic organizational changes and communicate positively with stakeholders. Additionally, UNO Criss Library's Director of Archives and Special Collections Amy Schindler will be on hand to provide tips for preserving and documenting the difference your organization has made.

[Register Here](#)



Creative Virtual Programming

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:00 PM CST

Join us Wednesday, March 17th at 1:00 pm Central Time for our monthly Water Cooler Series. We'll hear from the American Midwest Ballet and the Minden Opera House about their creative virtual programming.

The American Midwest Ballet has been featured on NPR, showcasing their virtual production of The Nutcracker. They have offered a variety of programming during the pandemic, from the "Going Solo" series, which challenged company artists to create solo dance works that reflect their personal visions, to "DancerLife", which gives us an insider's look to a dancer's professional life.

The Minden Opera House in Minden, Nebraska was one of the first organizations to offer virtual programming when the pandemic shut venues down. They began with "The Empty Opera House" series, which included live virtual concerts, storytelling sessions and even art lessons. Currently they are working on a community art project with nationally award-winning artist Linda Stephen, which will include live, online instructional videos so the entire community can be involved. The artwork will incorporate both the artist's paper sculptures, and hundreds of small origami models made by Minden residents.

[Register Here](#)

Virtual Event Form

Virtual events are a way for arts organizations to stay in contact with their patrons. It also provides a way to reach an entirely new audience that may not have been able to participate previously, either due to distance, time or resources. The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) is gathering information about virtual events in an effort to share these resources with other arts organizations and the public in general. If your organization is providing virtual events, please fill out the form below. All information will be gathered by NAC and a compiled list will be available at a later date. Please note, this is not an events calendar, but a resource listing for virtual events.

[Link to Form](#)

- Poetry Out Loud -

Congratulations to our five POL state finalists!

listed in alphabetical order by school:

Cedar Catholic High School - **Cambelle Niemen**, 10th grade
Gordon-Rushville High School - **Jacob Wellnitz**, 11th grade
Marian High School - **Madeleine Smith**, 9th grade
Skutt Catholic High School - **Alexandra Zaleski**, 11th grade
Thayer Central Community Schools - **Elle Sudbeck**, 9th grade

Poetry Out Loud Virtual State Championship

Join us virtually on March 12, 2021 at 6:00pm CST to watch along as five students from across Nebraska compete to be crowned Poetry Out Loud's State Champion, and for the opportunity to compete on the national level.

Sign up now to join us! After you register, you will be emailed a link to watch the performance.

[Sign up Here!](#)

- How to Be Ready for - Shuttered Venue Operators Grants

The **Shuttered Venue Operators (SVO) Grant program** is not yet open, but Nebraskan venues can take action now to be ready. Demand for the program will be high, and preparation will be key to receiving funding. Americans for the Arts has put together a [list of things](#) venues can do before applications open. Suggestions include:

Make sure your organization has a [DUNS Number](#).

- Use your DUNS number to register in the federal government's [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#).
- Gather documents that demonstrate your number of employees and monthly revenues.
- Determine your gross earned revenue losses.
- Determine the extent of gross earned revenue loss between 2019 and 2020 on a quarterly basis.
- Make PDFs of additional information such as floor plans, contract copies, and other items likely to be required.

- Sign up for a regional [mailing list](#) and webinar and develop a direct relationship.
- Send specific questions about SVO eligibility to SVOGrant@sba.gov.

The SVO program is the result of \$15 billion designated by Congress to boost live performing arts venues and other related entities whose revenues have been affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Download a FAQ sheet](#) about the grant.



SEE HER HERE Art Walk

It's Woman's History month! South of Downtown is excited to share a project they have been working on for months with LPS collaborators at Arts and Humanities Focus Program, Lincoln High and their partners at the Lincoln Arts Council who generously supported this project! The SEE HER HERE project depicts nearly 50 women both currently and historically, who have contributed to the south of downtown focus area through their activism, creativity, small businesses, parenting and more. 100 LPS students used their images and stories to create art celebrating their lives. Join us on March 12th for an outdoor art walk from 11th and C to 11th and A St from 6 to 8 pm to see the works.

Locations:

SDCDO Art Hub/Jujus - 1247 S 11th St.,

Community Crops - 1301 S 11th St.,

Pepe's Bistro - 1311 S 11th St.

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