



FIVE WINGS
ARTS COUNCIL
Arts News &
Opportunities For YOU!



ZOOM'N COFFEE KLATSCH

FWAC's first Zoom'n Coffee Klatsch brought together artists, arts organization leaders, and arts enthusiasts from across the region. Coffee (or preferred beverage) in hand, participants learned about what Five Wings is doing to support creatives during this very challenging time and asked for ideas of what we can do into the coming months.

The energy was high as participants shared what they need to move forward with creating their art and sharing work with the community. Ideas ranged from partnering with local news outlets (newspaper, radio and television) to share their artistic endeavors, to workshops that would build capacity to offer livestream

broadcasts, instruction about creating online art classes, and even Zoom grant writing coaching. To listen to the full Zoom'n Coffee Klatsch, click [here](#).

The group requested that Five Wings continue with Zoom gatherings but with focus on one for arts administrators and board members and another for artists.



JOIN THE NEXT ZOOM'N COFFEE KLASCH:

Arts Organization Administrators, Staff and Board Members: **Thursday, May 7, 2:00-3:00PM**

We will be seeking your ideas about changes to our grant programs and support efforts-Hope you will join us!

To Join Zoom Meeting:

Click on this link or put into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83505664032>

Meeting ID: 835 0566 4032

Or Dial: 1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 835 0566 4032

Artists (we'll go into breakout rooms by discipline): **Monday, May 11, 1:30- 2:30PM**

To Join Zoom Meeting:

Click on this link or put into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85187133972>

Meeting ID: 851 8713 3972

Or Dial: 1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 851 8713 3972



FWAC COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATES (as of May 1, 2020):

ZOOM LICENSES FOR YOUR ARTS ORGANIZATION

FWAC will pay for and secure ZOOM licenses for any non-profit arts organization in our region. Zoom is an easy to us, create online programming content, and much more. If you're interested in resource that will allow you to host online board/committee meeting giving a license, email mark.fwac@arvig.net.

FAST TRACK PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Grants up to \$500 are available for artists and arts organization leaders who seek training to improve their skills to do their jobs more effectively in this COVID19 social distancing/online world. For example, these funds could be used to pay for registration fees for online courses in running effective online meetings, or hosting online music concert house parties, or??? (we'd love to hear YOUR ideas!) Contact FWAC Grants & Program Coordinator, Vicki Chepulis, to learn about how to access these funds. Phone: 701-200-1375

25% MATCH REQUIREMENT REMOVED FROM COMMUNITY ARTS ACCESS PROJECT GRANT AND INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANT PROGRAMS

The 25% cash match requirement for the Community Arts Access Project and Individual Artist Grant program has been lifted for the upcoming grant round (submission deadline extended to May 4th), and for all FY21 grant project proposals (that would be for any project starting before June 30, 2021).

MASTER ARTIST AWARD PROGRAM CANCELLED FOR 2020

At the April 2, 2020 FWAC Board meeting, it was decided to cancel the 2020 Master Artist Award program. This decision was made in order to free up more resources for Individual Artist grants, since the need is so high, due to the impact of COVID 19.

CANCELLED OR POSTPONED PROJECTS

We encourage any grantee that has had to change plans because of the current uncertainty to contact us to talk about changing the details of their grant to allow them to work without undue hardship. We will be as flexible as the law allows us in this regard. Know that it is our intention to make your job easier, not more difficult and stressful.

FINAL REPORTS DEADLINES EXTENDED

All Final Report deadlines between March 1 and July 1 will be extended 60 days. If more time is needed, please let us know and we will work with you.

FWAC STAFF IS HERE FOR YOU!

FWAC staff members continue to work, although the office is closed to the public. Don't hesitate to reach out to connect with us via phone or email. We are happy to help you navigate the many resources out there to help you during this crisis and beyond.

- Mark Turner, Executive Director mark.fwac@arvig.net Phone: 877-654-2166
- Vicki Chepulis, Grants & Program Coordinator, vicki.fwac@arvig.net -Cell Phone: 701-200-1375
- BE INFORMED AND STAY HEALTHY!

We encourage all of you to stay updated with official public health sources. The Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 page is:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>



RESOURCES:

The nimbleness and creativity of our state and national arts leaders is impressive. Within hours of the Stay-At-Home declaration, Springboard for the Arts had set up an Artist Relief Fund to support artists around the country. Since most artists are gig workers who saw their income streams evaporate in a day, this resource helped ensure they'd have food on the table for a few weeks. That was just the start however, since then literally scores of resource efforts have been established. Check out the links below which offer a curated list of help for artists and non-profit arts organizations.

If you only check out one, this is the one!

MINNESOTA CITIZENS FOR THE ARTS' HELPFUL COVID-19 GRANTS + RESOURCES FOR ARTISTS AND ARTS NONPROFITS IN MN (an ever expanding and comprehensive listing of available resources)

<http://artsmn.org/coronavirus/>

MINNESOTA EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RESPONSE FOR WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/>

ARTS MIDWEST COVID-19 EVENTS (Webinars and conversations to help artists respond to impact of COVID-

19) <https://www.artsmidwest.org/events/covid19>

MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD GUIDANCE TO THE ARTS COMMUNITY: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/news/COVID-19.htm>

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF NONPROFITS - ONE STOP SHOPPING TO SEE WHAT NONPROFIT FUNDERS ARE DOING TO RESPOND TO COVID:

https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/docs/default-source/coronavirus/2020-grants-directory--special-edition.pdf?sfvrsn=365cf365_8

*** As you find resources that would be valuable for your counterparts in the

region to be aware of, please let us know and we'll share them with others.



ARTS AT HOME

Five Wings Arts Council will soon be launching Arts At Home, a resource to bring local, regional and national artists to you. If you or your organization would like to be featured on this page, please send a link with description to Vicki at vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Questions? Call 701-200-1375.
