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**SPROUT January  
Growers & Makers  
Marketplace**

**Saturday, January 26th  
10:00AM to 3:00PM  
Sprout Growers & Makers  
Marketplace 609 13th Avenue  
Door 8, Little Falls**



Kick off the new year at the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace. The 2019 season begins with a wide variety of vendors and entertainment. Live music by Uncle Wheat & Eddie from 10AM-12PM. Brad Wallace "Uncle Wheat" on cajón and Ed Koehler "Eddie" on guitar will bring you a mix of tunes from 60's rock to Summertime by Ella Fitzgerald.

Just Food Collective - a MOVING PIZZA FARM will have fresh pizzas for sale starting at 11AM (until supplies last). At 12PM, Kate Ritger (Just Food Collective) will demo her Rhubarb BBQ with Shredded Chicken and Goat Cheese pizza, with samples throughout the day!

Prairie Bay Grill will offer a selection of beer and wine to enjoy as you show the Market vendors.

Shop for handmade, homegrown food, art, and gifts. All are welcome to enjoy live musical and dance performances as well as a cooking demonstration in the Sprout kitchen. Stay for a pop-up lunch and bar, while supplies last.

Save the date for upcoming Growers & Makers Marketplace: February 23, March 23, October 26, November 16, and December 14.

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## **FREE Indie Writing Workshops**

**Saturday, January 26th**  
**10:00AM to 12:00PM**  
**Pen to Paper - Write Your First Novel**  
**Brainerd Public Library**  
**416 South 6th Street**

Have you thought about independently publishing your writing? Do you have a great idea but are bogged down in questions about self-publishing your book? The sites you should use to publish? Or where to even get started? The Brainerd Public Library is hosting a series of six workshops led by local indie author Carissa Andrews to help you out. All workshops are FREE.

### **Indie Writing Workshop Schedule:**

Saturday, January 26th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Pen to Paper - Write Your First Novel

Thursday, January 31st, 5:30-7:30pm  
Author Platform - Be Ready To Engage

Saturday, February 9th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Clean Your Mess - Polish Your Novel

Tuesday, February 12th, 5:30-7:30pm  
Demystifying Self-Publishing - eBook and Beyond

Thursday, February 28th, 5:30-7:30pm  
Pick Yourself Back Up - Keeping Your Book Selling

Saturday, March 9th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Author Confidence Booster - How to Push Through Doubt



**REGISTER TODAY** by calling the library at 218-829-5574 or click on the "Tickets Available" link on the [Facebook Event](#) page.

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## **Northern Clay Center call for NCECA Scholarship Applications**



Don't miss your chance to attend the NCECA conference. The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference is taking place in Minneapolis, MN in March of 2019. In an effort to increase access to the conference for constituents across the state of Minnesota, Northern Clay Center has developed a scholarship program for emerging and mid-career artists from Greater Minnesota. This scholarship is intended for ceramic artists and those of other disciplines who are already involved in ceramics. Visit [nceca.net](http://nceca.net) for more information on NCECA.

### **Scholarship Details & Applications:**

#### **Greater Minnesota Artists (Emerging & Mid-Career)**

Scholarship Application: [NCECA 2019 Scholarship: Greater Minnesota Artist](#)

#### **Greater Minnesota Arts Administrators**

Scholarship Application: [NCECA 2019 Scholarship: Greater Minnesota Arts Administrator](#).

#### **Greater Minnesota College Student**

Scholarship Application: [NCECA 2019 Scholarship: Greater Minnesota College Student](#).

#### **NCECA 2019 Scholarship for POCI Artists**

Scholarship Application: [NCECA 2019 Scholarship for POCI Artists](#)

Scholarships provide attendees with post facto reimbursement for 50% of your 4-day conference pass to NCECA 2019 in Minneapolis, MN.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2019**

#### **About NCECA:**

The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference is taking place in Minneapolis in March of 2019 ([www.nceca.net](http://www.nceca.net)). The conference will provide valuable resources for artists, arts administrators, and students alike, informing participants about new trends in ceramic art through gallery exhibitions, demonstrations by professional artists, a resource hall, a fab lab featuring new and exciting technologies in clay, a Maker Space to share or learn a particular technique, a project space with a participatory project, and professional development sessions. The list goes on! Additional information is available at [nceca.net](http://nceca.net).

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## **McKnight Fellowships For Media Artists**

**Working artists activate our communities and deepen the dimension and quality of our lives.**

**Applications Are Now Open!**  
**Deadline is March 11, 2019 by 5:00PM**



FilmNorth administers the fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation, and they give out four \$25,000 fellowships each year to filmmakers, screenwriters, and other media artists. The goal is to find artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. It's free to apply, and a great opportunity for media artists in your region to be recognized.

The goal of the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Media Artists program is to identify talented Minnesota media artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. The fellowship program supports established artists by providing significant financial assistance, by creating opportunities to meet with local and national art professionals, by organizing a public discussion panel featuring the fellows, by providing assistance to attend a professional conference in New York or Los Angeles, and by offering four free classes through FilmNorth during the fellowship year.

For questions about the fellowships or the application process, contact Eric Mueller, Program Administrator, FilmNorth, 651-644-1912, [emueller@myfilmnorth.org](mailto:emueller@myfilmnorth.org).

For additional information the McKnight Fellowships for Media Artists click [HERE](#).

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## **Black & White Exhibit on Display at The Crossing Arts Alliance**

**Gallery on Display Now Through February 2nd at The Crossing Arts Alliance | 711 Laurel Street, downtown Brainerd**



The Crossing Arts Alliance is excited to announce the opening of their first exhibition of 2019, 'Black & White'.

To work only in black and white is a challenge for the artist. It forces them to showcase their skills in form, texture, contrast, light, and shape, in a monochromatic fashion. Only black, white, and shades of grey have been used in the artwork on display to express the artist's vision. Stop by to see this selection of interesting works that exemplify the visual power of this limited palette, and that offer new and unique views.

Featured artists in this exhibition include: Duane Barnhart, Vincent DeZutti, William Grange, Elayna Hallbeck, Paula Jensen, Shalene Jensvold, Charlie Johnson, Molly Mae Krautkremer, Sonja Larsen, Mark Moser, Martin Nelson, Karla Overland, Holly Rapoport, Victor Sanchez, Ruby Thompson, Emma Tomb, Michael Vogt, and Mike Weatherly.

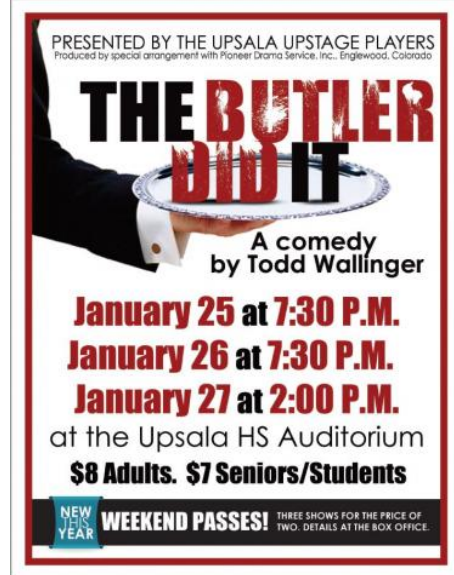
For additional details visit The Crossing Arts Alliance website at: [www.crossingarts.org](http://www.crossingarts.org)

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## **UpStage Players Presents: The Butler Did It!**

**January 25th & 26th at 7:30PM  
January 27th at 2:00PM  
Upsala High School auditorium  
415 South Main Street, Upsala**

The Upstage Players are deep in rehearsals for their upcoming production of "The Butler Did It!" by Todd Wallinger. It's a comedy that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$8 adults \$7 students and seniors. Weekend passes and tickets available at the the door.



## **Brainerd Writer's Alliance Presents 2019 Author Talk Series: Candace Simar**

**Saturday, January 26th 2:30PM to 4:00PM  
Brainerd Public Library  
Large Conference Room  
416 South 5th Street**



Candace will present a short workshop: *Scene: The Building Block of Story*. Her books will be available for sale at the event. The event is free and open to the public.

### **About the Author:**

Candace Simar carries a passion for history and her Scandinavian heritage. Her Abercrombie Trail Series received both a Spur Award and Spur Finalist awards. Shelterbelts was a finalist for both the Willa Award and the Midwest Book Awards. Her short story, Night Riding, received the 2018 Laura Award. Simar has been a BWA member for about 20 years.

## **Wadena Area Historical Society Presents Book Ends Author Talk: Laura L. Hansen**

**Saturday, February 9th  
11:00AM to 1:00PM  
The Uptown  
224 Jefferson Street South, Wadena**



Book Ends is a monthly program connecting writers with readers. On second Saturdays, we invite an author to be interviewed, read a short portion of his/her book, answer questions from the floor, and autograph/sell books.

### **About the Author:**

Laura Hansen is a regular contributor to regional magazines and literary journals. Her poetry has been featured on Lakeland Public Television, Northern Community Radio and NPR and in the anthologies Fog and Woodsmoke (Lost Hills Books) and The Heart

of All That Is (Holy Cow Press). Ms. Hansen has been awarded three FWAC Individual Artist Initiative Grants and is the winner of the 2015 Stevens Poetry Manuscript Prize. Her collection, *Midnight River*, was recently named a Midwest Book Awards Finalist. She has judged writing contests for The Talking Stick Literary Journal, Brainerd Writers Alliance, National Federation of State Poetry Societies and for Central Lakes College. A Summa Cum Laude Graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and former bookstore owner, she currently lives in her childhood home in Little Falls, MN. Her newest poetry chapbook, *Déjà vu*, was released by Finishing Line Press in the summer of 2017.

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## FWAC Seeking Representative from Cass County



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 **Cass County** 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.

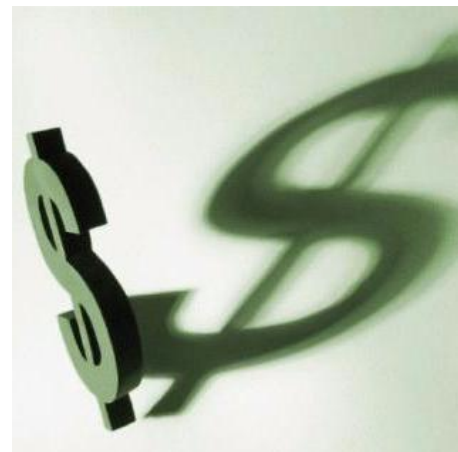
For more information about serving on the FWAC board of directors click [here](#).

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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](#)

