



## Resources for Iowa's Creative Sector

As you know, the coronavirus outbreak has created a lot of ripple effects for artists, filmmakers, nonprofits and creative businesses. There are a lot of resources, too.

### Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund

We have created a new Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund for Iowa artists and cultural nonprofits, with a relatively quick timeline. The first window of applications will open Monday, April 13, and close Friday, April 17. An online application and guidelines will be posted by noon on Monday at [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov).

### National Endowment for the Arts Updates

Through the CARES Act and an appropriation from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Iowa Arts Council will receive an additional \$442,700 in operating support funds to grant to eligible Iowa nonprofit arts and culture organizations impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. Additional details will be forthcoming soon. In addition, the National Endowment for the Arts released its CARES Act Funding guidelines for direct grants this week. All applicants must be previous National Endowment for the Arts award recipients during the past four years. More information and guidelines can be found at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).

### Webinar

To navigate the new maze of grants, CARES Act-funded programs and more, we encourage you to [watch the webinar](#) the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and Iowa Workforce Development recently presented for Iowa's creative workforce. We're also maintaining an [evolving list of resources](#) on our website and plan to email you an update most Fridays to help you through the uncertain weeks and month ahead.

### Extended Deadlines

We've extended some deadlines for our annual [state grants for arts, film and history projects](#); the new deadline is **June 1**. We've also extended the deadlines to apply for [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation and re-designation; the new deadline is **June 15**.

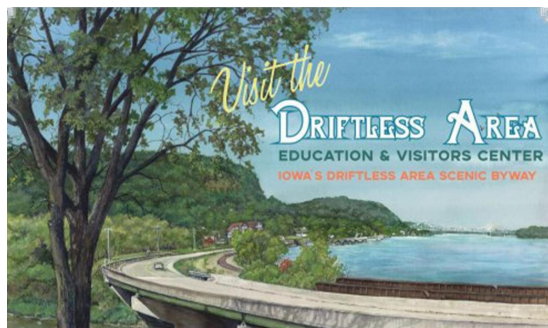
### Economic Impact Survey

According to our partners at Americans for the Arts, the coronavirus outbreak has cost 190 Iowa arts and cultural organizations an estimated \$2.04 million, with an average loss of \$10,800 per organization. More than 90 percent of individual artists have lost income. Please take 5 minutes to complete [this survey](#). The more information you can provide, the better we can help elected officials understand the situation's challenges – and solutions.

## Iowa Arts Summit Will Be Virtual

Our biennial [statewide summit](#) featuring creative leaders from across the state and country will still take place Aug. 7, but we're shifting to an online format, with a mix of live webinars

and interactive virtual events. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned; we'll post details about registration and schedules soon at [lowaculture.gov](http://lowaculture.gov).



## '20 Artists, 20 Parks'

Artists and art fans from across the state gathered online Thursday for a virtual reception to open "[20 Artists, 20 Parks](#)" at the temporarily shuttered Polk County Heritage Gallery. Guests took a virtual tour of the artwork and pitched questions to the artists, who participated live from their homes and studios. Thank you to everyone who made the event a success, including the Iowa State University College of Design and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. You can experience the exhibit via a [photo gallery](#), [video tour](#) or by watching the [recorded video](#) of Thursday's event.

## More Art from the Parks

For more art inspired by Iowa's great outdoors, enjoy a [Facebook photo album](#) of northeast Iowa artist Mary Ann Glee's painting exhibition, "[Capturing the Beauty of Iowa's Public Parks](#)," at the State Law Library in the State Capitol. The capitol is closed to the public, but online you can see the original paintings as well as the vintage-style travel posters they inspired graphic designer Amanda Streeper to design.



## Meet the Artists ... Online

The remaining stops on the Iowa Artist Fellows' annual statewide tour have been combined into a single [virtual event](#) on Facebook Live at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23 [@IowaArtsCouncil](#). Tune in to hear these five remarkable Iowa artists discuss their latest work: Ange Altenhofen of Creston, Scott Bradley of West Branch, Matthew Kluber of Cedar Rapids, Rachel Merrill of Des Moines, and Amenda Tate of West Des Moines.

## Meet the Artist Spotlight

Rachel Merrill's latest series of [sports-inspired videos and multimedia installations](#) take a broader look at competition, not just in sports but in business, politics, academia and other arenas of American society. Drawing from field research at a Kansas City Chiefs game, the experiences of her sporty husband and daughter, and her own memories of grade-school basketball, the Des Moines artist's work raises questions about what motivates us to succeed – or to keep trying.





## ArtUp: Creating an Internship Program

Learn how to create a win-win internship program – for your organization and your interns – during a free webinar with Matthew Beyer, who coordinates the internship program for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. A former intern himself, and current education coordinator for the State Historical Museum of Iowa, he'll explain how to develop relationships with local colleges and universities and meet the needs of today's students. [Register now](#) for the session at noon April 22.



## 'The Film Lounge: Student Challenge'

Congratulations to Aleesa Lavrenko, a Postville High School student, whose short art film about a ballet dancer won "[The Film Lounge: Student Challenge](#)," an annual program co-produced by the Iowa Arts Council, Produce Iowa and Iowa PBS. You can see Aleesa's film, plus a dozen more from students across the state, at "The Film Lounge: Student Challenge" [Virtual Watch Party](#) at 3 p.m. April 25.



## Grants for Nonprofits

If you run a nonprofit and could use some funding, apply for [Iowa Arts Council grants](#) for your next big idea, or feel free to borrow a bit of inspiration from other groups. Last year, the Iowa Arts Council distributed grants to the [Iowa Ceramics Center](#) for workshops that helped immigrants tell their stories through art, to [Community Support Advocates'](#) "Momentum Artrepreneur" program to connect artists of all ability levels to mentorships and business training, and to the [Des Moines Art Center](#) for its ongoing work as a Cultural Leadership Partner. So go ahead: Think big!



## Governor's Arts Awards

Do you know an Iowa artist, artist team, nonprofit organization or community that has made a big impact in the arts over the last couple of years – or longer? Well then, why not nominate them for a [Governor's Arts Award or Governor's Arts Legacy Award](#)? Nominations are due May 1, and the awards will be presented during the [Iowa Arts Summit](#).



## #IowaCultureCoffeeBreak



## New ia Newsletter

Join us for an #IowaCultureCoffeeBreak at 3 p.m. every weekday on Facebook [@IowaCulture](#) for a bit of inspiration. We're featuring virtual tours of Iowa museums, live performances by Iowa musicians and more, including the Art Church in Malvern, where artist Zack Jones showed us around the old church that he has transformed into an art studio (pictured). If you have a suggestion, let us know. We're taking requests!

The publishers of [ia magazine](#) recently teamed up with the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to launch a bimonthly, digital newsletter all about Iowa arts, culture, food and road-trip destinations. What's not to love? (And it's free.) [Subscribe](#) today.

## Coming Up

Note that some of the following events may be canceled or postponed. Please check online for updates.

### State Grant Opportunities

April 17: [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund: Round One](#)  
June 1: [School Arts Experience](#)  
June 1: [Art Project Grant](#)  
June 1: [Greenlight Grant](#)  
June 1: [Capacity Building Grant](#)  
June 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)  
June 1: [Rural Innovation Grant](#)  
June 15: [Iowa Great Places](#) designation & re-designation  
June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation

### Non-State Grant Opportunities

April 13: [NEA Research Awards](#)  
April 22: [National Endowment for the Arts CARES Act Grants](#)  
April 29: [Art Midwest Touring Fund](#)  
April 30: [New Music Solidarity Fund](#)  
May 1: [Humanities Iowa Grant](#)  
May 7: [Innovate Grant](#)  
July 9: [Challenge America](#)  
Rolling: [Artist Relief Fund](#)

### Calls for Artists

April 13: [Art Harvest Tour](#)  
April 19: [Des Moines Underground Film Festival](#)  
April 25: [6x6 2020](#)  
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