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Governor's Arts Awards announced

More than 180 Iowans came together last week to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Iowans in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Dubuque, Hampton, Iowa City, Marshalltown and Mason City who have left their mark on Iowa through the arts.

The Governor's Arts Awards are a longstanding Iowa Arts Council program that recognize and honor individuals, organizations and communities that have had a significant impact on the vitality of the arts in Iowa. A list of this year's Governor's Arts Award recipients by category is below.

Image: Governor's Arts Awards recipients with Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director Chris Kramer, far right.

Emerging Arts Leader

A. Alanda Gregory of Dubuque has helped to elevate the arts and culture in Dubuque and ensure that diverse voices are heard and represented throughout the community. Gregory was one of 53 arts leaders chosen for a national fellowship program in 2022-23.



Amber Danielson of Marshalltown has transformed the Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance through major public art installations and grants for projects. She also launched a mural arts program and an Arts & Culture Master Plan to help Marshalltown recover from natural disasters.



Arts Service



Public Space One of Iowa City emerged on Iowa City's arts scene more than 20 years ago as an incubator for local creative talent. Since then it has become an essential part of the community's social and cultural fabric as the home to several community arts organizations.



Mainframe Studios of Des Moines has elevated Greater Des Moines and Iowa as a hub for artists and creatives. Following a campaign that ended in 2022, Mainframe is now home to non-profit arts organizations and 180 studios, providing affordable workspace for artists and creatives.

Arts Learning

Leon Kuehner of Hampton has served the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education for 25 years following decades of service as a high school band director and president of the Iowa Bandmasters Association. An advocate for the arts and arts education, Leon launched a mentoring program and helped create the Iowa Fine Arts Standards.



Eastern Iowa Arts Academy of Cedar Rapids was founded in 2007 to serve after-school arts programs in Greater Cedar Rapids. Today, the organization serves students in grades K-12 through visual, performing and literary arts programs that build confidence, improve performance abilities, and enhance an appreciation of the arts.



Arts Champion



Brucemore of Cedar Rapids has championed the arts and history since 1981. The derecho of 2020 caused damages of more than \$3 million and the loss of 450 trees to its historic campus, but Brucemore resumed performances only two weeks after the storm, providing leadership during an unprecedented time.

Robin Anderson of Mason City has been a constant presence in the renaissance of Mason City. She led the preservation of Frank Lloyd Wright's Historic Park Inn, saved the historic Egloff House, and created murals and an annual sculpture walk that has earned Mason City national recognition as a creative community.



Arts Legacy

Jeff Fleming of Des Moines has shaped the Des Moines Art Center and Greater Des Moines for more than 25 years, most notably through a visionary public-private partnership that created the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park in 2009. Under Fleming's leadership, the Des Moines Art Center has opened its doors to diverse communities, presented thought-provoking exhibitions, and upgraded its facilities.



Penny Furgerson of Gateway Dance Theatre in Des Moines has been a trailblazer in multicultural arts education and performance for 50 years. After spending her childhood in Bombay, India, and training in classical Indian dance, she co-founded Gateway Dance Theatre in Des Moines in 1972. In 2022, Gateway Dance Theatre celebrated its 50th anniversary and legacy of artistic creativity, accessibility, and commitment to the community.



In addition, **17 other arts leaders and organizations** received special recognition for their contributions to the arts in Iowa:

Alan Greiner of Boone
Steve Carignan of Cedar Falls
Gabriella Torres of Clinton
Quad City Symphony Orchestra of Davenport
Shannon Durbin of Decorah
After School Arts Program of Des Moines

Sue Riedel of Dubuque
Erin Bustin of Grinnell
Karen Chappell of Iowa City
Pragnya Bidarkere Prakash of Johnston
Steve Semken & Ice Cube Press of North Liberty
Cedar Summerstock Theatre of Saint Ansgar

Ballet Des Moines of Des Moines
Momentum of Des Moines
Jenni Petersen-Brant of Dubuque

Liz McNea of Spencer
Joan Liffing-Zug Bourret in memoriam

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Lydia Newsome of Waterloo West High School wins Poetry Out Loud in Iowa contest

Lydia Newsome of Waterloo West High School took first place in this year's Poetry Out Loud in Iowa contest Sunday at the State Historical Building in Des Moines.

Newsome, second from right, won this year's contest with recitations of **"I, Too"** by Langston Hughes, **"I Am Trying To Break Your Heart"** by Kevin Young and **"When You Are Old"** by William Butler Yeats. Izaiah Wilder of Marshalltown High School took second place while Ella Hertz of Cedar Falls High School finished third.



With her victory, **Newsome earned a trip in May to Washington, D.C.**, where she'll compete for the national championship against students from all 50 states and several U.S. territories. Newsome will also receive a **\$200 cash prize** and **\$500 for Waterloo West High** to purchase poetry books, courtesy of the **Poetry Foundation**.

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Attend a grants workshop information session

Artists, filmmakers, cultural organizations, community leaders and others are invited to attend information sessions this March to **discuss a new round of grant opportunities**.

Each session will include a **one-hour grant workshop about Iowa Arts Council grants** that have application deadlines later this spring. Staff will share tips on how to **strengthen applications**, and attendees are encouraged to bring ideas to share and discuss. Each session will be led by Iowa Arts Council staff. **There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is encouraged.**



The schedule for the grant workshops follows:

March 21, Noon, Witter Art Gallery, [609 Cayuga St., Storm Lake](#)

March 22, 11 a.m., Bridge View Center, [102 Church St., Ottumwa](#)

March 23, 11 a.m., Creston Arts Center, [411 W Adams St., Creston](#)

March 28, 11 a.m., Hearst Center for the Arts, [304 W Seerley Blvd., Cedar Falls](#)

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Meet the Artist series

The [five new Iowa Artist Fellows](#) are visiting communities across the state this year as part of our Meet the Artist series. The events will feature a pop-up exhibition and opportunities to learn more about the creative practices of this year's fellows.

The first program in the series is scheduled for [4 p.m. April 10 at the Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center](#), following the Iowa Great Places Annual Meeting.

Admission is complimentary with a reception at 4 p.m.

and Iowa Artist Fellow presentations beginning at 4:30 p.m. You'll be able to enjoy artwork on display in the atrium and closed-captioning will be provided.



This year's fellows are **Jennifer Colville**, **T.J. Dedeaux-Norris** and **David James "DJ" Savarese**, all of Iowa City; **Tim Olson** of Dubuque; and **Joe Tuggle Lacina** of Grinnell.

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New round of Iowa Arts Council grants

The new round of Iowa Arts Council grants is now open – all designed to help Iowans across the state create cultural vibrancy in their communities for residents, visitors and tourists.

Artists and arts organizations are encouraged to apply for the following grant programs:

- [Art Project Grant](#)
- [Greenlight Grant](#)
- [Iowa Artist Fellowship](#)



Wanted: Grant panel volunteers

Are you interested in helping support Iowa arts? **We want to hear from you.** Citizen advice from unique artistic and cultural viewpoints is central to government support of

Guidelines for these programs are subject to change. Changes will be clearly noted on each program page.

Application deadlines: May 1.

NOTE: Visit our [YouTube channel](#) to review recorded grant instructional videos.

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the arts. Volunteer and share your expertise by participating in Iowa Arts Council review panels.

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Iowa Scholarship for the Arts



"A Sign of Life," Mikayla Lane.

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The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts supports the **development of outstanding high school seniors** who excel in the arts and are enrolled in accredited educational programs leading to careers in the arts. **Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500** are awarded to support 2023-2024 academic year tuition expenses at Iowa colleges or universities.

Application deadline: April 3.

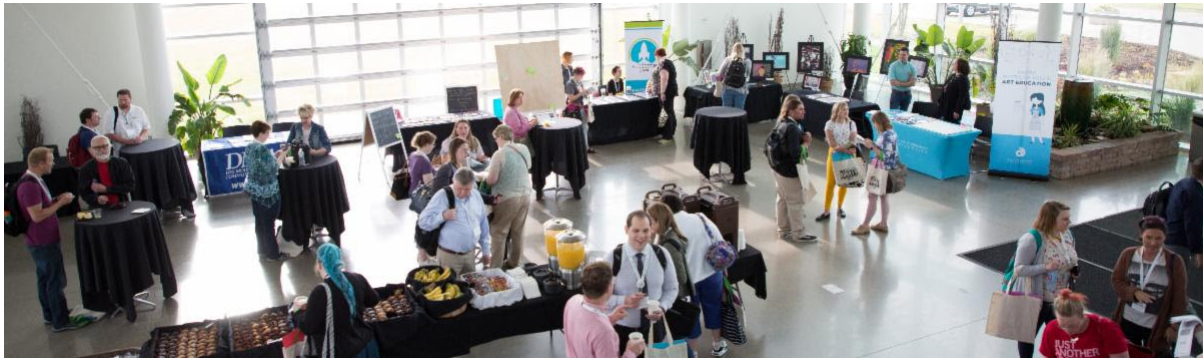
Grantee Spotlight: ISU workshop

Iowans can learn how to **better tell their local stories by attending a one-day workshop on April 18 in Earlham, Iowa**. The program is offered through a partnership among **Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Central Iowa Tourism** and the **Iowa Arts Council**. It is **designed for those who lead guided programs at diverse cultural attractions** – including parks and conservation areas, museums, downtown walking tours, historic sites, and more. To date, more than **300 Iowans have completed the training program** and are telling the stories of 72 Iowa communities.

Pre-registration deadline: April 4.



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2023 Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit

Save the date of June 13 for the next Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit. The biennial summit brings together **Iowa arts educators, teaching artists and others** to share ideas and discuss new ways to teach fine art disciplines within and beyond traditional K-12 classrooms. This year's summit will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center on the campus of Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny. It is presented in partnership with the **Iowa Alliance for Arts Education**. This year's summit includes a track focused on arts integration and incorporating creativity and innovation through community collaborations.

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Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest's next application cycle for the GIG Fund is expected to open soon. The GIG (Grow, Invest, Gather) Fund provides grants to Midwestern **non-profit organizations for performing and visual arts activities**. The goal is to invest in efforts that use creativity to connect people, ideas, and solutions to build more thriving and welcoming communities.



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Travel and Tourism

Travel Iowa

Be included in the Iowa Travel Guide and website by submitting and/or updating your listings and events to amber.rottinghaus@iowaeda.com, at the Iowa Tourism Office.

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Tourism Survey

Share your feedback and information about the tourism industry by taking [this survey](#). Your information will help the industry develop a vision for tourism in Iowa. **Deadline: March 10.**

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Coming up

Looking for opportunities to create, exhibit or have your artwork recognized? Check our [calendar](#) often for calls for artists. Want to hire an Iowa artist? [Submit your opportunities](#) and we'll spread the word.

Due to website maintenance, there may be errors on our website calendar events. We recommend consulting our newsletters during this time if you experience any problems.



Ongoing: [Submissions to Iowa Film Festivals](#)

March 7: [Carter Burden Gallery: Scribbles](#)

March 11: [Vestige Concept Gallery](#)

March 14: [Mount Vernon Area Arts Council \(MVAAC\) Artist-in-Residence](#)

March 20: [Midwest Nice Art: In Our Place Exhibition](#)

April 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

April 14: [Art Fluent Exhibition](#)

May 1: [MacNider Outdoor Art Market](#)

May 1: [17th annual ARTapalooza at festival](#)

May 5: [Oskaloosa Main Street for Art on the Square](#)

May 15: [Midwest Nice Art exhibition](#)

June 23: [Greenwood Parks & Recreation](#)

Sept. 1: [Lincoln Highway Arts Festival](#)



May 7: [712 Film Festival in Manning: features local filmmakers and student filmmakers](#)



March 25: [Supporting Women in the Film Industry Networking event](#)

March 25: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

April 29: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

May 20: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

June 24: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

July 29: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Dec. 31: [MuncieArts Prequalified Artist Pool](#)



Now-March 18: [Akwi Nji at CSPS Hall](#)

Now-March 26: [DJ Savarese: Lynx Project \(Virtual Classes\)](#)

March 22: [Visual Artists Association Online Art Cafe](#)

April 4: [Ali Hval at the Art Center of Burlington](#)

July 7-8: [Gross Domestic Product](#)



Now-March 17: [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grant](#)

March 21-April 28: [Rauschenberg Dance Emergency Grant](#)

March 23: [Innovate Artist Grant](#)

April 18-May 9: [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grant Cycle 18](#)

Aug. 26: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Sept. 18-21: [Midwest Arts Xpo](#)

Sept. 30: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Oct. 28: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Nov. 25: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)

Dec. 16: [Des Moines Arts Festival Creatives' Breakfast Club](#)



Deadline TBA: [Hancher Auditorium Production Manager](#)

March 10: [Grinnell College Studio Art Technical Assistant](#)

March 10: [City of Dubuque Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager](#)

March 15: [Development Director, UNI Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center](#)