

Public Art Toolkit

Region 2 Arts Council Links

Region 2 Resources:

Region 2 Arts Council. <http://www.r2arts.org>

R2AC Grants: <http://r2arts.org/grants/>

R2AC Newsletter: <http://r2arts.org/newsletter/>

Contact R2AC: staff@r2arts.org; our phone number 218-751-5447 / 1800-275-5447

R2AC Board: <http://r2arts.org/region-2-arts/board-members/>

R2AC Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Advisory Council: <http://r2arts.org/region-2-arts/board-members/>

City Programs and Organizations:

Local Government Links:

- Complete an on-line search for city and county contacts. Do this by simply “googling” “County of _____” or “City of _____.” This step will create a useful list of names and emails.
- Make contacts with all agencies. A Parks and Recreation Department would likely be interested in public art while someone working in the county treasurers office might possibly be the mover and shaker needed to make a dream a reality. Make contact with every person you find in your search. Most government emails are available on the web.
- Make face to face contact. Schedule appointments with community leaders and discuss art ideas and opportunities. The best way to congeal a relationship with any city or county officials is to meet with them.
- Make follow up phone calls after a face to face meeting.
- Ask around and find out who, at the city and county levels, is a supporter of the arts. Connect with those people to gain their support.
- Contact individuals involved in economic development. Many communities will have economic development commissions in place. Through researching on-line (or ask a city clerk or some other city/county worker), you can find out who is involved.

- One message that has been particularly helpful when talking about public art is to remind your contacts that art promotes tourism and is an economic engine. Many studies have shown that art generates tourism. Having that information on hand is a good way to pique the curiosity of economic developers, city managers, etc. who may not otherwise show interest. We have studies to prove that the arts have a large economic impact in our Region and the State of Minnesota.

Good government contacts in our 5-county region:

BELTRAMI COUNTY

Beltrami County website: <http://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/>;

Beltrami County Elected Officials:

http://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/Government/Elected_Officials.html

Bill Smith, Hubbard County City Manager and arts enthusiast:

bsmith@arvig.net

Kay Mack, Beltrami County Treasurer and arts enthusiast:

kay.mack@co.beltrami.mn.us

Marsha Larson, Bemidji Parks and Recreation Department:

marcia.larson@ci.bemidji.mn.us

HUBBARD COUNTY

City of Park Rapids Arts and Culture Advisory Commission: <http://ci.park-rapids.mn.us/Boardsandcommissions/Arts%20and%20Culture/Arts%20%20Culture%20Advisory.htm>

Hubbard County website: <http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/>

Hubbard County Township Officers List:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=hubbard+county+township+officers&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a>

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

Lake of the Woods County website: <http://www.co.lake-of-the-woods.mn.us/>

Mike Reed, Economic Dev't, Lake of the Woods County: mikereed@reedrealty.org

CLEARWATER COUNTY

Al Rasmussen, Economic Dev't Clearwater County: rasmu032@umn.edu

Clearwater County website: <http://www.co.clearwater.mn.us/>

Clearwater County Government: <http://www.co.clearwater.mn.us/Government.aspx>

MAHNOMEN COUNTY

Jerry Carrier, Mahnomen City Administrator: mahncity@arvig.net

Mahnomen County: <http://www.co.mahnomen.mn.us/>

Mahnomen County Government: <http://www.co.mahnomen.mn.us/government.html>

Tribal organizations as Resources:

Indian Affairs Council Tribes listings: <http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/tribes.html>

Red Lake Nation: http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/tribes_redlake.html.

<http://www.redlakenation.org/>

Leech Lake: http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/tribes_leechlake.html.

<http://www.llojibwe.com>

White Earth: http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/tribes_whiteearth.html,

<http://www.whiteearth.com>

Non-Profit Arts / Arts Organizations:

BELTRAMI COUNTY

Bemidji Community Arts Council: <http://bcac.wordpress.com/>

Bemidji Community Theater: <http://www.paulbunyan.net/users/bct/>

Bemidji Sculpture Walk: www.bemidjisculpture.org

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra: <http://www.bemidjisympphony.org/>

Bemidji First City of Arts Studio Cruise: <http://firstcityartcruise.wordpress.com/>

Gallery North: <http://www.gallerynorthbemidji.com/>

Headwaters School of Music and the Arts: <http://www.hwschool.org/>

Loon Opera Company <http://loonoperacompany.com/>

Mask and Rose Women's Theater Collective: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Mask-Rose-Womens-Theater-Collective/174178819206>

Paul Bunyan Playhouse: <http://www.paulbunyanplayhouse.com/>

HUBBARD COUNTY

Arts Leap: <http://prlaac.org/>

Blank Canvas Gallery and Education Center: <http://www.blankcanvasgallery.com/>

MN Folklore Theater: <http://minnesotafolkloretheater.org>

Northern Light Opera Company <http://www.northernlightopera.org/>

Nemeth Art Center: <http://nemethartcenter.org>

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council: <http://www.prlaac.org/>

Red Bridge Film Festival: <http://redbridgefilm.org>

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

Depot Preservation Alliance:

Pequana Playhouse: <http://www.pequana.org>

Community Organizations

Boys and Girls Clubs/find a club: <http://www.bgca.org/whoweare/Pages/FindaClub.aspx>

Clear Waters Life Center: <http://www.clearwaterslife.org/>

Peacemaker Resources: <http://www.peacemakerresources.org/>

Rail River Folk School: <http://www.railriverfolkschool.org/>

Shared Visions Bemidji: <http://www.sharedvisionbemidji.com/>

Libraries

Baudette Public Library in Lake of the Woods County:

<http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/area-libraries/audette>

Kitchigami Regional Library System Bemidji and Park Rapids:

http://www.krls.org/branches/branch_bj.html

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Bagley: <http://larl.org/bagley/>

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Mahnomen: <http://larl.org/mahnomen/>

Funding Opportunities in our Region:

Bemidji Area Arts Endowment: future website: <http://bemidjiartsendowment.org/>

George W. Neilson Foundation: <http://www.gwnf.org/>

R2AC List Regional Resources: <http://r2arts.org/resources/regional-resources/arts-organizations-in-region-2/>

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation's Bemidji Area Arts Endowment

http://www.nwmf.org/comm_cfunds_cult.php

Other Funding Opportunities:

Bush Foundation: <http://www.bushfoundation.org/solutions/overview-leadership>

Jerome Foundation: <http://www.jeromefdn.org/>

R2AC List Minnesota Resources: <http://r2arts.org/resources/help-for-mn-artists/>

McKnight: <http://www.mcknight.org/arts/index.aspx>

MSAB: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/>