



Annual Statement • July 2023

ACCC Arts Center • 1661 Park Ridge Drive • Chaska 55318

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The Arts Consortium of Carver County strengthens our
community through the arts and cultivates the arts
through the community

Dear Members,

It is an honor to join the ACCC as Executive Director. I come to you with 36 years of experience in the field of education where I served as the Director of Teaching and Learning for Waconia Public Schools. In June of 2022, I retired from public education - a career in service that has been my greatest privilege. As a lifelong learner, I wanted to continue to work with an organization that provides service to others. That is what brought me here!

Although my career in education was not in the arts, I share an appreciation for the arts and have a background in both vocal music and piano performance. I also happily share my home with two professional musicians - husband, Clark Machtemes and son, Mason Machtemes. My interests include cooking, reading, outdoor activities, learning new things, and traveling.

In my short time here, I am discovering first-hand the exciting ways in which the ACCC delivers its mission - Connecting Arts to the Communities & Communities to the Arts. I am amazed by the dedicated group of volunteers who offer their time and talent to continue to keep this a thriving organization.

This annual statement comes just a few weeks into my time with the ACCC and covers the time period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. The ACCC Board and I wanted to follow this cycle to ensure membership receives this information on an annual basis. Subsequent reports will follow our fiscal year, which runs January 1 - December 31.

To those I've met, thank you for making my first weeks a welcoming experience. To those I have yet to meet, please reach out and share your hopes and dreams for continuing to strengthen our communities through the arts.

With Gratitude,

Kathy Oliphant, Executive Director



Join us!

Since 2009, the Arts Consortium of Carver County has worked to build, strengthen, and promote a thriving arts community.

We Work To . . .

- Serve all artists of all mediums at all levels
- Promote access to the arts
- Increase appreciation for the arts
- Educate the community on the value of the arts
- Partner with, and support arts events in our community
- Build an audience and elevate the capacity for artistic endeavor
- Expand strategic alliances among artists, arts organizations, and community-based organizations

Become a Member

- Becoming a member helps strengthen and support the arts in our community

Donate or Sponsor

- As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), we rely on membership, sponsorships, grants, and contributions to support our programs

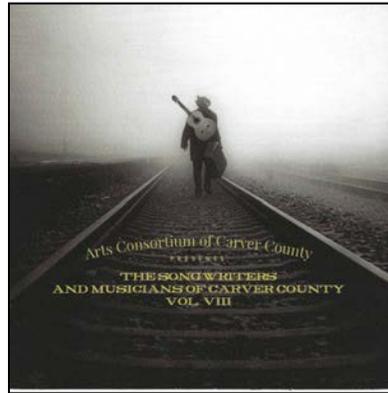
Volunteer

- Connect with others by volunteering in the gift shop, at an art event or art festival

Get Connected

- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- Subscribe to our newsletter
- Visit our website - artsofcarvercounty.org

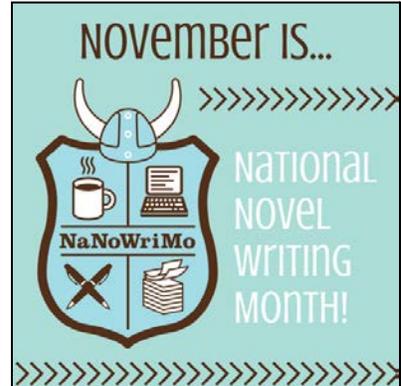
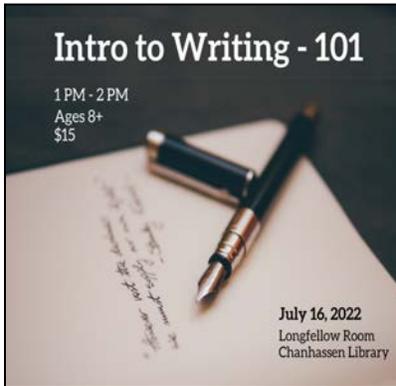




Music Highlights • Steve Kelzer, Music Liaison

The release of “The Songwriters and Musicians of Carver County - Vol. VIII” features the work of 20 songwriters and the CD release concert at Fireman’s Park on August 28, 2022 was a great success. Two collaborative literary and music events were held - a perfect evening of spoken word and song. The New Song Collectives showcased up and coming songwriters giving them an opportunity to perform and get feedback. We look forward to giving local musicians and songwriters exposure through the events we sponsor at the Arts Consortium of Carver County!





Literary Highlights • Amy Gregg, Literary Liaison

My favorite event from the past year has to be, “Something Wicked,” the Halloween open read. We had a great turn out for some spooky fun. Another member and community favorite is the flash memoir open reads. It's amazing to see so many people willing to open up about their lives to complete strangers.

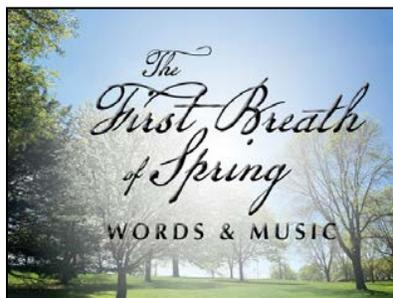
My hopes for the coming year would be to have more writing workshops/classes, educational events for writers, and more open reads.

Poetry Celebration
 Honoring the Winners of the ACCC Poetry Contest

Where: Chaska Community Center Theatre
 When: Friday, April 21, 2023
 Social: 6:30pm
 Poem Readers: Check in by 6:45pm
 Ceremony 7-8:30pm

Contest participants are invited to read their poems from the Arts Consortium of Carver County's Poetry Contest

After the contest entries have been read, we will open the mic to the public who wish to read a poem. Registration of your piece is required. If you wish to read a poem please email Jen at poems@artsocarvercounty.org by the end of day, Monday, April 17th.



The Arts Consortium of Carver County presents
FLASH ME
 The 2023 Flash Memoir Event

MEMOIRISTS:

- Allen Anderson - "Closed Garage Door"
- Sharon Soderlund - "Baby Whistles" & "A Mother's Memory"
- Mona Gustafson Affinito - "Stoics"
- Linda Anderson - "Learning to Receive"
- Caroline Banks - "George Floyd, We Hear Your Cry"
- Bob Luke - "Luke Lore Concerning Walter Luke"
- Mona Smith - "I'm the Favorite"
- Jim Kane - "Say What, Chaplain?"
- Doug Munson - "Victor at War"
- April Munson - "Snake Trails"
- Jim Olson - "Denny"
- Sue Keck - "Up and Down"
- Shari Kramer - "I Love My Life!"
- Doug Affinito - "The Safe"

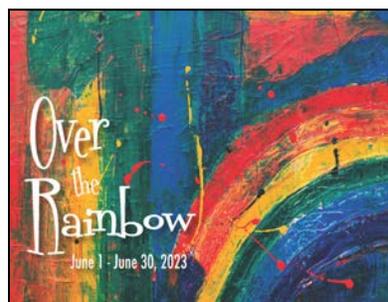
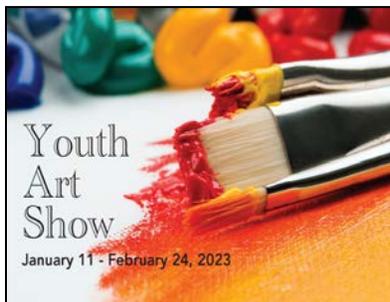
Approved by the Arts Consortium of Carver County. Poems provided by the Carver County Library System. Member of the ACCC Literary Committee.



Visual Art Highlights • Liya Oertel, Visual Art Liaison

Having one's art included in a gallery exhibit for free is an amazing opportunity, and I hope that more and more artists will take advantage of this opportunity in the future. Growing the art community is what the ACCC is all about.

I am proud of the library program, since I started it from nothing this year and it has now grown to include four libraries. The feedback from library patrons has been unequivocally positive, and I love the opportunity to provide more exposure for our artists.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

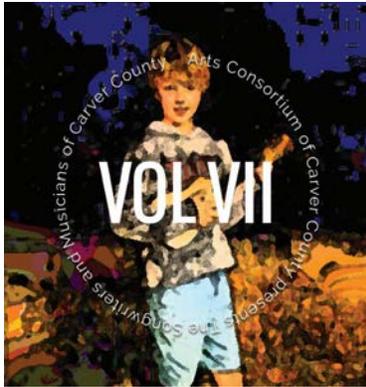
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INCOME

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 23,766.63
Exhibits, Classes, Events, & Retail Sales	\$ 35,444.19
Grants	\$ 34,315.00
Memberships, Sponsors, & Donors	\$ 13,450.00
Art Wander (ACCC serves as fiscal host)	\$ 6,454.13
Total Receipts	\$ 113,429.95

EXPENSES

Executive Director & Payroll Expenses	\$ 26,395.78
Artist, Teacher, & Musician Commissions	\$ 14,178.57
Gift Shop, Rental Fees, & Insurance	\$ 11,946.75
Contracted Services (Accounting & Webhost)	\$ 7,610.10
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 5,555.64
Office & Event Supplies	\$ 4,235.83
Bank Charges & Fees	\$ 1,304.37
Sponsorships, Dues, & Memberships	\$ 602.00
Total Disbursement	\$ 71,829.04
Income Less Expenses	\$ 41,600.91
Ending Bank Balance (June 30, 2023)	\$ 41,600.91



ACCC Board Members

Katie Trent, President

Barb Kelzer, Treasurer

Hannah Johnson, Secretary

Amy Gregg, Literary Liaison

Steve Kelzer, Music Liaison

Liya Oertel, Visual Liaison

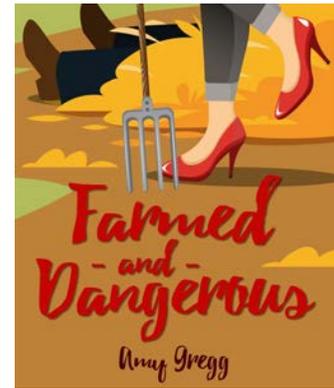
Sarajo Wentling, Gift Shop

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Our sincere thanks for offering your time and talent to the ACCC!

