



## April 2022 Newsletter

Here is what we have included for you in this newsletter:

- 107th Legislature, 2nd regular session Recap
- NebraskARTS Award Celebrations
- Poetry Activated Competition - deadline May 1st
- AFTA, NAC and NFTA Collaborate to Produce an Arts Matter Factsheet
- Internship Opportunities with Humanities Nebraska
- ACC 30th Anniversary event May 22
- Join NFTA today! Memberships start at \$25/year.

### 107th Legislature, 2nd regular session Recap

The 107th Legislature, 2nd regular session finished on April 20, 2022. The next regular session will start January 4, 2023. Here are the results for the three bills for which NFTA constituents advocated:

#### **LB 1014 - Shovel-Ready projects**

- LB1014, which contains \$100 million in federal ARPA fund for Shovel-Ready capital projects, was signed into law on April 13, 2022.

#### **LB927 - Additional funds for Nebraska Creative Districts**

- LB927, which contains additional funds for certified Nebraska Creative Districts, was

signed into law on April 19, 2022.

### **LB 325 - Art Therapy Practice Act**

- Unfortunately, LB325 was not heard in this session. The plan is for it to be reintroduced in the next session.



### **NebraskARTS Award Celebrations**

Nebraskans for the Arts is happy to share photos from our two NebraskARTS Award celebrations that took place this Spring:

#### **Central City Public Schools (March 25)**

Central City Public School hosted their award ceremony before the High School's performance of the musical *The Addams Family*. Speakers included the Central City Public Schools Superintendent, the Board of Education President, and NFTA board members.

#### **Sheridan Elementary School (April 8)**

Sheridan Elementary School hosted their award ceremony in connection with their annual Art Fair. There was singing, dancing, a string quartet and lots of visual art works on display.

**Poetry Activated Competition - Deadline May 1st**

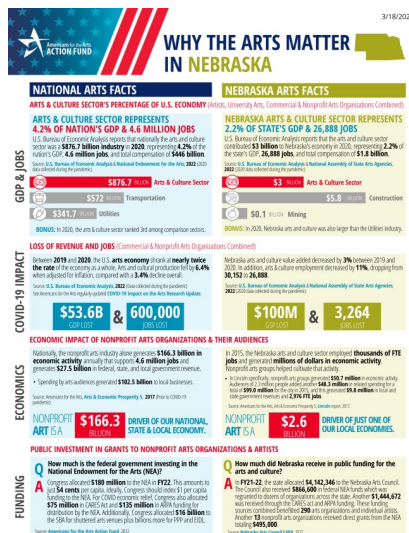
Nebraskans for the Arts, in partnership with the Nebraska Arts Council, is inviting high school students (grades 9 – 12) across our state to participate in the second annual Nebraska Poetry Activated: A poetry-writing competition for students.

Poetry has the power to captivate, illuminate, and motivate. In reflection of this, Nebraskans for the Arts is welcoming students to compose and submit an original “advocacy poem” - a poem that brings to light an issue in their community, advocates for something about which they are passionate, or encourages progress in a specific area of society.

**Entries will be accepted through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.** To submit your poem please visit **Nebraskans for the Arts’ website.**

Cash prizes: \$200 (1st place), \$100 (2nd place) and \$50 (3rd place).

Find out more **here!**



## New "Why The Arts Matter" Factsheet

Nebraskans for the Arts recently collaborated with Nebraska Arts Council and Americans for the Arts (AFTA) to produce a data factsheet to promote Why the Arts Matter in Nebraska.

Download today!  
Nebraska **FACTSHEET** to make the case for more public investments in the arts.



## Internship Opportunities with Humanities Nebraska

**Humanities Nebraska**, a statewide non-profit with a mission to help people explore what connects us and makes us human, has two exciting internship opportunities available. Applications will be accepted until May 15th.

HN is seeking a part-time intern for summer and/or fall semester 2022 to assist the Communications Manager with community and media relations through print and electronic efforts, and day-to-day marketing of HN.

Humanities Nebraska (HN) is also seeking a special project intern to assist with multiple activities associated with our 50th anniversary in serving Nebraska.

Find out more **here.**

# ACCC 30th Anniversary and Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

The Asian Community and Cultural Center (ACCC) 30th Anniversary and Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration will take place at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room, on May 22nd from 1-5 PM.

The event will include a video exhibition of the achievements of the Asian Community & Cultural Center over the past 30 years and the Untold Migrant Stories exhibition from ACCC youth. Meanwhile, we will have 12 ethnic performances, 10 cultural exhibitions, fun activities, traditional games, live music, Asian cuisine, health screenings, and more. The event is free for all!

Learn more [here](#).



## ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH Celebration!

MAY 22, 2022 • 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
LANCASTER EVENT CENTER - LINCOLN ROOM

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## Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today! Memberships start at \$25/year!

If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

To become a member, visit our website [here](#).



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