



October 2023 Newsletter

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

- 2023-24 NebraskARTS Award Applications - apply by November 3
- Nebraskans for the Arts Strategic Planning Forums - November 9 and 16
- Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Report
- October is National Arts and Humanities Month
- 2024 Individual Artist Fellowship Applications - apply by November 15
- New Creative Districts in Nebraska
- Nebraska State Arts Awards
- Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today!

Apply for the 2023-24 NebraskARTS Award!

Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts honors two Nebraska school or school districts that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theatre.

Application deadline extended to November 3, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. and the two winners for 2023-24 will be notified by Monday, December 11, 2023.

For more information and to apply, [go here](#).



Nebraskans for the Arts Strategic Planning Forums

We need to hear your VOICE. The NFTA Board of Directors invites you to participate in one of two strategic planning forums. Your input and suggestions are very important to us as we develop our advocacy focus for the next three years. There are two opportunities to participate.

1) Zoom Meeting, Thursday, November 9, 2023. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time

2) In-Person Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2023. 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Time. The Foundry (3rd Floor) at 211 N 14th St, Lincoln, NE

To register for the NFTA Strategic Planning Forums, please go [HERE](#). An email confirmation with Zoom link and address for each forum will be sent one week before the forum. Please contact the NFTA Executive Director for any questions, info@nebraskansforthearts.org

Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Report

On October 12, 2023, the Americans for the Arts published the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 Report. This is the sixth economic impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry in the U.S.



In 2022, nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences generated \$151.7 billion in economic activity—\$73.3 billion in spending by the organizations, which leveraged an additional \$78.4 billion in event-related spending by their audiences. The impact of this economic activity is far reaching, supporting 2.6 million jobs, generating \$29.1 billion in tax revenue, and providing \$101 billion in personal income to residents.

To learn more about AEP6 study, go [here](#).



October is National Arts and Humanities Month



It's National Arts & Humanities Month! We're celebrating the power and impact of culture in Nebraska to connect us, promote health and well-being, address inequities, and create a stronger community for everyone. #NAHM

The Presidential proclamation for the 2023 National Arts and Humanities month can be found [here](#).

In 1993, it was reestablished by Americans for the Arts and national arts partners as a month-long celebration, with goals of:

- FOCUSING** on equitable access to the arts at local, state, and national levels;
- ENCOURAGING** individuals, organizations, and diverse communities to participate in the arts;
- ALLOWING** governments and businesses to show their support of the arts; and
- RAISING** public awareness about the positive impact of the arts and humanities in our communities and lives.



Grant Opportunities 2024 Individual Artist Fellowship

The 2024 Individual Artist Fellowship program is now open, and this year it recognizes Literary artists in Nebraska. Applicants are chosen by a professional panel according to the merit of their work. Funds must be used for the creation of new art, presentations, training, and/or research.

The application deadline is November 15th.

Learn more and apply [here](#).



New Creative Districts in Nebraska

Congratulations to our newest Creative Districts: [UNI Place](#) (Lincoln) and [McCook](#)!

Nestled within the historic University Place neighborhood, the Uni-Place Creative District invites visitors to embark on a journey through a world of artistic experiences. From captivating theater productions and soul-stirring musical performances to thought-provoking art exhibitions and enriching art classes, the district is a haven for creativity and culture.

Located in the southwest corner of Nebraska, the McCook Creative District is Nebraska's creative "hotspot." Regularly the hottest location in the state during Nebraska's warm summer months, McCook is also the "hot spot" for artists and creatives, as well as residents and visitors alike.

To learn more about the Creative Districts, please go [here](#).



Congratulations 2023 State Arts Award Winners

The Nebraskans for the Arts congratulates all of the 2023 recipients of the State Arts Awards!

More information about the winners and the celebration can be found on the [NAC website](#).

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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