



MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL

The Mount Vernon Area Arts Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the knowledge, understanding, cooperation, appreciation and practice of the arts in the Mount Vernon-Lisbon area.



OUR NEW WEBSITE AND LOGO

Recently we unveiled our new website and logo, changes that better communicate who we are and what we do. Designed by Mount Vernon firm Amethyst Content Marketing, the site went "live" in February. Let us know what you think!

FESTIVALS

MVAAC helps present two festivals in Mount Vernon. We're a partner in the Chalk the Walk festival, the town's largest event. We sponsor September's Lincoln Highway Arts Festival (September 18 this year) which attracts dozens of local and regional artists for an old-fashioned street fair. In 2019, a children's kite making workshop attracted over 100 kids.



POET LAUREATE

In her first official event, Mount Vernon Poet Laureate Marianne Taylor presented a Favorite Poem reading. In April 2019, more than 20 people from the community read their favorite poem and described why they selected the poem. Recently, Marianne placed this information on MVAAC's new website for all to enjoy.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

During the past three years, MVAAC distributed over \$10,000 to the community to support projects including a Ukulele Workshop, the Uptown Theatre Gala, sign language interpreters for a community theatre production and Mount Vernon's Poet Laureate.



WRITERS NIGHT, SCHOLARSHIPS AND HERITAGE DAYS FLOAT

The last Thursday of the month, a Writer's Night is held at Mount Vernon Creates, a project MVAAC helps support.

The Mount Vernon Area Arts Council recently changed its scholarship program. Now, we award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Lisbon or Mount Vernon senior—alternating schools every other year.

MVAAC turned a 1949 Airstream trailer into a shark for the Heritage Days Parade in Mount Vernon while MVAAC board members handed out mini colored pencils to children along the route.

CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

Last summer ten blocks of First Street in Mount Vernon were designated an official Cultural and Entertainment District by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. You may have noticed the decals posted in main street windows. Two large signs are also being placed on either end of town. It's another feather in our community's cap and will further promote our many offerings.

SUPPORT

Because our funding comes from area businesses and individual donors, foundations, grants and the City of Mount Vernon, we are confident the arts council is sustainable. Thanks to all who support the Mount Vernon Area Arts Council!

Artiste: \$500+

City of Mount Vernon
Downtown Dental
The Maurice Foundation
The McIntyre Foundation
Mount Vernon Ace Hardware
Mount Vernon Bank & Trust Co.
Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group
Mount Vernon Creates
U.S. Nameplate Co.

Imagineer: \$250+

The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation/Katrina & Les Garner
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Performer: \$100+

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Advocate: Other contributions including in-kind

Tori Barnes-Brus; Todd Bothel; Chameleon's Pub & Grub; Christian Andrews; First Street Community Center; Kim Greiner; Iron Leaf Press; Tim Kelley; Pat Kinney; Cindy Motsinger; Nancy McIntire; David Pedersen; Anton Rood; Scott Rose; Amy White

Incorporated in 2004 as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, MVAAC is dedicated to creating a community where the arts are economic drivers as well as an aesthetic component of the Mount Vernon/Lisbon area.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

An art educator, a grants writer, a business owner, a musician, an administrator,

an accountant, and visual artists are among the members of MVAAC's Board of Directors.

By covering all the bases, MVAAC hopes to provide the best leadership possible.

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