



MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

All good things must come to an end.... or do they? That's the discussion MVAAC board members are having this year after canceling the 2022 Lincoln Highway Arts Festival. We want to try out some other programs while re-imagining the arts festival.

This summer we are sponsoring music including the **Laid Back Band on Friday, June 24 and a storytelling event on Wednesday, July 6**. Both events start at 6 pm on the lawn at First Street Community Center. Please, join us!



POET LAUREATE DELIVERS

Mount Vernon's Poet Laureate presents an original poem at the city's Memorial Day observance as well as organizes a public event (photo above). In 2021, current Poet Laureate Amelia Kibbie invited residents to read their favorite poem at Mount Vernon Creates, a gallery and event center on main street. Among the readers were MV Mayor Tom Weisler and Lisbon basketball coach & Cornell grad Diamond Boyd.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

For the past decade, the arts council has awarded scholarships to Mount Vernon & Lisbon seniors who plan to pursue the arts whether it be visual, performing or literary. (Photo) This year Lisbon senior Johnny Mallie was the recipient of the \$1000 award, presented by MVAAC board member Tom Bragg.

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.



CHALK THE WALK 2020-2021

There is more to Chalk the Walk than meets the eye! To name a few: Students create their own version of the community piece in the weeks before the event (left photo above); judges circulate during the two-day event sizing up the work of more than 160 artists (right photo above); and post-event calligrapher Katie Poduska completes certificates for the award winners. It takes a village!



TELLING STORIES ON THE LAWN

Area residents Laura Krouse, Allan Mallie, David Miller and Kevin Woods told farm related stories at the "Farm to Fork" storytelling event last year. The program – held on the front lawn of First Street Community Center – was so well received, MVAAC is sponsoring another event at 6 pm, Wednesday, July 6 at FSCC. This year's event is titled "Mount Vernon-Lisbon & ME"



SUPPORTING THE ARTS: MVAAC GRANTS HELP

In the past five years, MVAAC has awarded nearly \$17,000 in grants for local arts programming and projects including kilns for the elementary and middle school (right photo above) and support for the 2021 and 2022 *Shakespeare in the Park* productions. In addition, MVAAC has its own projects such as the metal sculpture at the Hilltop Pocket Park (left photo above). The arts council has its donors to thank for all of it!

HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022

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!

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Artist: \$500+

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Advocate: Other contributions including in-kind

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 Jeff Sellers
 Anne Silva/Silver Spider



The Hilltop Pocket Park artwork by Tim Adams was funded by MVAAC. The official unveiling is scheduled for July 28, 2022 from 4-6pm.

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 writer, 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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