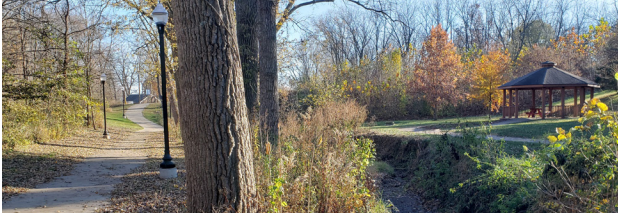


# MOUNT VERNON AREA ARTS COUNCIL



## SCULPTURE TRAIL IN OUR FUTURE

MVAAC has again partnered with the City of Mount Vernon on another adventure — the Mount Vernon Sculpture Trail. Initiated last summer by MV Parks & Recreation, the City Council and the MVAAC Board committed funds to getting the project off the ground. At present, a committee is seeking qualified artists and plans to have the first piece installed by next spring along the trail that runs through Nature Park and ends at Elliott Fields. Public input is being sought via online surveys, telephone queries, and social media.

## 2022 STORYTELLING EVENT

Last July, MVAAC sponsored its second storytelling event. "Mount Vernon-Lisbon and ME" featured seven locals — including Police Chief Doug Shannon — who told amazing tales.



## POET LAUREATE OUTREACH

In December 2022, Mount Vernon Poet Laureate Amelia Kibbie offered Holiday Fair customers original poems in exchange for donations to the SE Linn Community Center located in Lisbon.



## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

This year Mount Vernon High School senior Jesse Schweibert was presented with MVAAC's \$1000 Arts Scholarship by board member Steve Maravetz.

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.



## MVAAC'S FIRST ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Retired elementary art teacher Sarah Fitzgerald is MVAAC's first Artist-in-Residence, a program initiated this year. "We selected Sarah because she has a lot of good ideas for involving the community in art. We know from her work with elementary students that she'll come up with ways to draw attention to the importance of art in Mount Vernon and Lisbon," said MVAAC board member Dr. Tiffany Carr who brought the idea to the arts council. "Artist-in-Residence programs are intended to help artists professionally as well as provide the community more involvement with the visual arts."

## CHALK THE WALK 2023

A volunteer team built a life-sized replica of Van Gogh's "Artist Bedroom at Arles" for display at the 2023 Chalk the Walk event. Folks — including Mount Vernon Mayor Tom Weisler — were able to have their picture taken inside the replica of the community piece. More than 170 artists participated in the event, attended by thousands of sight seers. MVAAC is responsible for the judges and awards.



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY FOR LISBON CITY PARK

On behalf of MVAAC, Mount Vernon residents Les and Katrina Garner constructed and painted a Little Free Library for the Lisbon Public Library. "We are thrilled to have a new 'branch,'" says Amy White (right), library director. The LFL will be placed in the Lisbon City Park. Katrina is one of the founding members of MVAAC.

## MVAAC GRANTS

MVAAC awards grants up to \$500 for local arts programming. Mount Vernon native & guitarist Phil Heywood performed last fall at the Heritage Hall in Lisbon.

HIGHLIGHTS 2022-2023



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!

**Artist: \$500+**

Tom Bragg & Amy Rose Herman  
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**Imagineer: \$250+**

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The Locksmith  
Mount Vernon Eye Clinic  
Pearson & Virlee  
Jane Colehour & Ken Pospisil  
Right Frame of Mind  
Sargent & Fortmann

**Performer: \$100+**

Marsha Acord & Bob Meeker  
Patty Ankrum  
Dale Beeks  
Blank Trust  
Jason Bloomberg  
Bridge Community Bank  
Fred Burke  
Caitlyn & Dan Campagna  
Marie & Steve DeVries

**Advocate: Other contributions including in-kind**

Diane Barnes  
Mary Friedlieb  
Iron Leaf Press  
Kroul Farms  
Charlotte McDermott  
Cathy Roof



After taking 2022 off, the Lincoln Highway Arts Festival is back. The Main Street festival will feature artists (of course!), music, kids activities, art demonstrations, and food.

2022 SUPPORT

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 grant 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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