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Arts Council of Greater Lansing

Leading, advocating for, and advancing arts and culture in the capital region since 1965

April 2011



Taste of Art & Life Event on May 17

5 to 8 p.m.

at the Home Lyn and Karen Beekman
5000 Chipping Camden, Okemos

Join us for a fun evening out to support the [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#) at the [5th Annual Taste of Art and Life fundraiser](#) on Tuesday, May 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. This year's event will be held at Lyn and Karen Beekman's period reproduction Connecticut Georgian residence in Okemos.



Along with tours of the home, guests will enjoy an artist showcase with live demonstrations and artwork available for purchase from local artists including Michelle Frederick, *spinning*; Marie Gile, *weaving and shibori*; [Faina Letoutchaia](#), *Russian spindle and lace knitting*; [Jane Reiter](#), *knitting and crochet*; [Vaughan and Stephanie Rawson](#), *woodcarving*; Douglas Thayer, *metalsmithing*; and Jim Wolnowsky, *wood*. There will also be a silent auction, appetizers and desserts, a wine and beer tasting, and live entertainment provided by award-winning musicians [Wanda Degen](#) and [Neil Woodward](#).

Ticket prices are \$65 each or \$120 for two, with all but \$15 per ticket tax deductible. \$300 Sponsor and \$100 Patron tickets are also available. Sponsors receive four tickets and recognition on-site and after the event. Patron tickets are \$100 and receive one ticket plus recognition. Please RSVP your attendance by contacting the Arts Council at (517) 372-4636 or by [email](#) or by clicking on the Paypal links below.

Single Ticket - \$65

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Ticket Set for Two - \$120

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Patron Ticket - \$100

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Sponsor - \$300

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Above artwork images (left to right) courtesy of Jim Wolnowsky, wood craftsman, and Douglas Thayer, metalsmith.

Join or Renew Your Arts Council Membership Today!

More than 600 artists and 140 arts organizations get inspired, develop ideas and create art in Greater Lansing. Your membership dollars allow the Arts Council to continue to offer professional services, advocacy initiatives and funding opportunities to strengthen the arts in our community. Here's a taste of what we've been working on:



Funding. The ACGL administered a total of \$253,812 in arts grants over the past year, which includes funding through its Collaborative and Individual Artist Grants -- programs available only to members.

Business. Our welcoming office at 1208 Turner St. in Old Town has meeting space and business resources open to all members. We also offer professional development [workshops](#), networking events, and individualized consultations.

Economic Impact. We are partnering with the [City of Lansing](#) and the [Lansing EDC](#), the [City of East Lansing](#), [Lansing Township](#), [Michigan State University](#), [Leap](#), the [Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) and many others to implement the [Cultural Economic Development Plan for Greater Lansing's Urban Center](#).

"Membership in the Arts Council gives artists and arts organizations access to great services and support," said Executive Director Leslie Donaldson. "It also enables the arts community to work together in support of the arts."

We encourage you to join the Arts Council today as we continue to protect and strengthen Greater Lansing's cultural and artistic diversity by empowering both the people who like art and the people who make it. Call or email Program Manager [Katie Robiadek](#) at (517) 372-4636 for details.

Cultural Data Project Trainings
New User and Report Orientation Trainings
to be Held in Lansing on May 4

April Artist Opportunities

Employment, Funding, and Opportunities for Professionals Working in the Arts

[April Opportunities](#)

The latest information for artists and arts organizations listing upcoming grant deadlines, auditions, exhibition opportunities, and other information of interest to the arts community.



April Arts and Cultural Calendar

Your Link to Exhibitions, Events, Festivals, and the Performing Arts in Greater Lansing

[April Calendar](#)



Despite the cool start to the spring, April is a hot month for local concerts, performances and exhibits. From April 19-23, the [MSU Department of Theatre](#) will present "References to Salvador Dali Make Me Hot," by contemporary playwright Jose Rivera. The [Ten Pound](#)

[Fiddle](#) brings Ray Kamalay and his Red Hot Peppers on April 22, and the [Greater Lansing Potter's Guild](#) brings new works -- fresh out of the kiln -- to All Saints Church in East Lansing for their annual spring sale April 28-30.

Creative Impact Michigan

ArtServe Michigan Launching Bi-Weekly E-Publication to Showcase Michigan's Creatives



[ArtServe Michigan](#), announces the launch of Creative Impact Michigan, a statewide, bi-weekly e-magazine and events website focused on the entrepreneurs and practitioners contributing to Michigan's reinvention. The publication launches in May 2011 and will publish every second and fourth



Now that nearly 400 arts and cultural organizations are participating in the [Michigan Cultural Data Project](#), organizations may now run reports that compare your organization against others throughout Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois, California, Pennsylvania and Maryland. If you are new to the Michigan Cultural Data Project or are unsure how to run these reports, please sign up to join Pew Charitable Trusts in Lansing on May 4 for an orientation session that will demonstrate how powerful this tool can be for your organization.

For those who have not yet input data into the Michigan CDP, or need a refresher on how to do so, a **New User Orientation Session** will be held from 10-11:30a.m. at the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau, located at 500 E. Michigan Ave, Suite-180, Lansing. To register for this session, please click [here](#).

For those whose organizations that have submitted one or more years of data into the Michigan CDP and want to learn about the 77 trend and comparison reports that can be generated at no cost to your organization, please attend the **CDP Reports Orientation Session** from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau, located at 500 E. Michigan Ave, Suite-180, Lansing. To register for this session, please click [here](#).

Each session is free, but if you **plan to attend both trainings, you must register for both seperately**. Please note that space is limited, so your prompt registration will be key in reserving your seat. For more information about CDP, visit www.miculturaldata.org.

Thursday of each month delivered by email and available at news.artservemichigan.org.

"With the decline in local arts and cultural dedicated news outlets and reporting, compounded by a decrease in public and private funding, we saw a need for a resource like Creative Impact Michigan," said Jennifer Goulet, President of ArtServe Michigan.

Creative Impact Michigan will include feature stories and spotlights on artists, projects, and news from across the state, as well as monthly videos, a fully-searchable statewide arts and culture events calendar database, and platform to submit content ideas. For more information, please contact ArtServe Michigan at hello@artservemichigan.org.

Art in the Sky Billboards

Partnership with Adams Outdoor Advertising Promotes Individual Artist Grant Recipients



Billboards on the edges of Ingham County are currently displaying five Arts Council artists as a part of a new public art partnership between the [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#) and [Adams Outdoor Advertising](#). The aptly named "Art In The Sky," the program aims to provides the public with increased exposure to the vast artistic talent in the Greater Lansing region while also using billboards as a tool for public art.

Participating in the inaugural launch include Arts Council Individual Artist Grantees [Linda Beeman](#), printmaker; [Diane Newman](#), choreographer; [Zahrah Resh](#), painter; [Janel Schultz](#), mixed media artist; and [Craig Mitchell Smith](#), fused glass artist.

"In the short time the billboards have been up, I have had several people come into my gallery at the Meridian Mall," said Craig Mitchell Smith. "The arts are thriving here, so I'm happy to help bring attention to that [via the Art in the Sky program]."

To learn more about the program, please contact the Arts Council at (517) 372-4636 or via email at info@lansingarts.org.

Calling All Artists! Old Town Scrapfest

June 11 - 25
Old Town Lansing



Application Deadline: Friday, April 29

The [Old Town Commercial Association](#) is hosting [Scrapfest 2011](#), an exciting two week sculpture competition which brings together teams of artists, welders, and Scrapfest enthusiasts to use recycled scrap materials from [Friedland Industries](#) in Old Town Lansing to build a masterpiece. Each sculpture created for Scrapfest must be built entirely from materials found at Friedland Industries during the hour-long collection time at the beginning of the competition. Artists will have two weeks to build their artwork which will then be displayed during Old Town's [Festival of the Moon and Festival of the Sun](#). Works will be judged by a panel of artists and community members, and auctioned off during the Festival of the Sun on June 25 to support public art projects in Old Town.

As many as 18 teams with up to 5 people each will be chosen to participate in the 2011 Old Town Scrapfest. The application submission deadline is Friday, April 29. Applications, along with rules and guidelines are available to download [here](#) or by visiting www.oldtownscrapfest.com.

Completed applications can be sent to the Old Town Commercial Association at 1232 Turner Street, Lansing MI, 48906, or submitted to oldtown@oldtownmainstreet.org.

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