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Summer/Fall 2026

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announcements and event updates!

Leah Egger is our new Social Media Manager. Thank you Leah for your
creativeness with sharing the WCAC information!

New Board Member



Sharon Kawczynski is an artist and a recently retired art teacher. She has had students from kindergarten through 8th grade for almost 40 years. She recently went back to teaching part-time at a virtual charter school. Acrylic and watercolor are her preferred mediums, but she will create art out of anything she finds inspiring. She looks forward to being a part of the WCAC.

If you're interested in joining the WCAC board, please email Jennifer Vaun Coil, Administrative Director, with any questions at walworthcountyarts@gmail.com, or call board member Libby Palmer (262) 949-3651.

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Scholarships

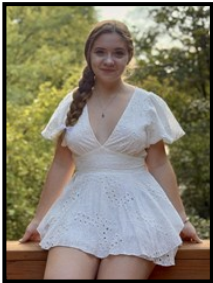
The Walworth County Arts Council awards \$2,000.00 scholarships for graduating seniors who are furthering fine arts training after high school. The applicants must provide a high school transcript, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement of their future plans. The student must also perform an audition and participate in a personal interview with professionals/artists in their field of study.

This year these four students received scholarships:

Music

Katherine Steele - Badger High School

Katherine will be attending Carthage College pursuing a degree with a double major in Music Education and Spanish. She looks forward to continuing to develop her skills as a musician.



"I plan to become a music educator and inspire the next generation of musicians through both teaching and performance. Music has been a constant in my life, especially during times of change, and it has given me a sense of purpose, discipline, and belonging. In my future career, I hope to direct school ensembles and create an inclusive classroom where every student feels valued. More importantly, I want to be the kind of teacher who provides students with the same sense of support and belonging that music has given me."



Theater

Alexia Anaya - Badger High School

Alexia will be attending DePaul University in Chicago pursuing a major in Film Production with a concentration on Directing. She is excited to grow and develop her skills as she embarks on her educational journey.

"I aspire to create an impact in the world, to have people unite over their differences. When society comes together, such as in a simple place like a movie theater, great change can be made. I truly believe that films create lifelong bonds for all kinds of people, as it fosters an emotional experience; films can be long or they can be short, but the imprint it leaves behind is crucial and needed in today's divided society."

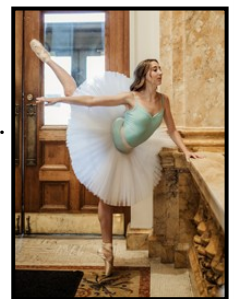


Dance

Megan Meier - Elkhorn Area High School

Megan will be attending Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, followed by direct entry into the graduate school's Doctor of Physical Therapy program. She will minor in Dance.

"I hope to combine my experience as a dancer with the education I will receive at Carroll University to fill the gap in healthcare treatment for dancers and other athletes. My mission is to provide individualized, sport-specific care that helps specialized athletes reach full recovery and maintain long, healthy careers."



Visual Arts

Connor Reed - Elkhorn Area High School

Connor will be attending the University of Wisconsin Madison to pursue a degree in art education with a minor in history and art history.

"I believe creativity plays a key role in helping young people discover who they are. Because of this, I plan to continue pursuing my passion in my secondary education and incorporating it into my future, no matter what path I take. Art is more than just something I enjoy, it is a part of who I am, and a lasting connection to the person who first inspired me to create."



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Annual Elementary/Middle School Art Show a Great Success!

**Walworth County Arts Council celebrated
the young artists of Walworth County
on Sunday, April 19th**

*A Very Special
"Thank You!"*

Thank You to the teachers
of these participating
schools,
and to the
many talented
students who shared
their creative artwork!

Brookwood Elementary
(Genoa City)
Teacher: Melissa Horak

Brookwood Middle School
(Genoa City)
Teacher: Kim Garrett

Elkhorn Middle School
Teacher: Grace Widner

Elkhorn Options School
Teacher: Sharon Kawczynski

Jackson Elementary (Elkhorn)
Teacher: Carrie Storlie

St Francis de Sales
(Lake Geneva)
Teacher: Marcie Fain

Tibbets Elementary
(Elkhorn)
Teacher: Erin Heiser

West Side Elementary (Elkhorn)
Teacher: Amanda Rowley

Williams Bay Elementary
(Williams Bay)
Teacher: Holly Mulhall

Wisconsin School for the Deaf
(Delavan)
Teacher: Susan Dupor

This year's Elementary/Middle School Art Show was likely the most successful ever. With ten Walworth County elementary and middle schools participating, the Elkhorn Middle School auditorium was filled to overflowing.



Each student had his or her art described by their teacher, followed by strong audience applause.

Individual certificates of participation included a very popular pin button that can be attached to clothing, a hat, or a backpack.



Photos were taken of each school group and provided to the art teachers.

A drawing was a new feature this year that selected at random a student's art that will be framed and displayed to the public. This year's winner was Stella Derickson of Brookwood Middle School, a student of Kim Garrett.



Stella Derickson with Teacher Kim Garrett and her parents, Tracy and Adam (photo on the left), and Stella with WCAC President Sybil Klug (photo on the right).

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Meet a Local Artist

Carol Cantieri-Potter

I enjoy creating functional objects in clay using the potter's wheel. I have been a student of Jill Tortorella at Antioch Pottery for a very long time and am still learning! Since retiring from the public schools where I worked as a speech pathologist I'm enjoying extra time to work on throwing and decorating clay. My husband has been exploring different glazes and we are excited with some of the color combinations that he has discovered. I try to create depth and movement in my pieces with texture and glaze and am inspired by moving water in rivers and the ocean.



Connor Reed, our Visual Arts scholarship winner will exhibit art in the WCAC case at the Elkhorn Government Center in July.

Visit our local featured artists artwork in person displayed in the WCAC case at the Government Center in Elkhorn.

Check out more featured artists at:

walworthcountyartscouncil.com/bloglist

Appreciated Thank You Cards

I am sincerely very grateful for your generous scholarship. I am honored by your generous support as I continue my journey at DePaul University in Chicago. If there is any possible way I could help your organization, I would love to. I do not have classes from Friday to Sunday, and you can reach out to this number. () one again, Thank you so much.


Dear Walworth County Arts Council,
As I graduate and my new journey begins, I want to thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. Your support means the world!
Sincerely,
Tucker LaRose

Dear Walworth County Arts Council,
Thank you so much for the \$2,000 Music Scholarship. Your support means so much to me. I am excited to pursue music at Madison and this scholarship will help me achieve my dreams. I can't wait to one day have my own studio where I can share my love of music through recordings and lessons. I have ~~been~~ taken lessons for years so I think offering them to others could be a nice way of giving to my community. I also plan on playing in multiple groups in the area. Community bands are great because I get to play with others that really love music.
Thank You!!! - Dante Baker

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Come watch the talented artists paint at the Walworth County Fair on Thurs. & Fri. morning! (Sept. 3-4)

Walworth County Arts Council
Sponsors the "Paint the Concessions" award.



Upcoming Events



Plein Air at the Fair

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2026**

PLEIN AIR AT THE FAIR IS AN
ARTIST'S CHANCE TO CAPTURE THE
MAGIC OF THE 177TH WALWORTH
COUNTY FAIR ON CANVAS.



Plein air (short for *en plein air*) is a French term that translates to "in the open air". In the art world, it refers to the act of painting or drawing an entire artwork outdoors on-site, rather than working from memory, sketches, or photographs in a studio.



Our MSO program is doing well!

We have over 25 people who have signed up for this next MSO concert series, and we also have had interest from more than one high school in sending some students.

October 30, 2026: Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1

Kristina Poska, conductor & Orli Shaham, piano, Beethoven *Piano Concerto No. 1*,
Schumann *Symphony No. 3 "Rhenish"*

November 20, 2026: Brahms Symphony No. 2

Ivan Lopez Reynoso, conductor & Joyce Yang, piano, Bernstein *Overture to Candide*,
Gershwin *Concerto in F*, Brahms *Symphony No. 2*

February 12, 2027: Mozart & Shostakovich

Yaniv Dinur, conductor & Zlotomir Fung, cello, Mozart *Symphony No. 36, "Linz"* &
Overture to Marriage of Figaro, Shostakovich *Cello Concerto No. 1* & *Chamber Symphony*

April 9, 2027: Darkness Into Dawn

Kirill Karabits, conductor & Ingrid Fliter, piano, Beethoven *Piano Concerto No. 2*,
Mussorgsky *Night on Bald Mountain*, Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 2 "Little Russian"*

Subscriber Details:

- We will meet again at the Elkhorn Park & Ride at 9:15 AM. It is about a 45 minute ride.
- Concert tickets will be distributed on the bus. There are no tickets to be distributed for the luncheon (there is a list of our group at the MSO of those attending the luncheon).
- There is a (free) pre-concert talk for about 30 minutes beginning at 10:15 AM.
- The concert is from 11:15 AM to 1 PM (with a 20 min. intermission), and 'Meet the Artist' luncheon immediately following.
- We will depart at approx. 2:15 PM and arrive back at the Elkhorn Park & Ride at approx. 3 PM.

*If you are unable to attend, please inform Ron Pippitt (262) 215-7056 to avoid any transportation hold ups.

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2026 Membership

Your membership, at whatever level you are comfortable, is greatly appreciated and essential to help cover costs of the Elementary Art Show, Scholarships for High School Students, and so much more. Together, we will continue to encourage and support our locally talented students and artists, as well as providing our citizens with a resourceful connection to the arts!

WALWORTH COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

I would prefer to receive communication from WCAC via: (please circle one) ___ Email ___ Regular Mail

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL (please check one)

___ STUDENT \$5 ___ SUPPORTER (Individual) \$35 ___ SUPPORTER (Couple) \$60
___ FRIEND \$50 TO \$99 ___ SUSTAINER \$100 to \$249 ___ PATRON \$250 to \$999
___ SPONSOR \$1,000 to \$1,999 ___ BENEFACTOR \$2,000 and up

I am interested in volunteering and helping with the following (check all that you are interested in):

___ Children's art show ___ High school scholarships ___ MSO ___ Lake Geneva Symphony - in school concerts
___ Memberships ___ Art fields trips ___ Visiting artists in school ___ WCAC board

Please make checks payable to Walworth County Arts Council and mail to:

**Walworth County Arts Council
PO Box 446, Delavan, WI 53115
Attn: Membership Committee**

Walworth County Arts Council is a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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