



Guidelines and Application



Arts Outreach Program

OVERVIEW

Many Aboriginal, remote and rural communities in west central Saskatchewan experience barriers that limit their ability to provide arts and cultural opportunities. These obstacles often include economic barriers, high turnover in leadership positions, geographic constraints and/or limited resources/expertise available within the community.

Rivers West District in partnership with Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange is able to work with communities through a newly developed program that is focused on community-engaged arts projects. This program is meant to increase access and exposure to arts and cultural experiences within communities in west central Saskatchewan. Opportunities will be tailored to the needs of the community and will focus on local ownership and readiness for the program. These projects will give participants an opportunity to engage with, and learn from, professional artists from a range of creative disciplines, allowing them to be creative and imaginative, to experience enjoyment and to develop skills in creative art development.

Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation (Rivers West), in collaboration with Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange, is pleased to offer west central communities an opportunity to participate in the *Arts Outreach Program*.

APPLICATION

In order to apply to the Arts Outreach Program initiative, a prospective applicant must submit an application. Application must be submitted prior to the closing date of **January 23, 2017**.

The application is used to evaluate the readiness and commitment of your community to successfully participate in the Arts Outreach Program. Communities are encouraged to contact Rivers West by phone prior to submitting an application. There is limited capacity for delivery of the initiative therefore not all applications will be accepted.

ABOUT THE ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Arts Outreach Program includes a day long or half day long workshop which is comprised of educational pieces as well as hands on experience.

The Arts Outreach Program is offering communities a choice between three (3) different workshops/presentations this year for the Northern half of our district, and two (2) for the Southern half. If you are interested in more than one workshop, please number your selection in order of preference on the application form. The workshops will be tailored to age demographic (youth or adult). The workshop artist fee and materials are provided at no cost to the community. The workshop will take place in the evening or on a weekend (refer to page 4 question 2) to accommodate volunteers' and artists' schedules.

The community will be responsible for the facility, promotion, registration of participants, artist meals and mileage (0.32/km), and one (1) contact person to oversee logistics of workshop. Please note: during winter months we ask communities to offer a billet to house artists IF weather is such that they do not feel comfortable driving after a workshop is complete.

Submission of a follow up evaluation will be required by the applicant upon completion of workshop.

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WORKSHOP OUTCOMES:

- Participants feel that they have developed a lifelong appreciation of, and participation in, arts and cultural activities
- Participants feel that they have increased accessibility to participate in arts experiences that challenge and enrich learning
- Participants feel that they have increased opportunity to learn to build skills and qualities (which may lead to leadership positions within the community or employment in the creative industries sector)
- Strengthen the ability of local groups to build upon their systems and people skills to address the arts and cultural needs in the community

JOINT APPLICATIONS ENCOURAGED:

- Consider partnering with another community or organization to help host one of these workshops
- Joint partnerships will be considered to have increased capacity to deliver a stronger program and reach a broader participant base
- ***Include letters of support from partner communities/organizations***

5 OPTIONS AND ARTISTS:

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Rivers West District covers a large geographical space. Please consider where in the District your community is located before selecting your artist choice. Communities are responsible for covering mileage costs for artist travel.

Northern Half of Rivers West Only

1. **Painting** – with artist Bonny Macnab (Artist based in Mervin)
In just a few hours you can feel like a painter! Bonny gives you simple techniques with hints of colour theory and values. You don't need drawing skills. All participants will work on their own 11" x 14" acrylic on canvas board. This is a fun, encouraging and inspiring workshop to be a part of.
2. **Writing Short Stories** – with writer Lisa Guenther (Artist based in Livelong)
Teaching an introduction to writing short stories, Lisa will walk participants through the steps involved for creating characters and building the framework to create an engaging story. This is a great workshop for anyone interested in writing short stories or developing ideas for longer fiction works.
3. **Needle Felting** – with artist Kara Perpelitz (Artist based in Goodsoil)
Introduce students to the art/craft of needle felting with wool. Kara will lead demonstration of how to work with felting needles and how to use them with wool. Each participant will create their own felted artwork.

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Southern Half of Rivers West Only

4. Intro to Photography – with artist Jennifer Blake (Artist based in Rosetown)

Do you have a great camera but are not sure how to use it? Jennifer will take you through how to get the most out of your camera, use the settings that have been scaring you off and teach you to capture those great moments. This workshop is a must for anyone that wants to learn more about composition and taking a photograph you would be proud to display.

5. Found Sculpture– with artist Devon Coles (Artist based in Kindersley)

Creating art from the stuff in your home. Devon will take participants through building their own unique sculptures using everyday materials such as cardboard, paper and other common materials found in every households recycling. This workshop is an exercise in idea generation and construction.

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APPLICATION:

- 1) Please explain why your community and/or organization has an interest in undertaking the Arts Outreach program? (For example: economic barriers, limited resources, lack of art professionals etc.) *Please attach page if space is not adequate.*

- 2) Which community-engaged workshop do you wish to undertake? Please check if you prefer a half day or a full day workshop. *If you are interested in more than one workshop please rank selection in order of preference.*

_____ Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Half day	<input type="checkbox"/> Full day	Northern ONLY
_____ Writing Short Stories	<input type="checkbox"/> Half day	<input type="checkbox"/> Full day	Northern ONLY
_____ Needle Felting	<input type="checkbox"/> Half day	<input type="checkbox"/> Full day	Northern ONLY
_____ Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Half day	<input type="checkbox"/> Full day	Southern ONLY
_____ Found Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/> Half day	<input type="checkbox"/> Full day	Southern ONLY

Preference for hosting workshop:

<input type="checkbox"/> February	<input type="checkbox"/> March	<input type="checkbox"/> April
<input type="checkbox"/> Daytime	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend

- 3) Explain how participation in this workshop will impact your community/organization. Why is this form of art participation particularly suited to your community/organization?

- 4) Explain how you will encourage an open and diverse participant group.

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Letter(s) of support from partner communities/organizations attached.

Organization Name

Contact Name

Email

Phone

Please check this box indicating the information contained in this form is true and accurate and that you understand and comply with all requirements.

Name and Title

Date

Please email or fax this signed form by January 23rd, 2017 to:

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