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Greetings!
Happy New Year! Welcome to *In the District*: news from the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. You are receiving this email because of your interest in stories from the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District.

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Ode to Dougie Padilla

commentary by Josh Blanc

Dougie with painting

Dougie Padilla Artist, Visionary, Fabulist has been a fixture in the NE Minneapolis scene since its birth in the early 1990s. He has been a part of every major art movement in NE from the start of Art-A-Whirl, Paris NE, Art Jones Gallery, Grupo Soap del Corazón, Salon Artisimo, Satsang Tuesday Nights Meditations, Project Luna Brava and and the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. Dougie is a multifaceted personality that can be a brash and imposing figure in our arts community fighting for what is right and fair for artists. His relentless fighting against gentrification is legendary. Dougie's artwork is distinctive with caleveras, fish, monsters, and crosses channeling his Norwegian/ Mexican/cowboy roots.

For the past three years Dougie and Josh Blanc have been collaborating on developing and defining the Arts District. We discussed and argued about how and what the District's goals and definition should be. We searched out candidates to serve on the Arts District Board of Directors. Dougie served on the board for a year and a half. He has decided it is time to try some new ventures and has retired from the board. He continues to advise the board and give his time and knowledge to help mentor younger artists. We will miss his charisma, generosity, and experience of the arts in the board room.

Northeast P.E.E.P.s

(People, Events, Exhibits, Places)

City Pages Artists of the Year 2015 features Pete Driessen Studio in the Casket Arts Building

Check the Arts District Calendar for events -

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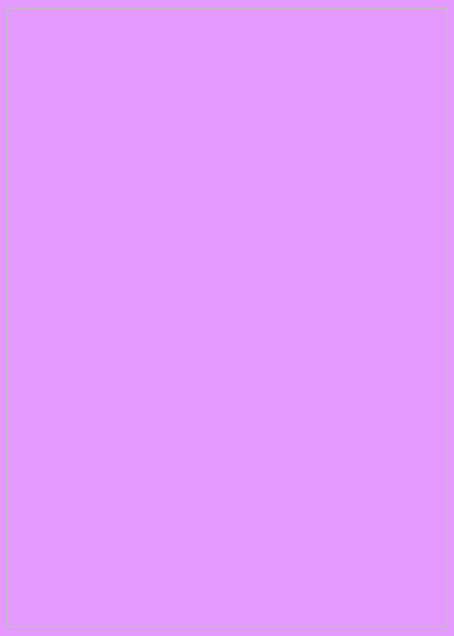
Franconia Boat Tower
Pete Driessen

Northrup King Building galleries exhibit Nicholas Harper and Christopher Atkins



Helios
Nicholas Harper

Gallery 427
Nicholas Harper
January 9-February 7

Opening Reception
Saturday Jan. 9, 7-10pm

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The Grapevine

Marc Lamm's book on the techniques he has developed working in wood.
This is the third book by an Arts District artist to be published in 2015.

CALENDAR

Featured Events

Dust
Christopher Atkins

Kolman & Pryor Gallery Studio 395
Christopher Atkins' "Wired"
January 7-February 20
Opening Reception Saturday Jan. 9, 7-10pm

Northeaster News Launches
Northeast Arts Insights

There are lots of reasons why people and businesses enjoy being a part of, or a neighbor to, the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. It's unique, centrally located, lauded by the city as being a cultural center, and is consistently sought out by visitors (and residents) as a great area to go and hang out.

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Board of Directors and the award-winning *Northeaster* announce *Northeast Arts Insights*, a brand-new proprietary news and advertising section in the Northeaster newspaper.

Launching in January, the *Northeast Arts Insights* spotlights District artists, open studios, gallery shows, performances, special events, and neighboring businesses and supporters.

According to NE Arts District Board member and social media maven Betsy Gabler, "Each month *Northeast Arts Insights* will call attention to the diversity and outreach that District artists have throughout the U.S. and the world."

The *Northeast Arts Insights* feature page has limited space for advertising Arts District supporters. SECURE YOUR AD SPACE NOW. Call Margo Ashmore at the Northeaster: 612-788-9003 for more information.

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Three Main Goals of Arts District Planning

1. Continue to discuss who we are as a community.
2. Continue to define the vision of the next 10 to 15 years, in order to drive the decision making.
3. Start a framework on how we can finance the goals of the district. This goal is only possible to discuss if the other two goals can be met.

Recent studies to consider reading:

1. The Creative Vitality Index 2014 Update. Click to read.
2. Arts Districts & Economic Development study. Click to read.
3. The Minneapolis Creative Index 2013 Report. Click to read.
4. Arts Impact Survey & Report on Arts Activity within the District (2013). Click to read

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District & the Arts District Committee is an outcome of the Arts Action Plan.

"The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Committee is comprised of interested volunteer community members, and is fiscally managed by the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC). Additional support has been provided by Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), Clay Squared to Infinity, Art Force, Altered Esthetics."

Want to get involved? Contact us