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Greetings!

Welcome to In the District: news from the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District.

If you ever wanted your voice heard in the planning of Northeast Minneapolis, June is your month to participate in that process. Please join us for the many major events profiled below.

"Inside every large problem is a small problem struggling to get out."

-Tony Hoare

Follow Up Forum with Council & Mayor June 12 at the Ritz

-by Josh Blanc

Want to know what the survey said about artists? Have questions or ideas about city policies?

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District (Northeast AD), Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, and the Ritz Theater will host a forum Tuesday, June 12 at the Ritz, 345 13th Ave. NE, with elected officials. The forum is a follow up from last fall's candidate forums for city council and the Mayor's office. Those events were huge successes. Now that new administration members have been in office about six months we want to check in with Council Members Kevin Reich, Steve Fletcher and Mayor Jacob Frey.

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The Grapevine

Doors open at 6 p.m. for mingling. After the approximately one-hour forum that starts at 6:30, there will be an after-party at Rogue Buddha Gallery nearby, at 8 p.m. At the forum the Northeast AD and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce will reveal the data from the recent survey of artists in the arts community.

The survey was meant to give us a snapshot of the arts community today to understand our arts community and how we interact with the rest of Northeast. Questions included where we shop for resources, do we vote, and do we own homes as well as our needs for space.

At the after party at Rogue Buddha Gallery, talk informally with the Council Members and the Mayor. All residents are invited to attend and ask questions about what they want to see in policy for the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. Volunteers are needed to help with the arrangements. [Contact Josh Blanc](#) at 612-781-6409.

Hatch - A Creative Art Center Update

by Malcom Potek. Hatch Committee member.

This last month of May has been a busy one for the Hatch committee surveying of the community during Art-A-Whirl® also at the Marcy and Yinghua Gala's. As we continue our work it is becoming apparent that the need for an arts center is

growing and widespread. Many folks have already had a chance to weigh in on what they would like to see in an art center, and we would like to reach a whole lot more. Toward that end if there are community organizations that you are a part of or think would welcome participation in helping to drive this discussion, please let us know. In particular we are looking for Northeast partners in the Hispanic, Muslim and East African communities.



Coming up in June Hatch is producing another Petcha Kutcha (see the April Northeaster article) It will be held again at Rogue Buddha Gallery - 357 13 th Ave. NE, Minneapolis. We have scheduled **Sunday June 24 th from 6 to 7:30 pm**. This is an excellent way to see the Districts Artists up close and personal and get a taste of what drives their work. Open and welcome to all. If you have suggestions or questions please contact Malcolm Potek

Ward One Forum: Minneapolis' Comprehensive Plan

by Kevin Reich Ward 1 City Council

All municipalities in the Twin Cities area are required to provide the Metropolitan Council with an updated Comprehensive Plan every ten years. Toward that end, the City of Minneapolis has been working on an update to the Minneapolis Plan for the past two years. We now have a draft Comprehensive Plan - Minneapolis 2040 - that envisions how the city will grow and change. The draft covers such topics as the built environment, job access, housing and transportation connections.

Adding to the citizen engagement process, I will be hosting a Ward One forum to present highlights of the plan and offer another opportunity for community members to ask questions and offer input.



Northeast Library

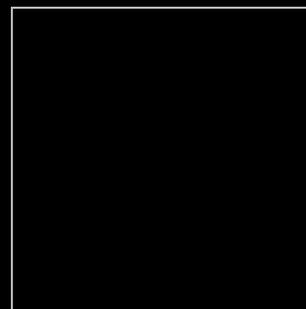
Thursday, June 14, 5:30 - 7 p.m.



In case you missed it Arts Insights page in the Northeaster?
[Click here to read](#)

CALENDAR

Featured Events



OPEN STUDIOS | 11 to 4
Second Saturdays

california
building

2205 California St. NE

californiabuilding.com



Northeast Library, 2200 Central Avenue NE

If you have any questions, please contact the Ward One Office at kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-2201. The draft plan, timelines, opportunities for input, and information about the citizen engagement process can be found at www.minneapolis2040.com.

Douglas Ross Capturing Landscape

-by Margo Ashmore

"Maybe my work is soothing and comforting," Doug Ross supposes. Eleven of his landscapes have been purchased for seven hospital collections. A retired art professor from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ross and his wife, Anita, who taught high school in Lincoln, moved back to Minnesota. He's one of the earliest artist tenants at Northrup King Building. After a series embracing the beauty of northern Minnesota, the couple made themed trips throughout the country to photograph the subjects for later painting.



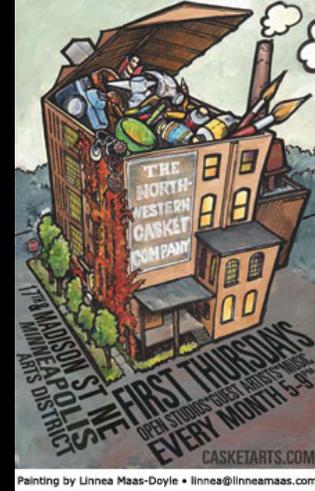
Chimney Rock

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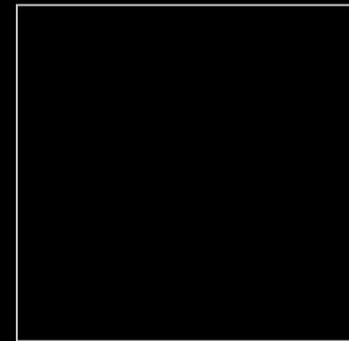
Anita passed away about six years ago, and Doug has continued series work. "My daughter in Massachusetts wants me to do an eastern seaboard series, maybe historic sites in the 13 colonies."

Hennepin Health (Hennepin County Medical Center) recently purchased a large painting of the Third Avenue Bridge in The Mississippi River series on all 10 state touching the Mississippi.

"I try to keep a show intact for a year after it's first displayed, in case it could be used somewhere else. When HCMC wanted [Third Avenue Bridge] I knew it was time I could sell others." He has documented every state along the Oregon Trail. "I feel guilty - it took me five and a half days to take the photos, it took the pioneers four months to make the journey." That show is going up this summer at the **Community Fine Arts Center in Rock Springs, Wyoming**.



Painting by Linnea Maas-Doyle • linnea@linneamaas.com



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Third Avenue Bridge

This summer he'll also travel to Illinois to re-paint an outdoor sculpture he placed there years ago. Ross is working on a show of Iron Range paintings to open at the Mac-Rostie Art Center in Grand Rapids this October. That project will present a particular new challenge, he said, as images of rusty old equipment and buildings involve a lot of hard lines and straight horizontals, much different from the natural undulations of rocks and water.

By August 2019 he'll have 12 to 15 of his works, representing a circle tour around Lake Superior, at the Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery in Grand Marais.

About Art-A-Whirl®, Ross said every time he has participated, he has sold something, either directly or in conversations that start during the event and eventually develop into a sale.

NE Influential 2nd Annual

Attention NE Artists!

Please join us for the Second Annual Northeast Influential Artist Potluck Picnic! Presented by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District (Northeast AD)

Thursday, June 21st, 5 to 9pm at Logan Park (Corner of 13th Ave and Monroe St NE)

Neighborhoods Need You!

Artists are a big part of NE. Most of us have lots of opinions about what we want the community to aspire to. But to make those ideas come to fruition we need to be more involved with the neighborhood groups.

Neighborhood groups have been some of the most supportive organizations of artists since the beginning of the artists moving to NE. Please take a moment to consider attending their meetings and joining their boards or committees. Below are the contacts for each neighborhood.



Sheridan Neighborhood

Logan Park Neighborhood

Holland Neighborhood

Bottineau Neighborhood

Windom Park

Northeast Park

Audubon Park

Waite Park Park

Marshall Terrace

Columbia Park



As the chaos of another Art-A-Whirl® subsides and artists get back to focusing on making art in their studios, it's time once again for the artists who live and work in NE Minneapolis to celebrate with our family and friends at the Second Annual Northeast Influential Artist Potluck Picnic. The inaugural picnic was launched last year by the Northeast AD. Artists along with their family and friends gathered at a local park to meet one another, network and celebrate the culture that we all belong to and work so hard to cultivate. While The District is host to numerous events throughout the year in which the artist is tied to their personal studio, this potluck is an opportunity for the artists to get out of their studio and come together in celebration of all things NE arts! Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Grills will be available. We will also be taking an aerial group photo at 6pm!

[NE people](#)

We look forward to sharing an evening of food and comradery with you as we continue to strengthen our NE arts community!
2018 Northeast Influential Artist Potluck Picnic
Thursday, June 21 at 5:00pm
Logan Park, Minneapolis
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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.



The Arts at Work.

Recent studies to consider reading:

1. [The Creative Vitality Index 2015 Update. Click to read.](#)
2. [The Creative Vitality Index 2014 Update. Click to read.](#)
3. [Arts Districts & Economic Development study. Click to read.](#)
4. [The Minneapolis Creative Index 2013 Report. Click to read.](#)
5. [Arts Impact Survey & Report on Arts Activity within the District \(2013\). Click to read](#)

Poets wanted

Send your [submissions to us](#)

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, Northeaster News,
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