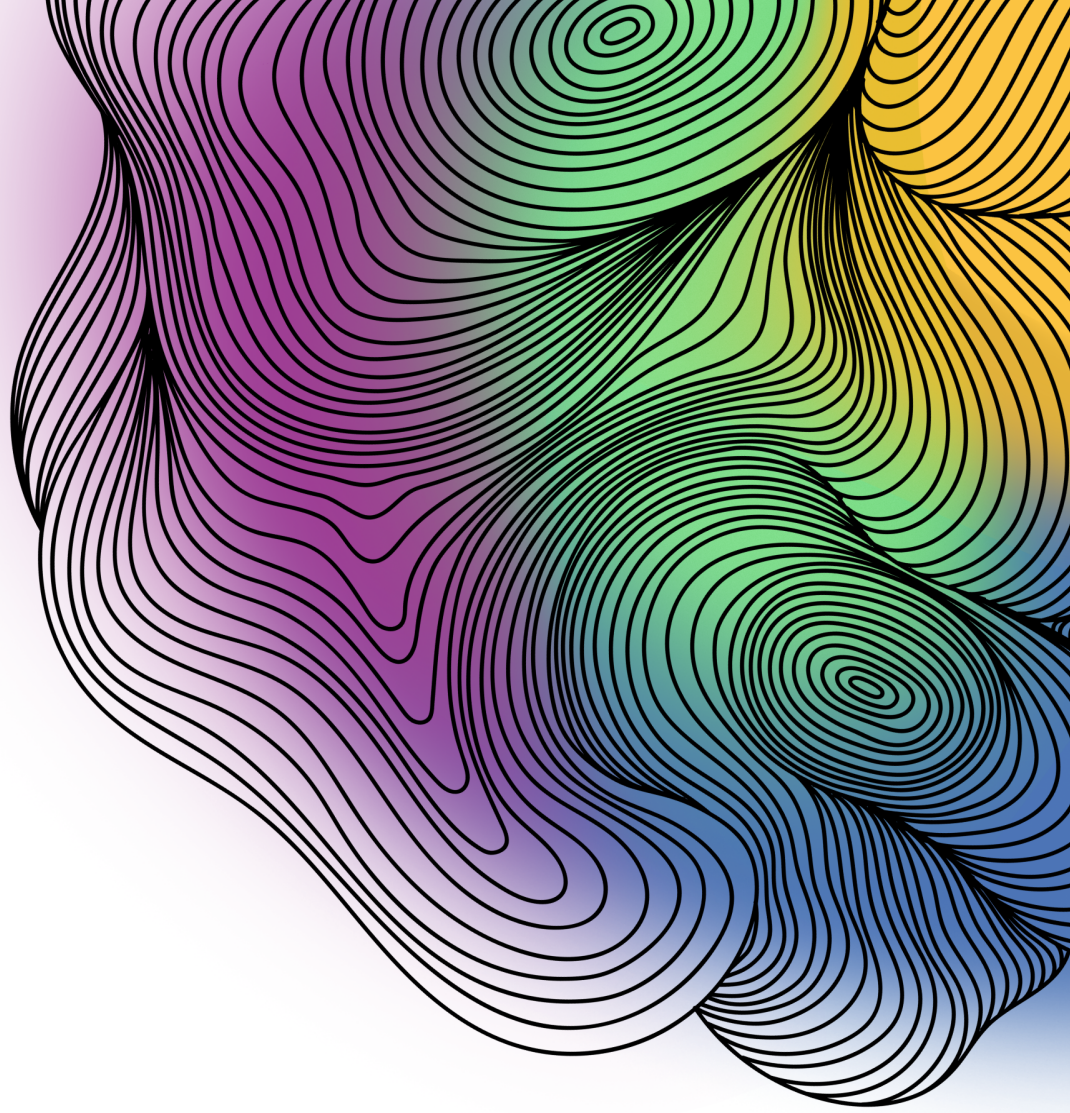




ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL

Mayor's Awards For The Arts



Reflecting on 61 Years of Bringing Arts
and People Together and Celebrating
33 years of honoring those who
help fulfill our mission.

Allied Arts Council Annual Meeting

Annual Report 2023-2024

A Message From the Director.....



2024 was a year of celebration for the Allied Arts Council (AAC), as well as a year of change. After 19 years with the organization, Teresa Fankhauser retired from her position as Executive Director. In addition, Cathy Ketter retired from her position as Director of Operations after 31 years. With 50 years of combined contributions to

the AAC, their dedication and commitment to advancing the arts in St. Joseph has certainly had a sustained effect on our community.

I stepped into the position of Executive Director in May 2024, and it has been extremely rewarding to be working for such an important and vital community organization. My past experiences and knowledge of the arts have cultivated a strong foundation for being at the helm. And I am truly grateful for the opportunity.

As we opened our 11th Sculpture Walk this past June, the Allied Arts Council was not only able to bring 15 sculptures to our downtown, but we were able to donate two sculptures to the City of St. Joseph: "Motherly Love" by Gedion Nyanhongo and "The Feather" by Kirk Seese. As Mayor John Josendale accepted the donation,

he reminded us that our community needs art. I am truly grateful for the partnership we have with our fine city. By bringing these visual arts to our downtown for citizens and visitors to enjoy for years to come, we followed our strategic plan that emphasizes the need for continuing arts experiences.

Another aspect that is instrumental in keeping our strategic plan moving forward is our annual reporting. This allows the Council's supporters to be informed as well as giving the Council a chance for us to take stock in what has been accomplished. Reflecting on our 61st year, the Allied Arts Council has continued its commitment to serve the St. Joseph community. Thank you to every volunteer, board member, agency, individual, company, and council who have supported the arts in St. Joseph. Whether it be through giving your time or giving your financial support, the Council could not be a voice for the artists without your generosity. I am impressed with what this organization has accomplished, which is a result of the talent and enthusiasm of our team and their dedication to creating and nurturing opportunities for artists and arts audiences.

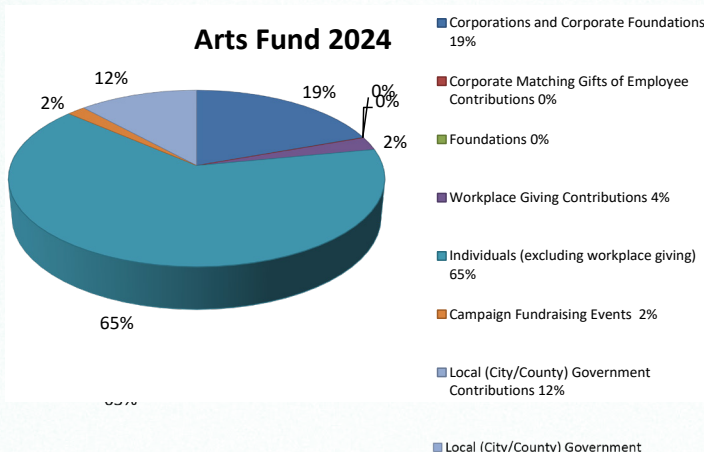
I look forward to seeing what year 62 will bring to our arts community. And I hope you will continue to advocate with us as we bring arts and people together.

Jessica L. Agnew

Arts

The mission of the Allied Arts Council is to bring arts and people together. This report reflects how our programs and initiatives fulfill our mission.

Arts Fund



Arts Fund Pacesetters

PACESETTERS PLUS

(\$5,000 & above)

- Buchanan County Commission
- City of St. Joseph, Missouri
- South St. Joseph Progressive Association
- St. Joe Petroleum-Fastgas Convenience Stores
- St. Joseph News-Press

PACESETTERS

(\$1,500 - \$4,999)

- Altec Industries
- Commerce Bank of St. Joseph
- Evergry
- Hillyard Industries
- Mosaic Life Care Employees
- Nestle Purina PTC
- Nodaway Valley Bank
- Sunshine Electronic Display Corp.
- St. Joseph School District Employees

Since 1982, the Allied Arts Council has raised money to support the work of arts organizations through the annual Arts Fund campaign, which is one of the most important programs the Council produces each year. Through the years, the Arts Fund has raised thousands of dollars to support the work of member arts organizations, which this year includes Creative Arts Productions, Performing Arts Association, Robidoux Resident Theatre, St. Joseph Community Chorus, Saint Joseph Symphony, St. Joseph Youth Chorale, and the Allied Arts Council.

Raising money is never easy, but Arts Fund co-chairs **Terri Modlin** and **Alison Schieber** and their Cabinet rose to the challenge. Thanks to their efforts, the funded agencies can spend more time producing art and less time worrying about how to pay the light bill. Contributions to the arts come from a variety of sources including individuals, government sources, corporations, and workplace giving campaigns.



Beer Walk for the Arts By Photographer Lauren Adams

The Beer Walk for the Arts also contributed to the success of the Arts Fund by raising over \$6,100. This year's event featured six homes and a community garden with craft beers at each house paired with food samples from area eateries. Each home also featured live music courtesy of area musicians, and visual artists were on hand working on their current project. The event was a success with over 205 people in attendance.

Arts Advocacy

Our number one task as a Council is to advocate for the arts in St. Joseph. It is our mission to make our community a better place to live through the arts by ensuring everyone has access to arts experiences. The arts can not only make our community a better place to live, but a better place to learn, work, visit, and do business. When we reach out to elected officials on the local, state, or federal level, it is always important to remind them that the arts:

- Bring in tourism dollars
- Are one of the top considerations when a business is considering a move to St. Joseph
- Give our citizens a creative outlet
- Support art education opportunities through partnerships with our schools and after-school programs.
- Have a \$21.1 million economic impact.

It is our arts organizations that foster healthy and vibrant communities, cultivate and encourage young imaginations, attract tourists to boost economic growth, and give our artists a voice.

The best part about advocacy is that anyone can advocate. You don't have to be an artist. You don't have to sing or play an instrument. You don't have to draw. Advocacy takes many forms. To be an advocate, all you must do is share in our goal: Bring arts and people together. If you would like to become a strong advocate for the arts in our community, the Allied Arts Council will host an Arts Advocacy Workshop this fall. Details will become available later this summer on our website at www.stjoearts.org.

Arts Education

Under the leadership of the Arts Education Committee chaired by

Janell Becerra and Operations Director Cathy Ketter, the Allied Arts Council provided a variety of educational programs, including Artists in the Schools, After School Art-Ventures, and the regional Poetry Out Loud Competition.



Sculpture Walk By Photographer Patrick Evenson

Artists in the Schools opportunities are listed online, offering nine artists plus a guided Sculpture Walk Tour. The enrichment program provided 87 sessions and reached over 2,500 students, teachers, and parents. The program, in its 41st year, includes some of the area's best artists who provide support across the entire curriculum. In October 2023, over 1,000 St. Joseph School District, parochial and homeschool students took a guided Sculpture Walk Tour in Downtown St. Joseph with Allied Arts Council staff and volunteers as guides for the day. The students were able to get hands-on with the artwork, ask questions and get a feel for what inspires sculptors. They also took the opportunity to vote for their favorite sculpture for the People's Choice award.

After School Art-Ventures began in the fall of 2023 as a pilot program partnership between the St. Joseph School District and the Allied Arts Council. This program took three artists into three Title 1 elementary schools, Hosea, Edison and Lindbergh for visual art, dance, and music arts experiences. For the initial year there were three sessions per school per year which were highly successful, and the program hopes to expand for the coming year to five schools with five sessions per school.

Poetry Out Loud is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, and in February AAC was prepared to host the eighteenth northwest Missouri regional competition. Registrations were down statewide, and our region was combined with the Kansas City region.

The Allied Arts Council and the St. Joseph Public School District are members of the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, working to foster partnerships among arts organizations, schools, and communities. Selected because of a demonstrated commitment to the improvement of education in and through the arts, the partnership team participates in collaborative efforts to make the arts integral to education.

The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts

The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts was established in 1986 to pay tribute to Mr. Morton's leadership in the St. Joseph arts community. Memorials are accepted at any time and are solicited to commemorate a special event, or just to promote the arts. The Fund's Trustees remain committed to providing financial support for at least one event or program annually and each year hosts a Kentucky Derby party on the first Saturday in May.



Kentucky Derby Fun!

The committee recently announced the 2024/25 recipients, which include: Allied Arts Council – “Traffic Box Art;” Creative Arts Productions – “Lion King JR camp and performances;” Performing Arts Association - “Todd Oliver & Friends Workshops and Performance;” St. Joseph Community Chorus – “A Season of Peace, Harmony & Gratitude: Mozart’s Requiem featuring St. Joseph Symphony & Community Chorus;” and St. Joseph Historical Society Robidoux Row – “1st Thursdays at Robidoux Row.”

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Committee, chaired by Bobbie Cronk, works to bring quality public art to St. Joseph. The committee oversees the annual St. Joseph Sculpture Walk and the traffic box art. Now in it's 11th year, the Sculpture Walk has captured the hearts and imagination of both area residents and visitors. We encourage everyone to participate in the Sculpture Walk, as it sparks conversations and allows anyone who participates the opportunity to have their voice heard through the People's Choice Award voting. The People's Choice Award for this year's Sculpture Walk will be through January 31, 2025.



Sculpture Walk Reception By Photographer Patrick Evenson

This project is made possible because of the support we receive from various donors and the program's primary funding partner the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District, and the City of St. Joseph. The combined efforts of the City, CID, and the Allied Arts Council to enhance the

area with new sculptures continue to generate more interest and foot traffic downtown.

1st

Lean On Me
by Gedion Nyanhongo of
Fostoria, Ohio



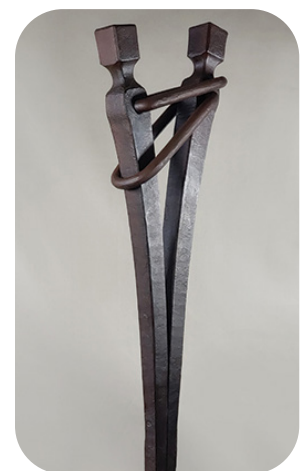
2nd

River People
by Tim Adams of
Webster City, Iowa



3rd

Embrace
by Clark Martinek of
Mitchell, South Dakota



33rd Annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts

Nominees

Artist of the Year

Heather Nelson has made amazing contributions to St. Joseph this past year through her artistic talents. She works for the St. Joseph Museums and has created a number of murals and illustrations for the book on Jeffery Deroine and also graphics for the Walk on Water live theatrical play. Her work is featured in the newly renovated exhibit wing and helps bring St. Joseph's history to life through the Jeffery Deroine book and the Walk on Water play.

Wanda Taylor is an award-winning colored pencil artist who loves teaching color pencil techniques to others. For nearly 20 years, she has taught classes at many local venues including the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, Missouri Western State University community arts, and Allied Arts Council's Artscape summer camp. Her work is currently displayed at Northland Artists Gallery in Weston, MO, the AKMA, and Mosaic Life Care Art Experience Galleries.

Arts Educator

Annie Bramlage just finished her 25th year of teaching and is currently the Central High School Theater teacher where students flock to be in her classes and performances. Her recent production of "Mean Girls the Musical" earned top awards including Outstanding Overall Production and Outstanding Technical Crew. Annie goes above and beyond to see that our children get nothing but the best arts education experience and shows students the value of teamwork and cooperation.

Jackson Connors has shown

perseverance and steadfast leadership by growing his Bode Middle School choir from three students to close to thirty within his first two years of teaching and plans to introduce theatre curriculum into his classroom. He also currently serves as the assistant director of the St. Joseph Youth Chorale and as vice president of the Choir Boosters at Central High School.

Daniel Ramming is an art teacher at Central High School who demonstrates an exceptional ability to inspire and educate through art. He consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that each student feels valued, understood and motivated to reach their full potential. His passion for teaching and his students' success is evident in every endeavor he undertakes, and his contributions to Central High School and the broader community are invaluable.

Outstanding Volunteer

Lori Boyer has been an outstanding volunteer for the Saint Joseph Symphony for many years, including running the will call desk at concerts, serving as the Symphony house captain at the Beer Walk for the Arts, leading the finance committee, and serving on the board of directors. She also serves as the treasurer of the David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts Trustee Committee and leads that Committee's Derby Fundraiser.

Robbie Morton has repeatedly shared his passion for the arts by volunteering for the Allied Arts Council's Beer Walk for the Arts, STEAM festival, and Trails West!®. He works independently on physically demanding tasks and is the first on site and the last to leave. Without him in charge of logistics, these events

would not have gone as smoothly as they did. He has also served on the Allied Arts Council's Visual Arts Committee and board of directors.

Youth Artist

Macormick (Mac) Carlson has grown from a captivating kid on stage to a talented young man. He has been in many leading and supporting roles on the stages of the Missouri Theater and RRT's Ruby Theatre. As a Central High School student, he shares his talents in featured roles in the school's productions as well, and this summer he'll share his talents within Kansas City in the teen ensemble in Starlight Theatre's production of West Side Story.

Brett Carter is a talented percussionist who has taken his love for music to many areas of our district and community. He was named Central High School's Drumline Captain his senior year and lived up to the responsibility. He led the drumline by establishing a culture of responsibility and high expectations, while remaining humble and enjoying seeing the younger players flourish.

Ashlyn Ford is an actress, singer and musician who has invested her time and talents into the St. Joseph area arts community for the past 11 years. She graduated from Central High School with Magna Cum Laude honors, National Honor Society honors, and Thespian honors, and was a member of the Student Government Leadership her senior year. She was named Female Thespian of the Year, and was also a member of the New Generation Singers.

Jude Kimmel at age eleven has been very active in numerous projects and activities in the community through Creative Arts Productions, Robidoux Resident Theatre, and the Dance Arts Center. His contribution is significant and he is continuously obtaining skills to be well rounded – acting, dancing and singing. He is a great example to other children, showing them if they work hard, they will go far.

Individual Leadership

Janell Becerra serves as the Curriculum Advisor overseeing fine arts for the St. Joseph School District. She is active in the St. Joseph arts community, serving on the Allied Arts Council Board, Arts Fund Committee, Saint Joseph Symphony Education committee and as a frequent music director for Robidoux Resident Theatre. She demonstrates exceptional dedication, creativity and leadership, and her passion for the arts, coupled with her unwavering support for students and colleagues, makes her an exemplary leader.

Sandy Burg has served as Executive Director of Robidoux Resident Theatre for over 10 years, and her efforts have led to steady growth in the organization, enabling RRT to produce stage productions for performers of all ages, from theater camps for kids, to engaging plays at RRT’s own Ruby Theatre, to musical productions at the Missouri Theater, and to dedicated theater opportunities for the 50+ community. She stands out as a hardworking and invested leader.

Organizational Achievement in the Arts

St. Joseph Community Chorus for the past two seasons has had extensive outreach and high-quality performances which highlight its dedication to fostering a love for choral music in the community. The collaborations with professional

artists, local musicians and regional bands, along with its robust performance schedule and outreach programs, underscore its impact and success.

Martial Thevenot/Team Perka was the Performing Arts Association Season Sponsor for the 23-24 season which helped the organization bring a variety of events representing the best of performing arts. It’s hard to separate the man from the business because Martial is Team Perka and carries that with him wherever he goes and whatever he does. His goal is to make PAA a strong team to inspire, comfort and uplift the St. Joseph arts community.

Extraordinary Lifetime Achievement Award

Teresa Fankhauser’s path to a life in the arts started at the age of 3 when she first appeared on the Missouri Theater stage. Her passion only grew from there once she found and was involved with Robidoux Resident Theatre (RRT). From there she took on roles at the Allied Arts Council (AAC), from volunteering, serving on the AAC board as the president of RRT, chaired the Trails West!® Chautauqua and Hillside Reenactment Stages and taught at Artscape and Art for Life. Prior to joining the Allied Arts Council, she served as managing director of the Performing Arts Association from 2002-2005 and co-owned the Ice House Theatre with husband Erich Uhlhorn. In 2005, Teresa became the Executive Director of the Allied Arts Council, and held this position until her retirement this past spring. During her 19 years as Executive Director, Teresa brought to the St. Joseph community the downtown Sculpture Walk, Beer Walk for the Arts as a fundraiser for the Arts Fund, and helped with the creation of the Traffic Box Art. As she continued the mission of bringing arts and people together, she served as president of the Missouri Association

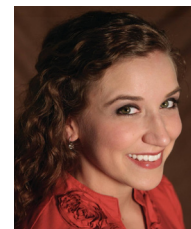
of Community Art Agencies and president of the Missouri Citizens for the Arts. Teresa emerged as a statewide leader in the non-profit arts sector and has brought about growth in all her arts endeavors.



Teresa Fankhauser



Staff



Jessica Agnew
Executive Director
2 months



Kathy Reno
Marketing Coordinator
3 years



Maya Rounph
Graphic Designer
1 years

The Allied Arts Council staff thanks you for your continued support of the AAC.

Board of Directors

2023 - 2024

Executive Committee

Terri Modlin, President
 Liby Waltemath, 1st Vice-President
 Michelle Norman, 2nd Vice-President
 Brian Schiermeyer, Treasurer
 Tona Williams, Secretary

Elected Board

Brittany Beaver, Commerce Bank
 Janell Becerra, St. Joseph School District
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 Madison McKinley, Narrative Home
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 Bryson Mace, Saint Joseph Symphony
 Denise Meyer, Creative Arts Productions
 Sandy Miller, Runcie Club
 Fred Olson, Robidoux Resident Theatre
 Diana Smith, RiverSong
 Tom Smith, American Guild of Organists
 Martial Thevenot, Performing Arts Association

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The Allied Arts Council, the second oldest arts council in Missouri, was organized in 1963 to provide service to St. Joseph area arts organizations, artists and the general public. The Council has since grown into a federation of fourteen arts agencies, produces community arts programs, raises funds, promotes public awareness and provides service and support its member agencies.

AAC Financial Information

Finance Committee

Brian Schiermeyer, Treasurer
 Brittany Beaver
 Brendon Clark
 Barb Connor
 Ron Olinger
 Ralph Schank
 Terri Modlin

The Finance Committee meets monthly to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Allied Arts Council. It reviews the company's financial position, approves the proposed annual budget, and recommends fiscal policy to the Board of Directors.

Balance Sheet - Allied Arts Council - June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	106,787.85
Accounts Receivable	4,663.77
Other Current Assets	2,598.25
Fixed Assets	26,235.59
Prepaid Expenses	890.82
Total Assets	141,176.28
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	
Accounts Payable	3,305.45
Other Current Liabilities	24,040.90
Total Liabilities	27,346.35
Fund Balance	152,951.57
Net Income	-39,121.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	141,176.28

Balance Sheet Arts Fund & Arts Fund Endowment June 30, 2024

ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	468,666.65
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Reserve for Uncollectable	-1,676.41
Pledges Receivable	44,049.62
Total Assets	511,039.86
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	0.00
A/E- Unrestricted Retained Earnings	46,765.38
Fund Balance	328,991.13
Net Income	135,283.35
Total Equity	511,039.86



Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Mo., Inc. Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 18, 2024
The Benton Club

Reception and Cash Bar

5:30 p.m.

Dinner

6:15 p.m.

Annual Meeting

6:45 p.m.

Convene Annual Meeting	Terri Modlin
President's Remarks	Terri Modlin
Executive Director's Remarks	Jessica Agnew
Financial Report	Ron Olinger
Arts Fund Report	Alison Schieber & Terri Modlin
Recognition of Retiring Board Members	Terri Modlin
Report of the Nominating Committee	Tona Williams
Election	Terri Modlin
Annual Meeting Adjournment	Terri Modlin

July Meeting of the Board of Directors

Convene July Board of Directors Meeting	Terri Modlin
Report of the Nominating Committee	Tona Williams
Election of Officers	Terri Modlin
Adjournment of Board of Directors Meeting	Terri Modlin

Mayor's Awards for the Arts

Awards Presentation	Mayor John Josendale
Mayor's Awards Jurors:	<i>Jim Barber, Kyna Iman and Jennifer Wampler</i>

Thanks to Creative Arts Productions for the evening's entertainment.

2024-2025 Allied Arts Council Nominative Slate

Class of 2027

Mary Kottenstette
Madison McKinley
Mark Mikkelsen
Daniel Ramming

Officers

President – Liby Waltemath
1st Vice President – Michelle Norman
2nd Vice President – Valeri Jones
Treasurer – Lee Ann Smiley
Secretary – Kristi Brumback

Nominating Committee

Brittany Beaver
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