

BRIDGES ARTS COUNCIL

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BRIDGES ARTS COUNCIL SEEKS VIRTUAL ART OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of an artist or performer that is interested in doing a virtual performance, class, or other art/cultural event in a safe, digital format the Bridges Arts Council wants to hear from you.

Please contact us at info@bridgesarts.org.

Upcoming Events

Virtual Art Classes

Music In the Park

Sunday Afternoons in Pioneer Park

BRIDGES ARTS COUNCIL VIRTUAL CONCERT SERIES

The Bridges Arts Council and the Valley City Barnes County Public Library would like to thank everyone that “tuned” in to watch our first ever virtual concert series. This series featured the musical stylings of Greg Hager on February 13th, Joe DeMasi on February 20th, and John Oakland on March 6th.

If you would like to view the concert please navigate to the Valley City Barnes County Public Library YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFhjwhC9akK5GmdUDdpZTfQ/videos>.

Mural Project Coming Soon

The Bridges Arts Council is excited to announce the start of a new project, a mural located in City Park next to the scenic Sheyenne River. The renovated City Park bandshell is the home of the “Music in the Park” concert/event series on an annual basis and that was the reason for the selection of the Valley City Parks



Mockup of mural project courtesy of Bill Cochrane

and Recreation building in City Park as the site for the future mural. The east side of the building (the park side) of the building is where the mural will be located. It will feature some references to the historical aspects of the park. City Park

what is seen today. There used to be a carousel and a small zoo in the park even. There will be spots available to have your caricature included in the mural to help defray the cost of the project. Cost is \$150 for inclusion in the mural. For more details or to reserve a spot, please email Bridges Arts Council Arts Administrator, Nick Lee, at administrator@bridgesart.org.

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POETRY OUT LOUD

Congratulations to the top five North Dakota Poetry Out Loud (POL) finalists: Hannah Severson of Wyndmere Public School; Lillian Kiefert of Valley City High School; Josephine Evenson of North Border Pembina High School; Morgan Mostoller of Wahpeton High School; and Kylie Howatt of Northern Cass High School. The top five finalists will move forward to the finals. [A pre-recorded video presentation of the top five finalists' recitations and announcement of the 2021 North Dakota State POL Champion will be aired on March 10, 2021 at 7pm.](#)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

The Bridges Arts Council is seeking out new artists, opportunities, and partnerships. We have the goal/vision of making Valley City a community with a vibrant arts scene. We need your **help**. If you are a local artist or art-minded person and want to possibly partner with the Bridges Arts Council on a project/class/art offering we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at <https://bridgesarts.org/contact.php>.

We also offer grants through the Bridges Arts Council for groups/artists. The mission of the Bridges Arts Council is to provide advocacy for the arts and cultural organizations in Valley City, the Sheyenne Valley and neighboring communities. To facilitate this mission, the BAC applies for grants from the North Dakota Council on the Arts and uses those grant dollars, along with membership dollars, to provide funds for artistic events and opportunities for participation in the arts. We would like to partner with you to help facilitate your artistic event or opportunity!

MEET OUR BOARD – BOARD VICE PRESIDENT GRATIA BROWN



Gratia loves to make things, break things, and create pieces that celebrate fragments and debris' poetic nature. She earned her Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and her Bachelor of Arts in the History of Art & Architecture and Anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Art at Valley City State University (ND), where she teaches ceramics, sculpture, art methods, and art history. She will participate in the Studio Paducah artist residency program in the summer of 2021.

Exhibitions and honors include Ancient Alchemy at the Washington Pavilion (SD), Part and Parcel, a 2010 NCECA Conference Concurrent Exhibition, and the 4th UNICUM Ceramics Triennial at the National Museum of Slovenia where her work received a Recognition Award.

Her work recently received 2nd place in the Visions in Clay exhibit at the LH Horton Jr Gallery (CA).

She has been awarded scholarships and assistantships at Haystack Mountain School of Craft (ME), Penland School of Craft (NC), and Arrowmont School of Art and Craft (TN). Residencies include The Hungarian Multicultural Center, Budapest, Hungary, I-Park (CT), Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts (ME), The Ceramics Center (IA), University of North Dakota (ND), and Northern State University (SD).

