

# River Arts Alliance

## Annual Meeting January 27, 2021

### Agenda

1. Approve Agenda / Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting (*see page 3*)
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Slate of Board of Directors Nominees:

Terri Karsten – 1st Term	Ken McCullough – 3rd Term
Anne Scott Plummer – 2nd Term	Julia Crozier – 3rd Term
Vicki English – Past President, 1 year term	
4. 2020 Project Reports
  - a. Family Art Day *the 2020 Way*
  - b. *Virtual* Winona Art Walk
  - c. Great River Writes
  - d. Maria W. Faust Sonnet Contest
5. 2021 Goals
  - a. Adapting projects to online and hybrid formats (Member Exhibit and Showcase, Winona Art Walk)—Heidi Bryant, Julia Crozier
  - b. Re-envision RAA web site—Heidi Bryant
  - c. Minnesota State Arts Board grant—Dan Munson
  - d. Create a new 5-year strategic plan, exploring new projects and goals
  - e. Continue to build relationships with our members and the greater community
  - f. Continue fundraising efforts for projects and long-term viability
6. Discussion/Adjourn

## From the RAA Chair

As I enter my final year on the River Arts Alliance Board of Directors, I want you to know that it has been a great privilege to help build the foundation of this organization. I know that we are not only supporting local artists and arts organizations, but we are also strengthening community bonds with these important relationships.

In the age of COVID, attempting to fulfill our mission by offering our community-based projects has been a real challenge—but everyone has been challenged. I'm happy to report that we have been able to adapt most of our activities thanks to Heidi Bryant performing her magic. We were able to host the Maria W. Faust Sonnet Contest and our annual Art Walk online. Thanks to Heidi, our Arts Administrator, Dan Munson, and board members, Julia Crozier, Linda Klabo, Jean Mueller, and Anne Scott Plummer, we were able to offer Family Art Day, the 2020 Way. We hope to resume our Schmoozes—online at first—and explore additional ways to connect with the local community. We have learned this year that art heals and art connects us in ways we never anticipated.

Our Board of Directors, our Communications Director, Heidi Bryant, and our Arts Administrator, Dan Munson, have worked continuously to promote local arts and culture, dedicating countless hours to this advocacy. Many thanks to out-going board members Sara Enzenauer Strand, Julie Johnston, Catherine Tuggle, and Joy Davis Ripley for their service to RAA. I thank them all for their efforts and their promotion of our mission:

*River Arts Alliance supports and celebrates regional arts and culture by organizing educational programs, community events, and public art projects while promoting opportunities for artists and facilitating collaborations between organizations in the Winona region.*

Our members and partners keep us going! Thank you so much for believing in our mission and for your continued support!

**Vicki English, RAA Chair**

## 2020 Highlights

**Projects:** *Maria W. Faust Sonnet Contest, Family Art Day the 2020 Way, Winona Art Walk*

**Communications:** *Weekly Updates promoting members' events as well as sharing opportunities—COVID and otherwise—with the entire RAA contact list. RAA maintains an active Facebook and Instagram presence.*

**Fiscal Sponsorship:** *Bluff Country Studio Art Tour, film editing grant for Mary Farrell, book project for Ken McCullough.*

## 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order and approve agenda:** Approved, Kathy Peterson / Ken McCullough
2. **2018 Minutes:** Approved, Mary Farrell / Julia Crozier
3. **2019 Treasurer's Report:** Sara Enzenauer reviewed the 2019 financial records
4. **2019 Project Reports:** An overview of the activities and accomplishments of the following projects were presented - HBC: A History of Communication, RAA Member's Exhibit, Family Art Day, Winona Art Walk, Great River Writes and Winona Daily News Arts Columns/Winona Radio Interviews.
5. **Board of Directors Elections:** 1st term – Linda Klabo, Jean Patzner Mueller, and Jim Reineke; 2nd term – Catherine Tuggle. Motion for unanimous consent was carried.
6. **2020 Goals:** Vicki English discussed RAA's goals as we look toward continuing to build relationships between members and the greater community, increasing our membership and fundraising efforts for projects to assure long-term viability for the organization. She emphasized the value of the collaborative nature of the RAA. Heidi Bryant talked about RAA's new role working on the Maria W. Faust Sonnet Contest.
7. **Announcements:** Retiring RAA Board Members, Ted Haaland, Anna VanDemark and Sydney Swanson were thanked and recognized for their wonderful contributions to the board. They will be missed!

Recorded and submitted by Anna VanDemark, 01/15/2020

## 2020 RAA Board Members and Staff

Julia Crozier  
Vicki English, *Board Chair*  
Julia Johnston  
Linda Klabo  
Ken McCullough, *Board Vice Chair*  
Jean Mueller  
Anne Scott Plummer  
Jim Reineke  
Joy Davis Ripley  
Sara Enzenauer Strand, *Treasurer*  
Catherine S. Tuggle  
Julie Johnston, *Secretary*  
Heidi Bryant, *Communications Coordinator*  
Dan Munson, *Arts Administrator*