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**Annual Statement**  
Annual Meeting • March 19, 2019



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Thank You to our Members and  
Volunteers for a Strong 2018!

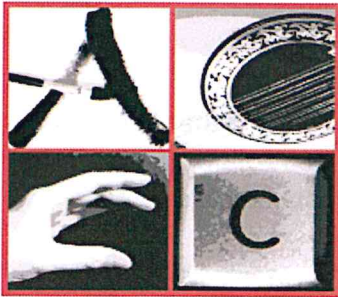
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## Presidents Letter 2018 in Review

Dear Members,

2018 has been an extremely busy year for the Arts Consortium of Carver County. We had many months of planning and volunteer hours and we successfully established the ACCC Arts Center, open to the public in June. We now reside at 7924 Victoria Dr. Studio Level, Victoria MN 55386. Our first Exhibit to the public was the Board of Directors Art presented through our *Colors of Summer* show. This show opened our gallery to the first of three shows we held in 2018. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> we held our *Grand Opening Celebration* inviting all of our membership and also the general public to experience what we had built up. Standing room only and lines out the door confirmed to us that our communities were hungry for a place to explore art and music. The event was a success and from there on we have been building the ACCC to help meet our communities access to the Arts.

The months of summer were action filled with our festival season. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *ArtStock Art Wine and Music Festival* was held at Parley Lake Winery in July followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Victoria Fine Art Fair* held in August on the shores of beautiful Steiger Lake. Music for both shows were accompanied by select musicians of Carver County. The musicians were among those who also had donated their songs and time for the production of the *Songwriters and Musicians of Carver County, Vol. IV* Music CD. The music CD always debuts in June and is a wonderful fundraiser for the ACCC. Our Music committee continuing on the successes of the music CD embraced the season and this year earmarked the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual *Holiday Music CD*, which sold out at our gallery gift shop making the CD priceless to those who were able to acquire one.

The ACCC hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Poetry Contest*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Flash Fiction Contest* attracting poets and writers from early youth to senior citizens within the region. Three additional authors events included two open *Writers' Read* events and an *Authors Reading* held at the new Arts Center. The writers continue to collaborate with the Sower Gallery exhibits on the written word. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual *Photography Contest* also drew community members far and wide with exemplary work. ACCC curated four *SDS Gallery Hall exhibits* at Ridgeview Medical Center and one at the Chaska Community Center featuring local and regional artists.

The second in our *House Concert Series* was hosted by Charlson Meadows, which featured Clark Machtemes' *Traveled Ground* with special world acclaimed guest artist, Jenn Bostic, who is also rooted from Carver County. Our first Mini house concert was held in the Arts Center for an evening with Jazz earlier in the summer.

The ACCC hosted two more shows in 2018, our *Members' Show* featuring the visual art and written word of our talented member visual Artists and Authors. Following this show we morphed our entire space into the *Holiday Gift Show* filling the space with regional and local Artists work throughout the area.

Art tourism began bringing tours into the Arts Center and making presentations about the Barn Quilts of Carver County welcoming regional, national and international visitors to our Gallery.

Membership of artists and supporters has risen to well over 200 members and the ACCC was nearing 1000 followers on social media, doubling our reach. Plans were made and steadily they are becoming reality.

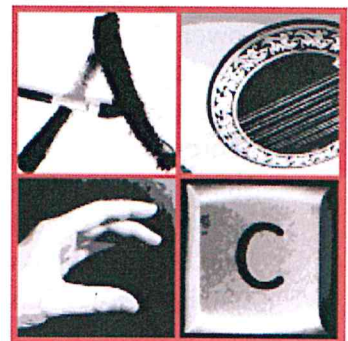
The ACCC is a volunteer based 501c3 organization that set out to make a difference in the communities of Carver County. Each and every one involved in creating the Arts Center is a dedicated volunteer that is very much appreciated. Countless hours were given to open the Center, a central place for artists and community members to gather, our volunteers sought to enhance the experience of life through art in all genres and I commend them.

Thank you to everyone involved in this endeavor. Each and every member and volunteer has contributed to the ACCC. We will be adding more features for the community in the coming year and we look forward to expanding our programming and growing into a regional and nationally recognized Arts Organization into the future. This has been an exciting year for the Arts Consortium with everything we have accomplished. We contribute to our communities by supporting the arts. We are bringing the arts to the people and the people to the arts. We know that Art means business. We are heading into 2019 with a strong team of leaders that I am confident will guide the ACCC to the next steps.

It was my pleasure serving alongside each and every one of our Board of Directors and volunteers.

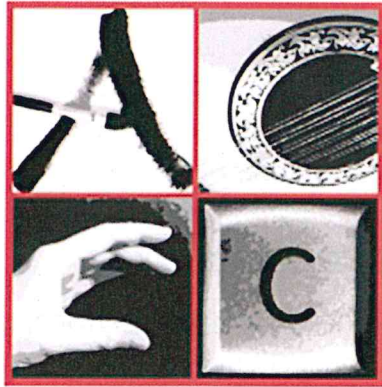
In Gratitude,

Cynthia Anderson  
President, ACCC



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## 2018 Activity Reports

### **ArtStock**

*ArtStock: Art, Wine & Music Festival* celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> year! Fifty-five artists displayed their unique works: Paintings—oil and acrylic, photography, fiber art, glass and metal sculptures, woodworking—intricate carvings and musical instruments, pottery, leather work, sketches and portraits and gourmet handcrafted foods. Music liaison, Steve Kelzer, coordinated the lineup of 7 local musicians filling the air with life music throughout the weekend, July 14-15.

Once again, *Parley Lake Winery* hosted the festival providing a pastoral setting and the opportunity to enjoy awarding-winning wines while purchasing art and relaxing with the music. Food trucks provided creative sustenance for the weekend. *Fox News, Channel 9*, promoted 2018's festival. Their onsite shoot captured the essence of *ArtStock* and spread the excitement on its *Morning Show* the day before.

Barb Hone

### **Victoria Fine Art Fair**

August 11<sup>th</sup> greeted us with blue sky for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Victoria Fine Art Fair. 29 Artists displayed their work along the shores at beautiful Steiger Lake. Paintings in watercolors, oil and acrylic, photography, fiber art, sculpture, woodworking, musical instruments, pottery, leather work, and more filled the parkway. Music liaison, Steve Kelzer, coordinated local musicians for the day to accompany the art experience. Victoria and surrounding area businesses helped to sponsor the event. The ACCC hosted the second season of their community public art program with linier paintings for 2018. Two 4 x 4 paintings were created for a future display to incorporate multiple years of public art making. There are 5 paintings to date, additional works of art will also be created in future years to be displayed as a group to the public.

Cynthia Anderson

## Photo Contest

ACCC's sponsored its 4<sup>th</sup> annual photo contest. Its categories welcome entries from Carver County adult residents, non-residents and all Carver County k-12 students, public & private. This year 28 photographers submitted entries, 20 adults and 8 student who represented 5 different schools. This year we were honored to have local and renowned photographer, Joe Kandiko as our judge. The winners are all on our website – [www.artsofcarvercounty.org](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org)

Because our *Art Center* was booked with the opening of our Holiday Show, our photo workshop was hosted by our neighbor, *Victoria Burrow*. Besides the space, the manger enhanced our contest by offering his own contest with cash prizes for the 3 best photos of his venue.

Barb Hone

## House Concert

The ACCC sponsored and Charlson Meadows hosted a holiday house concert for a favorite local band, Clark Machtemes' *Traveled Ground* and his international award-winning protégé, Jenn Bostic. The concert honored the musicians and welcomed guests to tour the recently opened, *Nancy Nelson Lake House*.

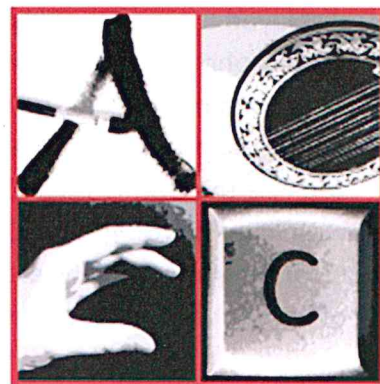
A potluck. A sold out crowd. An outstanding evening of *art and community* – ACCC's mission!

Barb Hone

## Graphics/Marketing

Accomplishments for the ACCC 2018 graphics included the Gallery shows in the creation of the postcards and posters for the Exhibition Shows to include: Colors of Summer, Members Show and the Holiday Gift Show. The festivals, ArtStock and the Victoria Fine Arts Fair required roadside signs and banners, postcards and T-shirts. Logos for the Poetry Contest and the Flash Fiction for the Writers group were created as well. Art Center signage and updating various flyers, forms, signs etc for the day to day use to run the Art Center were created as needed.

Barb Cobb



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## Literary

2018 was another productive year for area writers, and having the Arts Center space available opened up new opportunities. In 2018 we announced the top three winners in the 2018 ACCC *Flash Fiction* contest and heard the entries read. We hosted a book release event for author and ACCC member Dan O'Brien. Set up an authors' tent at ArtStock, July 14-15. Four writers sold books. There was lots of foot traffic and interest, but tepid sales. 5-6 writers set up a booth at River City Days on July 6-7. At the community festival and there were modest sales. The ACCC provided space for 7 writers to set up a book display at the first annual ACCC *Holiday Gift Show*. After the show came down, several authors chose to display their books in the newly created gift shop area of the gallery. We also hosted a reading event on Dec. 13 featuring Christmas/holiday themed short stories and poetry in *Writers Read the Holidays*. Ten readers presented their work with a total attendance around 25 for the evening.

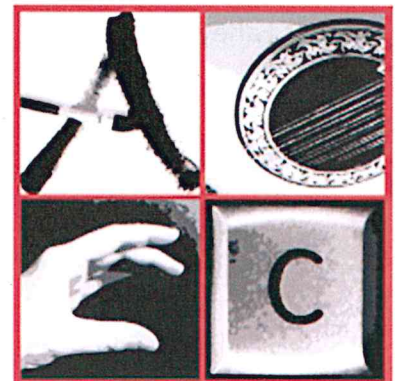
Jim Kane

## Music

2018 saw the release of *The Songwriters and Musicians of Carver County Vol. IV* with 21 songwriters represented and a CD Release Concert in the Chaska City Square Park in June with 7 songwriters performing. Artstock Art, Wine and Music Festival and the Victoria Fine Art Fair saw 10 music acts from Carver County performing. With the opening of the Arts Center we hosted our first pop up concert. A Christmas CD of music was released with a selection of 15 traditional and original songs from Carver County musicians.

2019 brings the release of *The Songwriters and Musicians of Carver County Vol. V* There will be a CD release concert on June 7th. We will be at Artstock Art, Wine and Music Festival and The Victoria Fine Art with Carver County musicians performing. We are planning music concerts at our Arts Center throughout the year.

Steve Kelzer



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## Art Tourism

The Barn Quilts of Carver County, a county-wide public art project started in 2011 under the direction of Naomi Russell, a quilter from Waconia and local artist Suzanne Thiesfeld from Carver. The *Arts Consortium of Carver County* was the proud sponsor and fiscal agent of this widely popular project.

“Barn quilts” are quilt patterns, drawn to scale, painted on wooden panels and hung on exterior walls of historic barns. These beautiful pieces of artwork highlight the art of quilting while showcasing Carver County’s historic barns. During the summers of 2011, 2012 and 2013, twenty-five barn quilts were installed, decorating Carver County’s landscape. In 2017, nine (9) quilts were added, with an additional two (2) in 2018. Just recently a potential of six (6) have been commissioned to date for 2019.

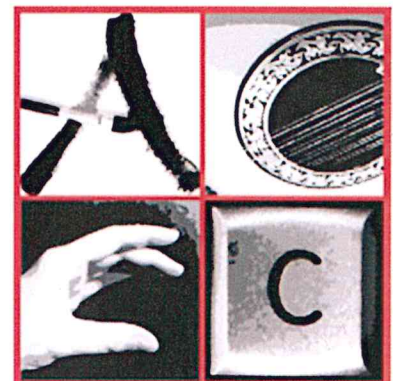
Barb Hone, owner of *Barn Quilt Treasures, LLC*, Suzanne Thiesfeld, owner of *Objects & Art, LLC* and Janet Willems Fahey, owner of *Barn Quilt Tours, LLC*, continue to lead the growing project.

Highlights from 2018 include an invitation to meet with Moroccan delegates through the U & M’s Extension program for agri-tourism. We met at one of *Better Homes & Gardens* top 11 quilt shops in the country – *Quilt Haven on Main* in Hutchinson, MN. The delegates were fascinated by the barn quilt "industry" and were delighted and inspired by our barn quilt tours and the beautiful souvenirs depicting the public art displayed on barns throughout the County. Our barn quilt trail may expand from Minnesota to Morocco!

Barb Hone introduced her newest souvenir, a barn quilt coloring book and we also widened our audience with attending the *Minnesota Quilters Show & Convention*, in St. Cloud MN.

Our goals for 2019 include continued promotion of this community-wide art project, by expanding the trail, celebrating the five (5) year anniversary of Barn Quilt Tours and Barn Quilt Treasures, a potential 2<sup>nd</sup> *Barn Quilts of Carver County, Minnesota* book, and continued tourism now bringing tour guests to our new *ACCC Arts Center* in Victoria, MN.

Janet Fahey



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## Visual Art

The ACCC sponsored and hung four SDS Gallery Hall exhibits at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia featuring local and regional artists. The shows were an essential part of the Medical Centers reach to patients and employees. 2018 brought us the ACCC Art Center Gallery and we held three shows. *Colors of Summer*, featuring the work of the Board of Directors for the ACCC, *The Member Show* featuring work from our talented member artists and the *Holiday Gift Show* which showcased handmade local artisan work for the gifting season. We have four shows planned for the 2019 season.

Mary Strother

## Membership

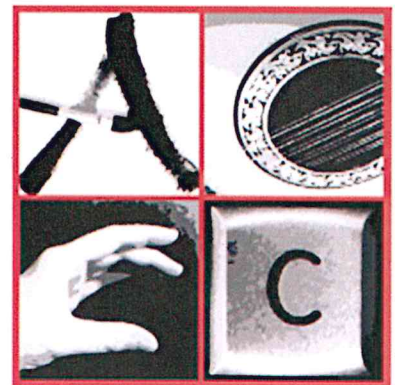
Membership grew twofold this year increasing our membership to over 200. This includes the Artists and supporters of the Arts. Music CD's are given to each new member when they join or renew.

Deb Barce

## Retail

The gift area of the Gallery was a natural transition after our Holiday Gift Show. This will become an Annual show which showcases the work of many of our talented artist members and local and regional artists. Their work can be purchased in our Art Center gift shop. We will be adding more artists and their works for more items to choose from monthly. The ACCC retail retreat space is made to come and wander in the beauty of the Art environment and purchase works from local and regional artists.

Deb Barce



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## Art Wander

The ACCC is the fiscal sponsor of Art Wander, Edge of the Big Woods Open Studio Tour. This event takes place the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in September. Winding through the countryside of Carver County is highly enjoyable as patrons of the Arts move from studio to studio to capture all that Carver County Artists have to offer. There are over 40 artists on the tour and over 17 studio locations. Go to [artwander.com](http://artwander.com) for studio locations and phone numbers to connect with your favorite artists from the tour. On site sales and commission work is available for sale. Students in the Waconia School district volunteer at the Artist Studios to help accommodate the many visitors throughout the weekend.

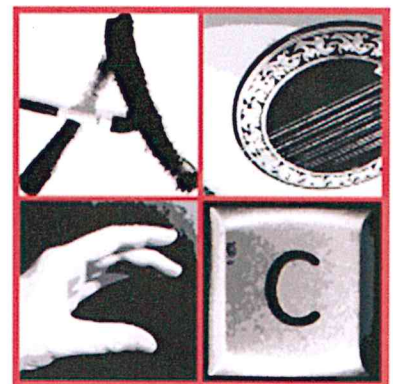
Cynthia Anderson

## Class Instruction

Classes were organized in the summer months of 2018 in painting. Classes are to resume again in 2019. The groundwork of adding new instructors and class scheduling is underway and will be soon available. Artists are in planning stages to help create new experiences for the Arts Center members and students wishing to participate and taking classes of interest.

## Operations and Procedures

Policy and procedures to operate the ACCC Arts Center and Gallery as a non profit organization is currently in the process of finalizing details. We are working to create a seamless entry for anyone coming into our organization as a volunteer, customer or patron.



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# Arts Consortium of Carver County

## Proposed Board of Directors, 2019



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## Board of Directors - Officers/Executive Committee

President	Cynthia Anderson
Vice President	Janet Fahey
Secretary	Susan Coultrap-McQuin
Treasurer	Linda Jo Stuckey

## Board of Directors – at Large

Anne Krocak  
Amy Rottunda  
Barbara Cobb  
Deb Barce  
Jody Clark  
Mary Strother  
Steve Kelzer  
Sue Thompson Steenhoven  
Terrie Myers  
Trudi Meloche

**Arts Consortium of Carver County**  
**Board of Directors**  
Terms by Year, Beginning - March Annual Meeting

Deborah Barce (2017-2020)

Susan Coultrap-McQuin (2017-2020)

Mary Strother (2017-2020)

Cynthia Anderson (2015-2018) (2018-2021)

Barb Cobb (2018-2021)

Janet Fahey (2015-2018) (2018-2021)

Steve Kelzer (2015-2018) (2018-2021)

Linda Jo Stuckey (2018-2021)

Jody Clark (2019-2022)

Anne Krocak (2019-2022)

Trudi Meloche (2019-2022)

Terrie Myers (2019-2022)

Amy Rottunda (2019-2022)

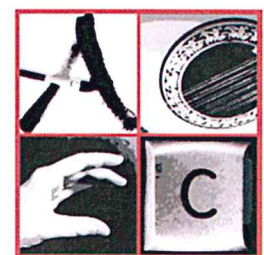
Sue Thompson Steenhoven (2019-2022)

Completed Board Service as of March 2019:

Barb Hone (2009-2013) (2013-2016) (2016-2019) [third term due to lack of interest in Board service]

Jim Kane (2017-2019)

Jeff Lenzmeier ( -2018)



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**ARTS CONSORTIUM OF CARVER COUNTY**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PROPOSED BUDGET**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2019</b>
<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>		
<b>INCLUDES ART WANDER</b>	\$ 25,695.87	\$ 37,739.75
<b>SPONSORS/DONATIONS</b>	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 13,300.00
<b>MEMBERSHIPS, EXHIBITS/REGISTRATIONS RETAIL/SALES</b>	\$ 40,140.00	\$ 51,397.00
<b>GRANTS</b>	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 54,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,697.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES;</b>		
<b>RENT/INSURANCE</b>	\$ 4,197.10	\$ 10,756.00
<b>WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 9,116.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	\$ 2,050.00	-
<b>EVENT ADVERTISING/PRINT, SIGNAGE</b>	\$ 5,367.00	\$ 5,500.00
<b>CD MUSIC PRODUCTION</b>	\$ 1,313.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>ARTIST/MUSICIANS INSTRUCTOR &amp; FEES</b>	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>	\$ 5,073.48	\$ 2,546.00
<b>CONTRACT EMPLOYEE</b>	-	\$ 11,140.00
<b>ARTIST COMMISSION</b>	\$ 6,012.00	\$ 7,815.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 39,803.58</b>	<b>\$ 54,257.00</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 14,286.42</b>	<b>\$ 20,440.00</b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 37,739.75</b>	<b>\$ 43,894.00</b>



**Art Consortium of Carver County**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**  
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**OFFICERS /EXEC COMM**

**PRESIDENT: Cynthia Anderson**  
Administration  
Business Building/Retention  
Membership - Corp/Org  
Marketing

**VICE PRESIDENT: Janet Fahey**  
Operations/Procedures  
Art Tourism

**SECRETARY: Susan Coultrap-McQuin**  
Operations/Procedures  
Art Matters

**TREASURER: Linda Jo Stuckey**  
Finance

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHAIRS**

**ART CENTER**

Exhibits - Mary Strother  
Retail - Deb Barce

**MEMBERSHIP**

Director of First Impressions –

**FESTIVALS**

ArtStock -  
Victoria Art Fair -

**GRANTS**

Holly Kreft

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Graphics - Barb Cobb  
Marketing – B.Cobb/C.Anderson  
Press-  
Social Media-

**WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION**

Website – Michelle Aspelin

**MISSION: ART & COMMUNITY**

**LIAISONS – ART**

**LITERARY –**  
**MUSIC - Steve Kelzer**  
**THEATER -**  
**VISUAL - Mary Strother**

**LIAISON - COMMUNITY**

**ART TOURISM - Janet Fahey**  
**ART WANDER - Jeff Lenzmeier**  
**FOUNDATIONS:**  
**CHARLSON MEADOWS -**  
**ARBORETUM -**  
**GOVERNMENT/CIVIC**  
**ORGANIZATIONS - Cynthia Anderson**  
**SCHOOLS -**  
**COMMUNITY BUILDING-**

Each Officer, Committee Chair and Liaison is asked to create a committee to support his/her area.

Volunteers may choose to participate per event or as an ongoing support team member.

Committee members and volunteers are encouraged to become a member of the ACCC and attend an orientation meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS (14)**

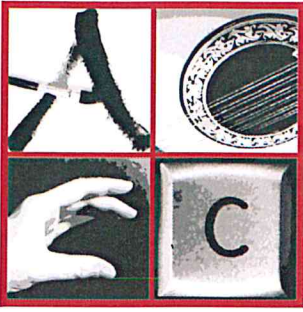
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS (AS MANY AS NEEDED)**



Thanks for being a part of the Arts Consortium of Carver County!







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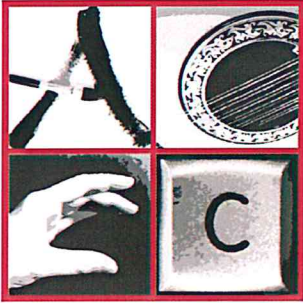
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Connecting Arts to the Communities & Communities to the Arts

Since 2009, the **Arts Consortium of Carver County** has acted as a catalyst to incubate, stimulate and sustain a **thriving art community** throughout Carver County. You can **support** the arts and strengthen community bonds **by becoming a member today.**

**We honor the past, embrace the present and plan for the future in order to make Carver County a recognized arts community. Choose a membership level that's right for you.**



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By financially supporting the Arts Consortium, you contribute directly to the quality of life in Carver County

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