



*The ACCC serves artists of all mediums at all levels, providing opportunities to create, perform, respond, and connect to art.*

Join us!

## ArtMatters Newsletter | December 2024



### A Message to the Arts Community

Kathy Oliphant, Executive Director



Dear Members and Friends,

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the creativity and connection that the arts bring to our lives. It's a time to celebrate community, reflect on the past year, and look ahead with excitement for what's to come. At the ACCC, we are especially grateful for the talented artists, writers, and performers who make Carver County such a vibrant and inspiring place.

On November 22, the ACCC hosted “Fall Splendor,” a special collaborative event celebrating the musicians and writers of Carver County. Thank you to our talented group of writers and musicians for an engaging and enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Steve Kelzer, Doug Munson, and Barb Kelzer for organizing this event and for providing a stage for performers to collaborate with each other.

The ACCC also participated in a festive holiday market on November 9 and 10 at Sun Meadow Farm, a charming venue on the Carver bluffs. We occupied the upper level of the granary, with seven ACCC artists showcasing and selling their unique creations. It was a wonderful success, and we extend our thanks to Sun Meadow Farm for hosting us and making this such a successful event.

Looking ahead, the ACCC board is actively exploring new sales and commission opportunities for our members. These include ideas like pop-up markets, holiday shows, and participation in community festivals—always with the goal of meeting people where they are. Stay tuned for updates, especially if you have marketable items to share.

Thank you for being an essential part of our creative community. Together, let's continue to spread the magic of the arts!

With Gratitude,

Kathy Oliphant

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You are  
Invited!



Mark your calendars for the Members' Show reception on Thursday, December 12 from 6:30-8:30 at the Chaska Community Center Gallery. This year's reception will be a collaborative event, featuring readings from members of our ACCC literary group. Join us for an evening that celebrates both visual and literary art in our community. All are welcome!

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Support our community and the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf by joining us at this local event! ACCC artists, along with other local talents, will be offering unique, handcrafted items for sale. Don't miss this opportunity to find one-of-a-kind treasures and support a great cause.

**Artist Conversations** is a welcoming space where artists gather to discuss their work, seek advice, and share insights about their creative practice. Join this friendly group to gain feedback, and connect with other artists.



This month's meeting will take place on Monday, December 9 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Liya's house.

**For additional details, contact:**

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## Colors of Hope Exhibit

The *Colors of Hope* holiday exhibit features the work of four talented Minnesota artists, each offering a unique perspective through their paintings. As part of this special exhibit, five select pieces are available through an online auction, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Southern Valley Alliance for Women. This organization provides vital support to women and families affected by domestic violence.

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## 2025 ACCC Gallery Lineup

We're delighted to announce that next year's schedule will include five ACCC exhibits, plus two solo exhibits!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 2025</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> Chaska History Center</p> <p>This exhibit, hosted by the Chaska Historical Society, will highlight Chaska's rich history through stories and archived artifacts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 2025</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> Through the Lens (Photography)</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Thursday, August 21</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 2025</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> Youth Exhibit</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Thursday, February 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 2025</b></p> <p><b>Solo Exhibit:</b> Debasree Dass &amp; Students</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Friday, September 19</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March/April 2025</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> Award's Exhibit</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Thursday, April 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 2025</b></p> <p><b>Solo Exhibit:</b> Carol Strait &amp; Helene Oberbroekling</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Friday, October 17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 2025</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> Pride</p> <p>This exhibit coincides with the annual Chaska Pride Picnic, hosted each June by the Chaska Human Rights Commission.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November/December 2025</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit:</b> 2025 Members' Show</p> <p><b>Reception:</b> Thursday, December 11</p>

Do you have an arts event you'd like to promote?

As a member of the Arts Consortium of Carver County (ACCC), you can share an event through our monthly newsletter. Join us, and we can help you reach over 1,200 art enthusiasts and supporters.

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