

# Creative Washtenaw

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**ALERT: Creative Washtenaw Aid ALMOST GONE!**

Funds raised directly assist artists and creatives who live,  
work, go to school or have businesses located in Washtenaw County.

Please make a Contribution TODAY!

Thank you to those who have recently replenished our dwindling Creative Washtenaw Aid fund. What was once \$100,000 is no more, yet the need for funds continues to increase! Won't you consider a contribution today, to help us build back this reserve?

[April's Audience Outlook Monitor](#), paints a tentatively hopeful picture for reopening, yet, many patrons are selective about which events to attend, based on mask policy and proof of vaccination. **Most indicators of readiness to return held steady or regressed a bit between March and April.** The takeaways below outline forecasted trends in the weeks ahead:

[Read the April 25 Executive Briefing](#) and while you're reading, please contribute to [CW Aid!](#)

[Apply for Creative Washtenaw Aid](#)

[Give to Creative Washtenaw Aid](#)

## How has your cultural diet changed? Examining temporary shifts vs. long-term trends

- Attending fewer events in general - being more 'selective' and seeing only what they really want to see
- Selectively attending events with mask and proof of vaccine requirements
- Fewer people to go out with - i.e., fewer people who are comfortable with large crowds
- Not going back to movie theatres, even if they are comfortable in concert halls and theatres
- Given up on subscriptions and now attending on a single ticket basis
- Some said they are 'hungry' and 'starved' and are actually attending more often than pre-pandemic

*April's Audience Outlook Monitor Executive Briefing Summary*

**Have you Heard? New Benefit For CW Members!**

# Ann Arbor Observer

## Creative Washtenaw

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Some time ago, we had a special membership feature that involved a shared event posting calendar between the Ann Arbor Observer and Creative Washtenaw. **We are pleased to announce that this feature is back up-and-running!** The AAO has just updated their website and it is outstanding (props to Boxcar Studios!)

In order to enjoy this reinstated feature, you must be an existing CW member in good-standing. How will this work? In essence, you only have to post your upcoming member event **ONCE** and it will populate in both the AAO's calendar and be sent to us to include in our e-newsletter.

[Click here to review the event submission process.](#)

\*Note, your Creative Washtenaw membership must be in good standing! Please let us know if you have any questions!

[Visit the Ann Arbor Observer's calendar.](#)

[Learn more about Creative Washtenaw membership benefits.](#)

## CREATIVE WASHTENAW

# Happy Hour



*AR/VR Demonstrations at April's Creative Washtenaw Happy Hour hosted by CultureVerse*

### Creative Washtenaw Happy Hour #29 To Be Announced!

**May 25, 2022**

**4:30 - 6 p.m.**

**Location TBD**

CWHH is our monthly meet up with Washtenaw County artists and creative workers – some are regulars and others drop in when they can make it.

[Learn more about CWHH.](#)

Check out the pictures taken from our last Happy Hour at CultureVerse!! We had so much fun and hope to see many of you next time! Check our social media pages for the next location of May's CWHH!



*Pictured: Mike Gould and Salli Christenson of Illuminatus Lasers attend April's Happy Hour*

## Thank you, Enhanced Members!



*Adrian Center for the Arts - Sign, Adrian, MI*

[The Adrian Center for the Arts \(ACA\)](#) is collaborative visual arts center located in a rural setting conducive to creativity. The ACA offers resident artists' space in clay, 2-dimensional, glass and metal sculpture and has a gallery hosting six shows a year. It offers classes for all ages in clay, painting, sculpture, fibers and print. The success of the ACA is based on a great many volunteers and an interested community.



*"Monahans" by Sarah Innes, Ann Arbor, MI*

[Sarah Innes](#) draw daily. It is the basis for much of her work. She tends to work in multiple series over the course of years. Sarah first makes drawings, then often prints and paintings or vice versa. She likes to use her setting and people in her life as subjects but she also does portrait, business commissions and special projects. One local business commission of hers is a large mixed media portrait of Monahan's Fish Market.



*Maker Works "Woodshop," Ann Arbor, MI*

[Maker Works](#) provides access to a 14,000 square foot space of wood, metal, electronics, jewelry and textile shops under one roof along with training opportunities. They also offer private or shared spaces to create.

### April - May Enhanced Member Spotlight!

A special thank you to our enhanced members! We value your contributions to the Creative Washtenaw community!

***With an enhanced membership, your creative member listing will include your logo and an image plus you be featured in our social media during the year. Please consider an enhanced membership next time you renew or become a member! [Learn more here.](#)***

### Join Creative Washtenaw!

[Find membership sign-up here.](#)

**See a list of [Creative members here.](#)**

**See a list of [Ally members here.](#)**

## Michigan Arts & Creative Council (MACC) FY23 Minigrant Cycle Underway!

## New Logo Has Landed!

Round 1 deadline for all minigrants is August 3 at 5 p.m.

### Arts & Cultural Project Minigrants - \$4,000

Arts & Cultural Projects Minigrants provide special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs. These projects connect communities with the world by exploring, sharing and supporting creative expression. [Learn more and read requirements here.](#) If you have any questions about preparing for the application or in general, do not hesitate to contact us at [info@creativewashtenaw.org](mailto:info@creativewashtenaw.org).

### Professional & Organizational Development Minigrants- \$1,500

Professional & Organizational Development minigrants assist nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, artists, cultural specialists, administrators and educators with opportunities that specifically improve their management and/or bring the individual or the organization to another level artistically. In addition, the Minigrant POD program gives Michigan and individual Michigan arts and cultural organizations, artists, cultural specialists, administrators and educators a presence at national conferences and workshops. [Learn more and read requirements here.](#) If you have any questions about preparing for the application or in general, do not hesitate to contact us at [info@creativewashtenaw.org](mailto:info@creativewashtenaw.org).

### Two K-12 Schools Arts + Creative Education Grants

[Learn more and read requirements here.](#) If you have any questions about preparing for the application or in general, do not hesitate to contact us at [info@creativewashtenaw.org](mailto:info@creativewashtenaw.org).

### Arts + Creative Education Equipment Grants - \$1,500

Michigan K-12 schools are eligible for grants of up to \$1,500 to pay for arts equipment (including repairs of arts equipment) or supplies being used within the classroom/school setting. Michigan K-12 teachers in any arts discipline may apply for the grant including creative writing, dance, film/video, music, visual arts and theater. Grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis.

### Arts + Creative Bus Grants - \$500

Michigan K-12 schools are eligible for grants of up to \$500 to pay for transportation cost for an arts or culture related field trip.



### New MACC Logos Available for Download!

[Download here.](#)



### Other Available MACC Grants

**MACC grants are due annually on June 1, 2022.**

Interested applicants can find information about each program in further detail, including grant guidelines, on the MACC website, [by clicking here.](#) This funding cycle will cover projects taking place between Oct 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023. [Visit our website here for more information](#) on SmartSimple registration and other MACC grants.





*Click image to access logos for download!*

creative:impact on WEMU 89.1 FM



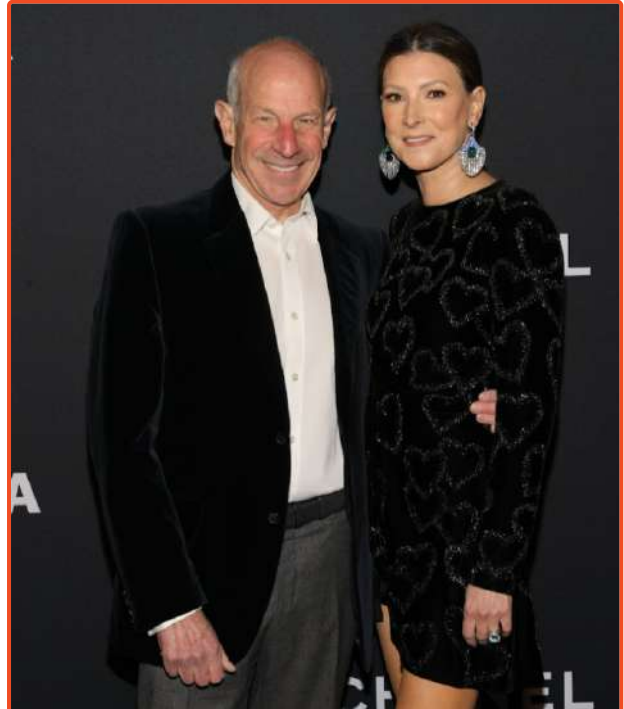
Tune-in to [creative:impact](#) to meet our creative guests rooted in Washtenaw County and explore how their creative businesses, products, programs and services impact and add to our local quality of life, place and economy. [creative:impact](#) is hosted by Deb Polich, president/CEO of [Creative Washtenaw](#) and airs Tuesdays on 89.1 WEMU during Morning Edition at 7:49 a.m. and 9:49 a.m. Find archive editions [here](#). Send your ideas for guests to [info@creativewashtenaw.org](mailto:info@creativewashtenaw.org) with **creative:impact idea** in the header.



*Pictured: Bia Hamed, director of K-12 STEM Outreach with Eastern Michigan University's STEM students.*

### Gaming leads to great life decisions. Really!

**May 3, 2022** - Playing video games can be fun, creative, and educational. No, really! It's true! Just ask Bia Hamed, director of K-12 STEM Outreach at Eastern Michigan University. Join Deb Polich on this edition of "creative:impact" and hear how Bia's programs and her Digital Divas and Digital Dudes are turning young people onto careers in STEM subjects. [Listen here.](#)



*Pictured: Jonathan and Lizzie Tisch*

### Jobs in the arts invite a diversity of skills and interests

**Apr. 26, 2022** - Inspiring a generation of college students, studying a variety of subjects, to consider careers in the arts is the goal of the Lizzie and Jonathan Tisch Michigan Culture Corps Internship Fund at the University of Michigan. Join Deb Polich on this edition of "creative:impact" and meet Lizzie and Jon as they tell us why they believe students and cultural organizations can benefit from a diversity of talents. [Listen here.](#)

## CW Member News & Events



*Ann Arbor Summer Festival Announces Full Season!*

**Enjoy programs and presentations from your arts + creative community.**

**Don't see your event listed? Become a member and email us your events!**

Get an up to date calendar of events at the [Ann Arbor Observer](#).

### **MakerWorks Kumiko Make & Take**

Kumiko is a Japanese technique of assembling wooden pieces without the use of nails. This workshop is open to all, please keep in mind that it requires patience and precise placement! Each spot purchased includes one kit, we'll have two seats available if you'd like to share a kit with a partner. May 7-8; [register here!](#)

### **Waterloo Farm Museum Day**

All invited to tour Waterloo Farm, with its 10-room farmhouse, log cabin and forge. Part of a larger event with free admission at several Jackson-area museums. [Learn more.](#)

### **Washtenaw Community Concert Band - Free Band Concert: Celebration**

May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The band will perform selections favored by or in honor of the band's conductors over more than four decades, including classical pieces, folk tunes, movie themes and more. [Get tickets here.](#)

### **Young Dancers Initiative - Ann Arbor May Audition**

Now announcing season 10 auditions! Open to advanced dancers aged 13-18 that are seeking to further their contemporary dance training and expand their knowledge of careers in the dance industry. [Access performances here.](#) [Sign up for the May 29 Audition in Ann Arbor here.](#)

### **Chelsea Painters 47th Annual Art Fair**

June 11 - 12, 2022 at Chelsea Community Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Watercolor, Acrylic, Pastel, Oil, Collage, Gouache, Ink, Colored Pencil, Encaustic and Mixed Media. Returning after a two year break for COVID! [Learn more!](#)

### **Embracing Our Differences SE Michigan Exhibit**

Local Artist Virtual Art Gallery on display. Featuring an outdoor exhibit of 60 billboard size images created by local, national and international artists, writers and students reflecting their interpretations of the theme "enriching our lives through diversity." [Learn more!](#)

### **The Society for Musical Arts - 2021 - 2022 Concert Season**

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Ann Arbor City Club. A variety of performances and events. [Learn more about the lineup here.](#) Ann Arbor Society for Musical Arts produces six concerts annually at the Ann Arbor City Club, featuring regional artists and two annual youth music competitions: "Rosalie Edwards Youth Music Competition" (REYMC) for musicians ages 13-18 and "Young Artist Competition" for college age.

## Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's 2022-23 Season of Performances

Experience the full spectrum of human emotion amid a thrilling season-long exploration of some of the finest music ever created. Each concert crystalizes a new, unforgettable experience of world-class music-making, right in our vibrant Ann Arbor backyard. [Learn more.](#)

## Express your Yes - Open Call Auditions

Calling all rebels, queers, performers, poets, radical activists and more looking to lift off on something magic. [Learn more.](#)

## Westside Art Hop Spring 2022

Local artists' open homes and studios, plus 40+ visiting artists from near and far, housed on neighborhood porches, in homes or garages and other local venues in the historic Westside neighborhood of Ann Arbor. June 11 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. [Learn more.](#)

## Ann Arbor Summer Festival Announces 2022 Season Lineup

Visit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival [calendar](#) to discover all the events. A2SF continues to grow as a major year-round cultural leader in Washtenaw County and as an internationally recognized celebration of arts that enriches the cultural, economic and social vitality of the region.

## Riverside Arts Center Summer Camp 2022

June 22 - August 5, 2022. Production is at the heart of making art. Artists and theorists have long acknowledged its importance as both an artistic action and an idea to be explored. [Register and learn more!](#)

## Want to add your events?

Event listings in our e-newsletter are an exclusive benefit for CW members. Are you a member? If you are, you have the option of submitting your event through the Ann Arbor Observer and Creative Washtenaw shared calendar. [Follow the steps here to get started!](#) If you would rather not share to AAO, please submit using our existing form [here](#).

If you are **not** a member, please submit events for consideration using [this submission form](#). Events aren't guaranteed social media or e-newsletter coverage. They are for members!

Not a member? [Click here for membership information.](#)

## What We're Reading + Watching

["Ypsilanti teen artists to ask difficult questions during two-day performance in May"](#) - *All About Ann Arbor*

["More than a maker space: How Ann Arbor's Maker Works is seeding maker spaces nationwide"](#) - *Concentrate*

["From 3-D printing to podcast studio, Ypsi Township nonprofit offers STEM resources for youth"](#) - *Concentrate*

["Need a summer job? Ann Arbor Summer Festival is hiring for its 2022 season"](#) - *All About Ann Arbor*

["Calling all artists! Matthaei Botanical Gardens seeks submissions for summer exhibition"](#) - *All About Ann Arbor*

[University of Michigan Museum of Art Announces a New Partnership with Monument Lab to Explore Cultural and Social Impact of Historic Structures on the University's Campus](#) - *UMMA*

["Michigan's redistricting panel's future uncertain, even though maps long done"](#) - *Bridge Michigan*

["Young playwrights confront gun violence with their art and say #Enough"](#) - *NPR*

["Input Needed for Ann Arbor Parks Updates"](#) - *Current Magazine*

["Subtle ways power dynamics manifest between nonprofits and funders"](#) - *Nonprofit AF*

["An Asian-Irish American Dancer Builds Community Through Creativity"](#) - *Independent Sector*

["Got COVID? Michigan has 66 one-stop shops that both test and treat"](#) - *Bridge Michigan*

["A New Effort Aims to Help Foundations Better Fund Black-Led Nonprofits"](#) - *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

["Looking for "Local Sounds" Subhead: Amplify Fellowship Music Program Aims to Collect Washtenaw County Sounds"](#) - *Current Magazine*

["Ann Arbor "underground playhouse" helps people heal through creativity"](#) - *Concentrate*

## Arts + Creative Grants & Funds

### A Note on Grants: DUNS to UEI

Review Michigan Arts and Culture Council's Guide [here](#).

#### SAM Registration - Update Regarding the transition from DUNS to UEI

Previously, a Duns and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number was required by the federal government to register your organization with SAM.

On April 4, 2022, the federal government switched from using the DUNS number to a new Unique Entity Identifier, also known as a "UEI." The UEI is a 12-character alpha numeric value that will be assigned by SAM for free.



**Organizations without a SAM registration:**

- On or after April 4, 2022: You will be assigned a UEI by SAM as part of SAM's registration process. You will no longer need a DUNS number to register with SAM.
- Go to SAM Entity Registration to get started.

**Organizations already registered with SAM:**

- A UEI will automatically be assigned to your organization by SAM. The UEI will be visible in your organization's SAM record.
- If you have difficulty locating the UEI, contact SAM at 1-866-606-8220 or see the help section of SAM's website.

Visit the National Endowment for the Art's ["How to Apply" page](#) for additional details.

**National****The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Translation Projects**

Through fellowships to published translators, the National Endowment for the Arts supports projects for the translation of specific works of prose, poetry or drama from other languages into English. [Learn more.](#) [Click here for a comprehensive list of NEA grants.](#)

**The Lewis Prize for Music**

[The Lewis Prize for Music](#) is now accepting 2023 Accelerator Awards applications. Accelerator Awards are open to Creative Youth Development (CYD) music organizations seeking to influence youth-serving systems so all young people have access to learning, creating and performing experiences that reflect their culture and identity. [Learn more here!](#) Applications are open from March 25-June 3, 2022 at 8 p.m. EST.

**Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation (MAAF) - Grants for Artists**

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

**Arts Administrators of Color Emergency Fund**

Arts Administrators of Color has created the Arts Leaders of Color Emergency Fund, which supports BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and [People of Color](#)) artists and arts administrators impacted by COVID-19 through \$200 microgrants. [Learn more.](#)

**The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants for Arts Projects**

Deadline to submit Part 2 into the portal is July 7 at 11:59 p.m ET. Learn more about materials, timeline and more [here.](#)

**Opera America Grants for Companies and Artists**

Our awards to individuals advance the careers of women and people of color in creative roles and highlight emerging artists. [Learn more about grants opportunities.](#)

**There are several more grants available!**

Please visit our website [here](#) for more listings.

**Local, Regional & State****Michigan Humanities Touring Grants - Application Window Opened May 1**

For performance dates from June 1 to August 15. The Arts and Humanities Touring Program is a joint collaboration of the Michigan Humanities and the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. Michigan nonprofits can apply for Touring Grants to host arts and humanities programming that feature artists and presenters from both the humanities and performing/visual arts fields. [Learn more.](#)

**Bridging Michigan Grants - Now Open**

[Michigan Humanities](#) offering Bridging Michigan grants up to \$1,500 that can be used to spark in-depth thinking and conversation around the persistent social, economic and cultural issues of systemic inequity that divide our communities. Diverse projects from across Michigan, addressing different themes and using a variety of public humanities formats, including reflective conversations, reading series, film screenings with discussions, web projects, walking tours, public lectures, panels and the creation of exhibits are invited to apply. Click [here](#) to learn more. Click [here](#) to apply.

**Announced: Larry J. Bell Jazz Artist Awards**

The Larry J. Bell Young Jazz Artist Award will be presented every two years to single out two of the most promising of the new generation of U.S.-based jazz pianists, age 22 and younger. The first recipients will be announced in 2024. [Learn more!](#)

**Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC) FY23 Minigrants Announced**

[Visit our website here](#) to learn more about Arts & Cultural Projects and Professional & Organizational Development (POD) grant requirements, materials and dates. Round 1 Deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022. [Click here for the complete list of MACC grants.](#)

**MACC Grants with a June 1, 2022 Deadline**

Of note, the recently posted MACC grants include the Operational Support Grant, Project Support Grant, Capital Improvement Grant, Arts in Education Grant and New Leaders Grant. [All information can be found here.](#)

**Updated Resources List! For a complete list of local resources, please visit our updated list [here](#). For resources beyond Washtenaw county, click [here](#).**

**Auditions, Calls for Art, Artist in Residencies & Workshops, Volunteers**



### May 5 Deadline! Ann Arbor Art Center Shop Application

Applications are now open for artists to have the A2AC Shop carry their work. We want local and regional artists to thrive, working closely with creatives to uncover their talents and realize their visions. The A2AC strives to nurture a welcoming environment for artists, designers, and art enthusiasts to share their creativity with our community. Artists must fill out the application form by May 5 to be considered.

### SaveArtSpace - Call for Art!

We invite artists of all ages and talents to submit their artwork between May 2 and May 15, 2022. This is an opportunity to have your work placed on ad space in New York City. [Learn more and apply.](#)

### Open Call for Art - Riverside Arts Center

“Read it Again: Re-imagination of Children’s Book Covers,” will run March – May 2022, with the opening in conjunction with March Reading Month. This exhibition will be juried by Riverside Arts Center’s gallery committee. [Both amateur and professional artists are welcome to apply.](#)

### Theater & Musical Theater Grant Workshop Registration

Interested in hearing about the latest updates to our guidelines, or learning more about applying to Grants for Arts Projects? Join members of the Theater & Musical Theater team as they provide an overview of Arts Endowment grants and share in-depth details regarding the Grants for Arts Projects funding opportunity. [Register here.](#)

### The Ann Arbor Film Festival - Call for Volunteers!

[Volunteer in a variety of ways](#) by offering housing, postering, driving for filmmakers and more!

### Northville Art House - Call for Independent Contracted Professional Artists & Art Teachers!

[Access the application](#) or the [online form](#).

### Sundance Institute - 2022 Documentary Fund Fall Cycle

Calling all doc filmmakers! Does your next project need financial support? Applications are now open for the Sundance Institute Documentary Fund, which prioritizes support for independent nonfiction films with budgets under \$1,000,000. The deadline for the Documentary Fund is Monday, June 6, at 2:59 p.m. EST. Filmmakers who submit applications by then will hear back on decisions in fall 2022. [Learn more and apply.](#)

### Michigan Medicine Gifts of Art - Call for Exhibits 2022/2023

Gifts of Art’s rotating gallery program is intended to support the healing process by calming nerves, lifting spirits, engaging minds and thereby reducing the stress and anxiety often associated with healthcare settings. With large patient, staff and visitor populations that are diverse in every way imaginable, we strive to be inclusive and honor this diversity by mounting exhibits that reflect today’s world. [Learn more!](#) Submissions close June 15, 2022.

### Harbor Beach Artist in Residence

Considering all forms of art except those that manipulate, disrupt or disturb the cottages or park's environment. [Submit here](#) by July 17, 2022 for the Fall artist in residence program.

### Youth Arts Alliance - Teaching Artist Application

YAA seeks professional teaching artists to teach healing centered arts workshops to youth and their families through Washtenaw, Wayne, Jackson and Monroe counties. YAA teaching artists are expected to plan an 8 session curriculum based in artistic mediums in which they hold expertise. They will consult with the YAA Managing Director to determine the best approach for workshop structure, depending on if they will be placed with a group of youth in a detention unit, a treatment unit or a community space. Prior to starting their first workshop cycle, the teaching artist must attend a YAA teaching artist training. [Learn more and apply!](#) Please submit application materials via PDF to Lucy Cahill at [lucy@youthartsalliance.org](mailto:lucy@youthartsalliance.org)

### Embracing our Differences - Southeast Michigan - Seeking Docents

Embracing Our Differences is seeking docents to help lead school trips to Gallup and Riverside Park to discuss the art about diversity, equity and inclusion. Docents may volunteer one or two days a week or half days May - Sept. 2022. [Click here to apply!](#)

## Arts + Creative Industries Job Postings

[Adrian Center for the Arts - Executive Director](#)

[The Arts Administrators of Color Network \(AAC\) - Executive Director](#)

[Docent for Public Art Exhibition - Embracing our Differences SE Michigan](#)

[Ann Arbor Street Art Fair - Paid Summer Internship](#)

[Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum - Several new openings.](#)

[Explore Administrative Positions at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra \(DSO\)](#)

[Explore new positions at American Alliances of Museums](#)

[Explore new positions at Michigan Nonprofit Association](#)

[Explore new positions at Americans for the Arts](#)

[Americans for the Arts - Job Bank - New Listings.](#)

***If you would like to submit a job posting, please fill out our submission form [here](#).***

***For more listings, please visit our jobs page [here](#).***

## Local Surveys, Webinars & Reports

### Tomorrow! The National Endowment for the Arts Presents An Introduction to the Arts Public Funding Ecosystem

Are you familiar with the funding opportunities available for arts organizations at the federal, regional, state and local levels of government? Would you like to learn more about which grant program for organizations at the NEA is the right fit for your project? Please join NEA staff members and representatives from arts agencies across the country for an overview of where, and for what, arts organizations may apply to receive public funding. [Register here!](#)

### Webinar: Smart Ways to Strengthen Your Next Grant Proposal

May 12 at 2 p.m. \$69.00 to purchase. Get insider tips and insights from a grant maker and a consultant who has helped a wide range of nonprofits raise millions of dollars from foundations. You'll learn dos and don'ts for crafting successful proposals, how to build a persuasive case for support and how to convey impact in ways that resonate with program officers. [Learn more.](#)

### Accenture Nonprofit Sector DEI Maturity Survey

The survey is being used for the following purpose(s): gather market-wide research on the Nonprofit Industries Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion capability maturity, data analysis and statistical purposes and may be combined with demographic data and previous/future survey responses to produce, aggregated reports which may be distributed for the purposes stated above in this notice. The survey takes about 45 minutes to complete. Please complete this survey at your earliest convenience and no later than May 15. [Access the survey here.](#)

### Capitalization Needs of Arts & Culture Organizations in Southeast Michigan: Second Edition

This report—a follow-up to the [first one](#) commissioned by CultureSource in April 2020—is one aspect of CultureSource's ongoing support of creative activity. [Access the updated 2021 report here.](#)

[Click here to subscribe to Creative Michigan Activist](#), where we list surveys at a regional and national level.

## Local Advocacy & Action

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### Creative Washtenaw's Advocacy Education Resources

Visit our website page [here](#) for Advocacy & Action facts, figures and recommended reading.

### Looking for Statewide and Federal Action Items?

[Sign up for Artrain's biweekly e-news digest: The Creative Michigan Activist.](#)

## COVID-19 Resources & Updates

### Washtenaw County

[Washtenaw County now offering second COVID boosters to eligible people. Who qualifies? - MLive](#)

[May 2 - COVID-19 Cases Report in Washtenaw County](#)

Visit [Washtenaw County's central COVID-19 page](#). Click [here](#) for a more detailed breakdown of cases and demographics. *Not in Washtenaw County?* Find your county vaccine registration information [here](#).

### State/Regional

[COVID-19 cases in Michigan expected to climb through May: What it means - Detroit Free Press](#)

[COVID-19 Michigan Case Tracker Map](#)

[New MDHHS Q&A \(Booster Shot Info\)](#)

### Federal

[Covid Climbing Yet Again Throughout US - KHN](#); The new BA.2.12.1 variant was responsible for 29% of new coronavirus infections and they are on the rise across the country.

For a more comprehensive list, please visit our website [here](#).



411 on COVID-19 + General Business, Employment, Taxes, \$\$\$ & More

**Visit our updated 411 page for Workers + Businesses Federal, State & Local!**

Visit [here](#). This page is filled with helpful resources for all things IRS, SBA, official orders and more. A sampling below:

**Washtenaw and local**

[Washtenaw County Flood Resources](#)[Michigan Works! Southeast](#) provides a plethora of support, training and services for job seekers.[Washtenaw Health Plan](#)

## Michigan

[Increasing Voter Registration Opportunities](#) Governor Whitmer signed executive directive 2022-04, instructing all state departments and agencies to identify and assess potential opportunities to help eligible Michiganders register to vote and gain access to reliable information about voting.[MI New Economy](#)[\\$400 Refund Checks for Auto Insurance](#)[Michigan COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance \(CERA\)](#)[SBA Resources for Women-Owned Businesses](#)

## Federal

[Biden Will Cancel Student Loans Or Extend Student Loan Pause Before August 31](#)[Living Wage Calculator](#) - estimates the cost of living in your community or region based on typical expenses.[Nonprofit ArtsReady Preparedness Kit - sign up here!](#) Resources for arts and cultural organizations through the process of developing an emergency preparedness plan. [Watch the video to learn more.](#) Arts organizations, [request a free year of access to the new dPlan!ArtsReady tool!](#) You will be among the first to be notified when we launch in the coming weeks.

## Arts + Creative Industries News



### Join the Arts Action Fund to advance the arts and arts education in your community and across the country.

It's FREE and takes just a minute. Add your name and be counted so Congress know there are millions of arts and creative workers, businesses and citizens who insist that arts and creativity are critical to our country. [Join here for updates and calls to action.](#)

### Annual Arts Action Fund membership is free and your online benefits include:

- Membership to vote on the legislative policy platforms
- Breaking news and legislative alerts from the E-Advocacy center
- Quarterly updates through Arts Action eNews
- Exclusive access to the member's only Arts Action Fund PAC

## Local & State News Sources to Follow

[WEMU 89.1 FM](#) - Local news coverage plus local arts + creative coverage including [creative:impact](#) with Creative Washtenaw's own Deb Polich.[Bridge Magazine](#) - Michigan's nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization that provides passionate and rooted Michigan readers with honest, fact-driven journalism on the state's diverse people, politics and economy.[All About Ann Arbor](#) - offers local news, feature stories, restaurant news, sports news, latest events in town and more for Ann Arbor residents.[Concentrate Magazine](#) - tells the narrative of Washtenaw County's narrative people and businesses, new development, cool places to live, and the best places to work and play. The weekly online magazine is published Wednesdays.

## Creative Washtenaw Resources

### For the fastest updates and breaking news!

- [Follow Creative Washtenaw on Facebook](#)

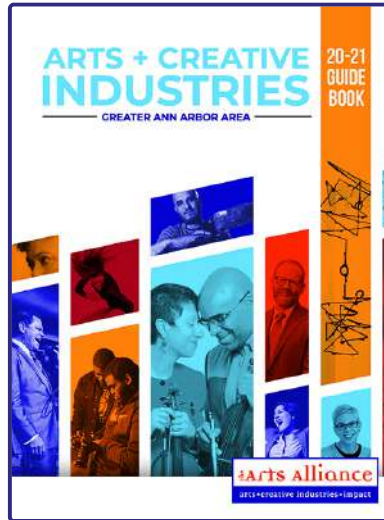
- [Follow Creative Washtenaw on Twitter](#)

### Creative Washtenaw's COVID-19 Support Page

- [Resources - including advocacy, support and affiliation agencies](#)

- [Aid, assistance and grants for artists, creatives and organizations](#)

- [COVID-19](#)



### The Arts + Creative Industries Guide

*With links to creative members and businesses.*

Featuring hundreds of artists, creative workers, businesses and ally members, this is your guide to what makes Creative Washtenaw, and the greater Ann Arbor area one of Michigan's strongest and most vibrant arts + creative industry hubs.

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## Creative Washtenaw: Arts + Creative Industries = Impact

Creative Washtenaw is the arts + creative industry authority in Washtenaw County. A regional agency, its mission is to support, assist, aid and act in the interest of artists, creative workers, organizations, businesses, educational and government entities to ensure that the greater Ann Arbor, Michigan, region remains a great place to create, live, work, learn, play and visit.

The intrinsic and aesthetic values of the arts and creativity are determining factors of success for Creative Washtenaw members. They include local artists and creative people – professionals, amateurs, students and industry experts leading the sector locally, nationally and internationally – those with creative practices, businesses and holding creative jobs in profit, nonprofit, educational and government entities. With deep connections to Washtenaw County, they make the greater Ann Arbor area one of Michigan's strongest and most vibrant arts + creative industry hubs.

Creative Washtenaw serves Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Milan, Saline, Whitmore Lake and Ypsilanti plus the 21 townships in the county. It is committed to, forever evolving and learning about diversity, equity and inclusion. This includes learning how its community defines the intrinsic and aesthetic qualities of art and creativity by the cultural expert, the credentialed scholar, the journeyed or self-taught master and/or the astute consumer of the form.

Creative Washtenaw is supported by its members, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

For more information, please go to [Creative Washtenaw](#) or contact [info@creativewashtenaw.org](mailto:info@creativewashtenaw.org) or call or 734-213-2733.

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