ArtCore transforms schools to arts-based teaching and learning

Lane County received $2.2 million to develop a sustainable arts integration model, ArtCore, to be implemented at five Lane County schools. This project was developed through a collaborative partnership with Springfield Public Schools, the Educational Policy Improvement Center, and Lane Arts Council. ArtCore is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Arts in Education- Model Development and Dissemination Grants Program, The Oregon Community Foundation Studio to School Program, the Oregon Arts Commission, and local foundations.

ArtCore is a 4-year model development and research initiative that joins community creatives and middle school teachers to develop arts-based teaching and learning strategies. To bring out student's creativity and motivation, teaching artists and classroom teachers facilitate 10-week modules that integrate academic learning objectives, creative inquiry skills, and knowledge and skills in different art disciplines. This program establishes a comprehensive and sustainable school-wide model for change.

Participating schools include:
- Cascade Middle School (Bethel)
- Hamlin Middle School (Springfield)
- Kelly Middle School (Eugene 4J)
- Network Charter School (Eugene)
- Oaklea Middle School (Junction City)

"The next several years will be quite a journey. I am looking forward to this developing partnership and discovering what our middle school will look like in the future. That is exciting in itself," states Brian Young, Principal at Oaklea Middle School in Junction City.

"ArtCore is based on the notion that we are all inherently creative. We each have something significant to contribute, in a way that uniquely defines us. This is exactly the type of transformative work that will engage students in learning,"

- Liora Sponko, Executive Director Lane Arts Council

First Friday ArtTalks spotlight artists

To enrich the ArtWalk experience, we introduced the First Friday ArtTalk. These spotlight events feature local and regional established artists who provide a one-hour presentation about their work. ArtTalks provide art lovers with an in-depth look into artists' inspiration and artistic process.

In June, our first ArtTalk featured local artist Jud Turner. To a packed house at the Jacobs Gallery, Jud presented about his unique sculptures created from found and re-purposed objects. The Fall ArtTalk featured central Oregon artist Irene Hardwicke Olivieri at Oveissi & Co. Irene's presentation "I Love Your Secret" provided audience members with a first-hand account of the inspiration for her incredible oil paintings and strong autobiographical works.
LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Communities thrive when we work together. As we partner towards common goals, anything is possible. Lane Arts Council continued to grow in 2014 by expanding our offerings and adding new programs. Without a doubt, our success is derived from our ability to foster mutually supportive partnerships. We work with governments, organizations, artists, businesses, foundations and donors to collectively make a difference in our communities.

Lane Arts Council believes that the arts have a tremendous impact on individuals and communities. Whether we are at a live performance or viewing art in a gallery, we can find inspiration and connection through our participation in the arts. I want to personally thank all of our partners for your support in ensuring the arts are accessible throughout Lane County.

Our success is your success.

Warmest regards,
Lora Sponko
Executive Director

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

Lane Arts Council provided roughly $50,000 in grant awards to seventeen arts projects and eight arts programs. The Community Arts Grant helps ensure diverse and accessible arts opportunities and experiences for Eugene artists, audiences and participants by providing funds to arts projects that have a direct impact on Eugene residents.

Community Arts Grants funded jazz jams, theatre productions, artist mentorship programs, theater in parks, arts education for Latinos, dance programs, art exhibits, West African cultural arts, arts podcasts, salsa dance, Instawalk, reading series, a folk dancers festival, children’s choral experiences for Eugene artists, audiences and participants by providing funds to arts projects that have a direct impact on Eugene residents.

COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

Lane Arts Council leads the monthly First Friday ArtWalk to increase awareness for the visual arts and create a sense of community in downtown Eugene. Over 30 galleries and venues participate, attracting thousands of people each year. Each month, a community leader hosts the tour and interviews featured artists at the five select venues, connecting artists and art lovers while engaging participants.

For the third year in a row, we partnered with the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art to present the University of Oregon Artwalk. This tour provided a fresh look at some of the public art on campus, including the newly installed sculpture Luna by Ellen Tytell. The UO ArtWalk also visits various galleries on campus, including those in the EMU and Lawrence Hall.

We continued our tradition of an annual WineWalk in conjunction with the First Friday ArtWalk. Iris Vineyards, Noble Estate Vineyard and Winery, William Rose Wines, Bennett Vineyards and Wine Company, and J Scott Cellars were paired with five galleries to serve wine by the taste, glass, or bottle.

In August, Lane Arts Council presented the second annual Mural Bike Tour. Led by artist and Cowfish co-owner Shawn McLaughlin, over 30 participants toured the diverse and bold murals of the Whiteaker neighborhood by bike. The tour began at Esteban Camacho Steffensen’s newly painted wildlife murals under the Washington-Jefferson Bridge at the WJ Skatepark.

In September, Alex Notman, Arts Editor of the Eugene Weekly, guided us on a special Eugene Weekly Art Box Tour. Each box was covered in a vinyl reprint of the Eugene Weekly Art Box. The tour, led by artist and Cowfish co-owner Shawn McLaughlin, over 30 participants toured the diverse and bold murals of the Whiteaker neighborhood by bike. The tour began at Esteban Camacho Steffensen’s newly painted wildlife murals under the Washington-Jefferson Bridge at the WJ Skatepark.

First Friday ArtWalk

Lane Arts Council connects eight graders at Hamlin Middle school with local professional artists as part of our new arts apprenticeship program. This program develops students’ artistic skills and educates them about the business side of an artistic career. Apprenticeships are three months long and include ceramics, public art, music composition and performance, sculpture, leatherwork, graphic design, recycled product design, and nonprofit arts and gallery management.

One apprenticeship site, Springfield’s Emerald Art Center, matches students with several of their member artists who share a variety of artistic skills, and also teach the students to participate in events including the Second Friday Art Walk. A few students continued to volunteer with the

ARTS APPRENTICESHIPS CONNECT STUDENTS TO ARTS CAREERS

Hamlin Middle School student participates in an apprenticeship with local musician Tim McLaughlin.

Arts Education in Schools

“Art is a creative, hands-on activity that connects children to the history of our world and their own identity. When children are given a voice in their learning, they become motivated, engaged, and transformed.” - Dick DeBartolo, Eugene Schools Foundation Executive Director

Lane Arts Council is one of our strongest teammates. Our school wouldn’t be the fun, creative, and holistic place that it is without the Art in Residence program - Buena Vista Elementary School Parent

Our diverse arts programs inspire students to wonder, experiment, and create. We share artistic traditions from many cultures and motivate kids to move, sing and dance.

Arts Education in Schools

Lane Arts Council provides a variety of art, music, dance, and theater opportunities to students and schools throughout Lane County. Our programs encourage creative expression and challenge students to explore, collaborate, express, and reflect on their learning.

Lane Arts Council is deepening the connection between artists and classroom teachers by supporting the co-creation of curriculum that thoughtfully and authentically combines artistic principles and disciplines with core subject areas.

After-School Programs

The after-school hours have been proven to be one of the most pivotal moments of a student’s day. Whether it is getting the extra support in core subject areas they need to succeed, or having a safe, fun, and enriching place to be, Lane Arts Council believes that arts experiences are core to after-school programming. We deliver high-quality and engaging after-school programs to students in 10 Lane County schools including Eugene 4J’s BEST After-School program, Springfield Public Schools and Oaklea Middle School in Junction City.

By the Numbers

In 2014, Lane Arts Council made art programs possible for 8,820 Students
24 Schools
30 Teaching Artists
60 Weeks of Artist Residencies
10 Performance Assemblies
35 After-School Programs and Workshops
14 Arts Apprenticeships

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This financial summary represents the 2013-2014 fiscal year, as reviewed by Emge & Whyte.

Earned income includes artist residency fees, after-school program fees, ArtWalk fees and workshop fees. City of Eugene funds are mainly distributed through grants. The Oregon Arts Commission funded arts learning, operating support and our apprenticeship program. Sponsors include business sponsorship of the ArtWalk.

Surplus includes carryforward for grants funded for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

REVENUE $426,141
- Earned Income $110,071
- City of Eugene $61,679
- Foundation Grants $130,200
- Oregon Arts Commission $38,000
- Individual Contributions $72,264
- Sponsors $4,200
- In-kind Donations $2,914
- Other $6,812

EXPENDITURES $278,482
- Programs $171,718
- Community Arts Grants $49,100
- Management and General $57,664

Net Assets Beginning of Year $59,291
Net Assets End of Year $206,150
Increase in Net Assets $146,859

PROGRAM SPONSORS
$2,500+
- Chambers Family Foundation
- City of Eugene Cultural Services Division
- Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation
- James F & Marion L. Miller Foundation
- Market of Choice
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Oregon Arts Commission
- Springfield Education Foundation
- The Collins Foundation
- The Oregon Community Foundation
- Tykeson Family Charitable Trust

Advocates $1,000-$2,499
- Andrea Harriday & Anthea Thigpen
- Gray Family Foundation
- Herbert J. Merker Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation
- James F. Kitterman
- US Bancorp Foundation

Sustainers $500-$999
- Frances M. Bulls
- Carolyn & Rick Gates
- Hope Hughes Pressman Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation
- Pacific Continental Bank
- PICOFEST
- Michael & Glenda Utsey

Contributors $250-$499
- Elaine Bernet & Roger Saydack
- Jack Cochrun
- Community Center for the Performing Arts/WOW Hall
- Dustrud Architecture
- Eutectica Design
- Evans Family Fund
- Grady & Miki Goodall

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POPPIE DESIGN
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Caro Salami-Goswic in dedication of Megan Falkenstein
Patricia Skipper
Margorie Smith
Springfield Arts Commission
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Stanley Haysworth
Michelle Swanson &
Larry George
Marion Sweeney &
Kate & Cama Lue
The KIVA
Sharon Ungerleider
UO Cultural Forum
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Altabelle Wildish
Debbie Williamson Smith

Friends up to $99
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- Laurie Cruceact
- Kirsten Diechmann
- Eugene & Barbara Emje
- Yvonne & Dennis Fasold
- Merideth & Don Ferrell
- Linda & Bob Fleming
- Free Shakespeare in the Park
- Shirley B. Froyd
- Ellen Gabeart
- Hannah Goldrich
- Margaret Gontrum
- Cecelia Hagen
- Peter Helzer
- Jill Hubbard & William Griffiths
- Elaina LaBoda Jamieson
- Colleen Kimball
- Nicole Krueger
- Heidi & Derek Larwick
- Mary Beth Llorens &
- Howard Newman
- Karen Locke
- Susan Lowerdilm
- Isaac Margez
- Patricia Marshall
- Nanci McChesney
- Gerald & Margot McDonnell
- Jill & Gary Kenney
- Anthony Meyer & Joan Claffey
- Ruth Miller
- Jean M. & CL Murphy
- Barbara Jo Novitski
- Karen Olch
- Oregon Bach Festival
- Pacific Winds Music
- Nancy Pobanz & David Wade
- Amanda Powell & Dianne Dugaw
- Randy Prince
- Joanne Rainrow-Gaines
- Kathleen Rodden-Nord in dedication of Shari Rodden
- Robert & Peggy Rubinsein
- Karen Russo
- Martin & Linda Sage
- Thomas Santee
- Barbara Savage
- Karen Setd
- Ron & Mary Sherriffs
- Gene Slayter
- Christine & Richard Sundt
- Libby Tower
- Ellen Traylor
- Susanne Tweedie-Alexander
- UO Dept. of Dance
- Michael & Maron Van
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- Craig Willis

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