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Trent Altman
June Featured Artist



Kentucky Poet Laureate
George Ella Lyon



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Dear Stakeholders in the Arts,

The most recent round of funding from the National Endowment for the Arts was announced last month, and the Kentucky Arts Council was fortunate to receive more than \$700,000 from the NEA to continue its mission in Kentucky.

In addition to the arts council's funding, seven Kentucky organizations received NEA Art Works grants for their own projects. More information on that funding is included in a [press release](#) the arts council issued last month.

The NEA supports [grant programs](#) to serve organizations in the mission of promoting art. Two grant programs – Art Works and Our Town – have deadlines coming up this summer.

The [Art Works](#) grant supports the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. Matching grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The application deadline is July 23.

Organizations can also apply for an [Our Town](#) grant, which supports creative placemaking projects that contribute to the livability of communities and place the arts at their core. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas:

- **Arts engagement, cultural planning and design projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities.** These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.
- **Projects that build knowledge about creative placemaking.** These projects are available to arts and design service organizations, and industry or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

The deadline to apply for an Our Town grant is Sept. 21.

The Kentucky Arts Council encourages every arts organization in the state to study the guidelines for these grants and determine if they can be of use to you in your efforts to promote the arts in your communities. For more information about these and other NEA grant programs, visit the [NEA website](#), or click on any of the links above.

Sincerely,

Lori Meadows

Executive Director



Summer art programs for youth



Makings of a Master Exhibit



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COMMONWEALTH BLOG**

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“Arts Partners Summer Camps”

“Time to bring in a consultant”

“A career beyond words: Trent Altman, June’s artist of the month”



We invite you to join us in building a better South through the arts.

RECENT NEWS

Seven Kentucky arts organizations awarded South Arts grant funding

Seven Kentucky arts organizations have been awarded more than \$30,000 in funding to support efforts to bring touring artists to their venues.

Kentucky Arts Council announces Kentucky Crafted Retailers for 2015

The Kentucky Crafted brand of the Kentucky Arts Council continues to grow its marketing reach into other states, adding two more out-of-state businesses to its growing roster of gift shops and galleries officially designated as Kentucky Crafted Retailers.

Kentucky Arts Council receives \$708,500 from National Endowment for the Arts

The Kentucky Arts Council has been awarded \$708,500 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in the federal agency’s latest round of state partnership agreement grants.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

June 15
Kentucky Peer Advisory Network

June 15
Specialists with Arts Tactics (SWAT)

HOLIDAYS *(state offices closed)*

July 3 - Independence Day

ARTS ACROSS THE TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET

Kentucky Historical Society Announces Oral History Grant Recipients

The Kentucky Oral History Commission (KOHC), an agency of the Kentucky Historical Society, has awarded \$29,202 in new grants to support oral history projects. These projects range from Appalshop in the Appalachian Mountains to a New Deal agricultural program in western Kentucky, and integration of Eastern Kentucky University to Kentucky Derby winners.



**National Endowment
for the Arts (NEA)
Resources**

ART WORKS BLOG

Recently posted:

“Children's Books about
Museums”

“Art Talk with Playwright Katori
Hall”

“Design As A Civil Right”

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