



2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Connecting Community through the Arts

**Library Arts Center
Staff**

November 9, 2021

Kate N. Luppold
Executive Director

Dear Members of the Library Arts Center Community,

Fran Huot
Marketing Director

As we begin our annual membership drive, there is a story from this year I would like to share. This past spring, the most lovely sidewalk chalk drawings popped up on the sidewalk near the Library Arts Center. They were the work of a toddler and her family outside their house. Inspired by these colorful patches and marks, we put a basket of chalk outside the Arts Center front door. So many people stopped to take part. Children jumped in with a chalk color in each hand, adults took a moment to add a design before entering our front door, some knelt down for a half an hour or so to create full art pieces. Inspired by this spontaneous community engagement and creativity, we hired an incredibly skilled sidewalk chalk artist, Katie Runde, to come create a 6'x11' chalk piece downtown during the Apple Pie Crafts Fair. The image Runde created was of a young girl tending a sunflower garden. The young girl depicted was the very young artist responsible for the sidewalk chalk outside her house that inspired this whole chain of community arts.

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This story exemplifies the role of the Library Arts Center in our community. We are here to respect and encourage the artistic voice and expression of community members of all ages, backgrounds, and skills, in a highly inclusive and engaging way. We are here to encourage community to work together making our community a more beautiful, inspiring and vibrant place to call home. We are also here to present and highlight highly skilled artists in our community and region.

Nick Scalera

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This past year and a half have been the most trying this organization has faced. With creativity, flexibility, and sheer determination, we have been able to make it through this season still fully serving our mission. It is due to the involvement and support of community members that we have been able to continue on in these times.

We ask you to consider making or renewing your annual membership donation. People do not need to be members of the Library Arts Center to take part in its programs, but it is our members who make that possible. Membership support allows us to offer all we do to the community with such accessibility and abundance. Just like our entryway covered in community-created chalk art, it is together that we create the Library Arts Center.

My very best,

Kate N. Luppold, *Executive Director*



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