

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST NORTHWOODS ARTS COUNCIL EVENTS

2022

- August 13 - Northwoods Arts & Book Festival – In our 27th year. We had two new additions to our festival this year. Partnering with Kokoro Center for Music and the Performing Arts, ‘Poetry Safari’ was an extraordinary addition to our festival. The second addition was WonderTrek an interactive traveling museum. Both were very well received by the attendees. 2800 adults of which 300 children
- July 8-9 - Sinatra II Part Blue - 7:30 PM – 500 attendees
- June - Labor Day Weekend - Lakeside Concerts -3000 of which 300 were children
- June 25 - Spring Bike Fling - Hack and Back - Volunteered to help our local community - 300

2021

- October 8 - The Occasionals - Makeup Lakeside Concert Series - Hackensack Community Building – 100 attendees
- September 16 - Hotdish Luncheon Author Presentation - Hackensack Hub - 33 attendees
- August 10 - 26th Annual Art & Book Festival - 1800 of which 55 were children
- July 10 - Josh Duffee and his Quartet - Lakeside - 500 of which 20 were children
- June - September - Lakeside Concert Series -2100 of which 200 were children

2020

- October – December – A Virtual Art & Book Festival showcasing our Artists and Authors - 422 visitors to the website for the virtual event
- September - Labor Day Weekend Lakeside Concert - 200 attendees of which 25 were children
- August – 25th Art & Book Festival – Canceled due to Covid
- July – Sinatra II (Blue) – Canceled due to Covid

2019

- August – Art & Book Festival = 2500 attendees of which 25 were children
- Going to the Lake with WCCO
- July – The First Ladies of Song – Josh Duffee and his Big Band - 500 attendees of which 20 were children

2018

- August – Art & Book Festival (Increased attendance by 20%)
- July – The Kings of Swing – Josh Duffee and his Big Band

2017

- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – Josh Duffee Concert presented “Sinatra”

2016

- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – Josh Duffee Concert presented Hot Jazz In The Summer

2015

- August – Art & Book Festival
- Spring/Summer – Sculpture Contest, Hackensack Lakeside Park
- July – Josh Duffee and His Big Band Orchestra

2014

- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – The Happy Hour and a Half 2 Show

2013

- Winter Show – Just Us the Band
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – The Happy Hour and a Half Show

2012

- Winter Show – Fibber McGee & Molly Reenactment
- August – Art & Book Festival

- July – Ballad of Lucette

2011

- Winter Show – Fibber McGee & Molly Reenactment
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – Ya Gotcher Men; Ya Gotcher Women

2010

- Winter Show – “Our Miss Brooks” Reenactment
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July - Whayah Gonna Do In Vista View

2009

- Winter Show – The Broberg’s
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – The Great Ice Cream Scheme

2008

- Winter Show – Woodtick Theatre Group
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – Swinging Sertomans
- July – Dastardly Doctor Devereaux

2007

- Winter Dinner Show – Father Knows Best Radio Show
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – Ballad of Lucette

2006

- Winter Dinner Show - “Geritol Frolics” A traveling Musical Show
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – The Little Shop of Horrors

2005

- Winter Dinner Show – Fibber McGee & Mollie Radio Show
- August – Art & Book Festival

- July – Vaudevilles My Home

2004

- Dessert Show – One Act Show
- Winter Dinner Show – Fibber McGee & Mollie Radio Show
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – The Marquis Crossing Ladies Society’s First Attempt at Murder

2003

- Winter Dinner Show – Ryan Pells
- August – Art & Book Festival
- July – Ballad of Lucette

2002

- Winter Dinner Show – One Act Play
- September – Workshop Saving and Savoring your Family Stories
- September – Music By Computer
- August – Art & Book Festival
- August - Quadratoes
- July – Whayah Gonna Do in Vista View

2001

- August – Art & Book Festival
- August – Lakeside Concert

2000

- August – Art & Book Festival
- August - The Kabekona Singers
- July – Ballad of Lucette
- The Villain of Rose Gulch Hollow

1999

- August - Art & Book Festival

1998

- August – Art & Book Festival
- September – Swinging Sertomans
- May - Caleigh

1997

- August – Art & Book Festival
- August – Chinese Modern Art Exhibit & Sale
- July - Ballad of Lucette
- May – Acrylic Painting Workshop
- March - Photography Workshop

1996

- August – Art & Book Festival
- Ballad of Lucette

1995

- August – Art & Book Festival
- September - Watercolor demonstration
- April -Landscape Painting and demonstration

1994

- The Cass County Board of Commissioners designated the Northwoods Arts Council as the umbrella arts organization in Cass County

1993

- **The Northwoods Arts Council** was formed in September 1993, by a group of seven people who were interested in the idea of saving the school and bringing theatre, art music and educational opportunities to Hackensack and the surrounding area. Since that date, NAC has established legal and non-profit status.

The founding members of the Northwoods Arts Council were Don and Margaret Brown, Ann DeGray, John Justad, Joanne Morén, Dean Thomas and Lorraine Stromquist.

This group spent their first year as an arts organization investigating the possibility of acquiring and renovating the old Hackensack school building to create an arts center for the community. On June 4, 1993, a meeting was held in the Community Building by John Justad, owner of a stage and lighting design company to consider the possibility of restoring the old Hackensack School as a “Tech School” for theatre crafts. It would be called The Hackensack Center for the Arts and The Minnesota Technical Theatre Institute. The institute would train students at any level of experience: the basic as well as advanced technical elements and their relation to the stage. In addition, the Art Center would attract talent, speakers, lectures, educational series, community music, theatre, and film with the use of the performance space. The facility would sponsor a summer program of a show season with a repertory schedule of musical, family, and popular dramatic productions. The center would also be home to a Hackensack Museum and could be used for movies, banquets and as a rented reception hall.

When this project turned out not to be feasible, the group considered other options of acquiring a facility and/or property to create an arts center. They finally decided to pursue their goal of *‘Bringing the Arts to Life’* in the facilities already available in Hackensack.