



## LOOK WHAT MAAC'S UP TO:

### *Bringing Beauty To Our Area Through The Arts*

The **Melrose Area Arts Council (MAAC)** was established in 2021 and recently celebrated our successes over the past three years.

**MAAC's** website was created and has information for you about our projects and activities. Look for the new Featured Artists page, which highlights local artists and their art. [MelroseAreaArtsCouncil.org](http://MelroseAreaArtsCouncil.org)

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**MAAC** worked with the Melrose Lions Club and the City of Melrose to design and erect the new **WELCOME TO MELROSE** sign located near the 4-way stop and the Wobegon Trail.

**MAAC's Festival of the Arts** this past May featured area artists and authors. The quilting part of this festival had over a hundred quilts and quilted items on display.



**MAAC** volunteers help children at the **Community Youth Center** with arts and crafts every week. The children have an opportunity to explore the many types of art.



**MAAC** has re-established the **Flowers on Main** to bring some welcoming color and beauty to our downtown.

**MAAC** participates in the **Melrose Farmers Market** every **Wednesday from 3-6 pm** during the summer. Each week 40-50 or more children create art projects. **Face painting by our talented artists** is also very

popular with kids and adults alike.

### *Going forward:*

In recent meetings the **MAAC** has been reviewing our policies along with our strengths and weaknesses. We have a committed group of volunteers working on our projects as well as planning for future projects, such as:

- **Participate in Night to Unite**
- **Murals on buildings in the area**
- **Expanding the Festival of the Arts**
- **Holiday Kick-Off**
- **Art Activities at the Melrose Senior Center**
- **Featuring Local Artists on website**

*"Working with members of MAAC for the Festival of the Arts was a wonderful experience. Everyone came together to make this event a success—it was great to be a part of it."*

*Monika Kraker*

### *Volunteer Opportunities:*

**MAAC** is in need of volunteers to work with children creating art at the Melrose Farmers Market on Wednesdays in the Sauk River Park. Two to three hour shifts are available. For information or to sign up call Dottie at 320-250-4933 or email [maacmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:maacmelrose@gmail.com).

Each of our projects for the near future are in the planning stages. Our small core group of volunteers would welcome all interested people to volunteer and help us bring art events to our communities. Call Dottie at 320-250-4933 or email [maacmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:maacmelrose@gmail.com) if interested.

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