

The RAAC Reporter

"Building and Strengthening Our Community Through the Arts"

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The Rosemount Area Arts Council



Introducing our New Board Member and Technology Chair: Jim Sebesta

A lifelong supporter of the arts, Jim also brings to RAAC many years of technology and management experience. He began in 1981 as a network administrator for his workplace safety training and consulting business until retiring in 2022, and served as business development manager and web designer for a multi-clinic occupational medicine group. As a very active volunteer since age 16, his current commitments include the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Dakota County Parks, and Spare Key. His personal goal as Technology Chair is to support RAAC by enhancing online experiences with easy access to information while helping strengthen alliances to enable the organization to continue to flourish. We are thrilled to welcome Jim in this new endeavor!



Opening on the Executive Board:

We need someone to serve as Secretary to keep minutes of meetings and carry out business correspondence. If you are interested or have questions, contact Charlotte Kodner, chair, cmkodner@gmail.com.

Stats

RAAC 2026 membership: 169
December volunteer hrs: 520 by 32 people
2025 volunteer hours: 11974 by 166 people

Meet the Author: Robert Trail Library (Free Event)

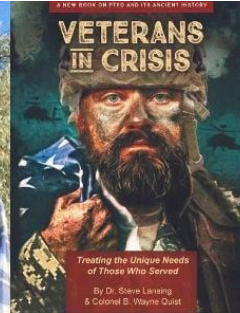
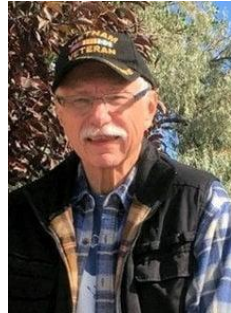
Thursday, January 15, 6:30-7:30 PM

Dr. Steve Lansing and Colonel B. Wayne Quist, *Veterans in Crisis*

Veterans in Crisis

tells a story of the devastating effects of PTSD. It is designed for the common soldier and is organized in three parts with many illustrations, with the last part being

an analysis of "God's Angry Man: The Incredible Journey of Private Joe Haan," a decorated World War II combat veteran suffering from severe PTSD.



Root Pickers - Folk, Country, Bluegrass, Rock and Roll

Friday, January 23, 7 PM at the Steeple Center



Veteran members of the local music scene, Root Pickers play acoustic tunes, from Bob Dylan, Chuck Berry, and Bill Monroe, to Irish music and more. They feature vocals with guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, and bass.

Tickets: Reserved seats \$18; RAAC Members \$15.

The Layne Yost Group: Tribute to the Music of John Denver

Friday, February 13, 7 PM at the Steeple Center

John Denver's music is timeless and well known. Layne Yost's Tribute is faithful to the music and the man. Yost, Jon Shimoda, and Carol McDowall capture the simple soul of Denver's music through guitar, fiddle, and upright bass arrangements. A wonderful show that will take you back and remind you of simple things that remain true.

Tickets: Reserved seats \$35; RAAC Members \$30.



Join Us for Coffee...

Every Wednesday at 8 AM at the Lunds & Byerlys on Pilot Knob Rd in Apple Valley, across from Target South. Meet in the dining area by the East entrance.

On Display in January

In the Robert Trail Library:



Until January 18, young artists from East Lake Elementary have their art on display. Join their reception on Sun.

January 10, 1-2 PM to congratulate them on their achievements.

Then, from January 20-February 8, there will be another art exhibit featuring Rosemount Middle School artists. Their reception will be held on January 24, 1-2 PM.

In the Steeple Center:

"In Case You Didn't Notice" Exhibit

David Pates invites viewers to become new noticers as he guides viewers with conversation tags to reveal new perspectives of his photography work. David's



work has been displayed at Fairview Ridges Hospital, the Lakeville Area Art Center, Central Lutheran Church in Mpls, and many other similar locations.

His work can be viewed through January, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, Fri. 8:30-noon at Steeple Center.



Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at the Steeple Center. All members are invited to attend and give their input to what RAAC will be doing in the future. Others that are interested in the organization are also welcome.

Tickets

Online at RosemountArts.com/box-office or during Steeple Center Box Office hrs: Mon. 10-12 PM, Tues. 9-11 AM, Thurs. 1-3 PM.

Mailing Address: Rosemount Area Arts Council
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THANKS to the cast of "Christmas at the Steeple Center" for putting on a great show for families and friends!



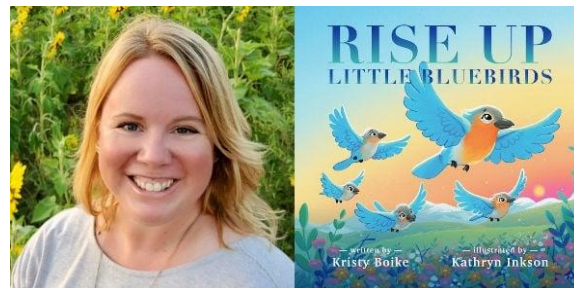
From left to right: Keith Reed, Steve Genrich, Beth Adams, Jessica Fedje, Claire Ramsay, Marcia Norwick, Steve Eggan, Ann Genrich, Charlotte Kodner, and Tony Sasso.

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Thursday, February 19, 6:30-7:30 PM

Rise Up Little Bluebirds - Kristy Boike

Kristy lives with her husband and four children in Southern Minnesota. She has a long history of working with children and a background in early childhood education. Her book illustrates the normal emotions experienced when grieving the loss of a loved one. We realize that finding



ways to remember our loved one is the best way to heal. It's a beautiful story of loss and community and is sure to be a special opportunity for parents and educators alike to help children see grief through a lens of hope.

Membership News

Not a current RAAC member? We'd love for you to join or rejoin us this month. Members may purchase two discounted tickets per individual membership or four discounted tickets per family membership. Volunteering for our events allows members to see them for free.

Four ways to become a member:

1. Mail a check to RAAC (address at bottom of left column)
2. Sign up on our website RosemountArts.com
3. Pay to "Rosemount Area Arts Council" through Venmo
4. Pay in person at our Box Office at the Steeple Center (Hours: Mon. 10-12 PM; Tues. 9-11 AM; and Thurs. 1-3 PM.)

Membership Levels are the Annual Dues

Full-time Student	\$15.00	Family/Household	\$35.00
Senior (50+)	\$15.00	Friend	\$100.00
Senior Family	\$25.00	Patron	\$250.00
Individual	\$25.00	Benefactor	\$500.00

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