

The RAAC Reporter

"Building and Strengthening Our Community Through the Arts"

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The Rosemount Area Arts Council



Celebrating Poetry and Art for National Poetry Month (April)

"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree." -Joyce Kilmer

Attention Earthlings! RAAC is accepting submissions for the **2026 Earth Day Poems and Visions** project, in honor of Earth Day and National Poetry Month.



Create and submit to RAAC your original poetry or art on anything related to Earth, such as its beauty, appreciation of, purpose, grandeur, or as concrete as waters, fauna and flora.

Poems, art, and photography are accepted through March 31, 2026. Send a quality electronic copy of your work to RosemountArts@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, age (if under 18), and email address in the text area. Submissions *must* be your own original work and family friendly.

These works will be posted on RAAC's website in April in honor of National Poetry Month and Earth Day. Now's the time to be creative and share your talents with your community!

2026 Dakota County Art Contest

Dakota Co. calls on students K-12 to submit artwork capturing *Voices of Nature*, celebrating natural county wonders such as parks, rivers, and wildlife. Entries are due March 27 and will be judged by the Public Art Advisory Committee. For more information, write to psr@co.dakota.mn.us.

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.

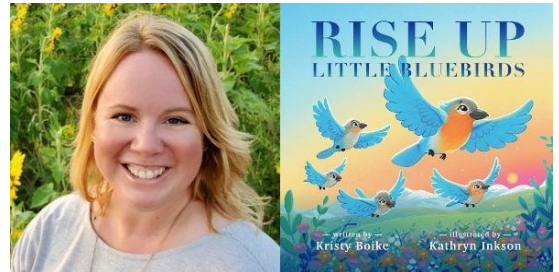


Meet the Author: Robert Trail Library (Free event)

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

Rise Up Little Bluebirds - Kristy Boike

Kristy 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. Her book is a beautiful story of loss and community and is sure to be an opportunity for parents and educators to help children see grief through a lens of hope.



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

Rescheduled to Friday, February 27, 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.

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.

RAAC's Website Redesign

Great news! A tech savvy team is working hard to give RAAC's website a new look, also aspiring to make it more user-friendly. The anticipated release date will be late Spring.

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.

On Display in February

In the Robert Trail Library:

Young artists from **Shannon Park Elementary** have art on display until March 1st. View their work and congratulate them at a reception on Sat. February 14, 1-2 PM. Likewise, **St Joseph Catholic School** students will have their artwork displayed from March 2-22; their reception is on Sat. March 7, 1-2 PM.

In the Steeple Center:

Marie Jaeger 's favorite subject is nature: Animals, landscapes, sunrises, sunsets, flowers and more. Her vivid colors depict the variety



and beauty of nature in all of its splendor. Marie's work is exhibited from February 3rd through March. Grab a cup and stroll through the nature gallery on the ground floor and upstairs when it's cold outside! The Steeple Center doors are open Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, and Fri. 8:30- noon.

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.

Stats

RAAC 2026 membership: 183

January volunteer hrs.: 435 hrs. by 31 people

The 2026 Writers' Festival and Book Fair

Saturday, March 14, 9 AM-4:30 PM at the Steeple Center



Award-winning author Peter Geye will give the keynote address (9 AM), followed by a dozen writing workshops (10:30 AM-4:30 PM) and a chance to browse the book fair (10 AM-3:30PM). [Click here](#) for details or see our website under Literary Groups. What an inspiring day for writers and readers!



ABBASolutely Fab - ABBA Tribute Concert

Friday, March 20, 7 PM at the Steeple Center



Stellar Twin Cities and British musicians will perform the songs of pop/disco supergroup ABBA! Since forming several summers ago, their shows have sold out all over Minnesota. *Mamma Mia!* Don't miss out on the fun! *Take a Chance* and join us. It's your turn to be a *Dancing Queen*!

Tickets: Reserved seats \$40; RAAC Members \$35.

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, at 7 PM at the Steeple Center. All members are invited to attend and give input on RAAC's future events. Others interested in the organization are also welcome.

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 below)
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 AM-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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