

Thursday  
October 19  
1:30—2:30 p.m.  
Evergreen  
Lower Level

# Arts in the Community

## Project Overviews and Insights from the 2018 Award Winners

The annual Arts in the Community Awards, presented by Arts Wisconsin in partnership with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, honor communities and civic leaders around the state for championing the arts as integral to economic, educational and community vitality. This workshop panel, peopled by the 2017 Award Winners, will discuss the benefits, impact and value of the arts and creative economy in and for Wisconsin communities.



**Mark Elliott**

Executive Director

*Northwest Passage*

Mark Elliott has led Northwest Passage, which provides innovative residential mental health services to at-risk youth ages 12-17 and their families through innovative mental health services, since 2000. Northwest Passage's cornerstone therapeutic arts program is In a New Light, using photography as a medium for expression and healing. Since 2012, photography art by NWP youth has been exhibited in more than 40 locations locally and nationally. The In a New Light Gallery in Webster opened in 2013, showcasing NWP students' artwork to the public, giving youth a platform upon which to use their art to rewrite society's narrative about themselves and other vulnerable youth like them. The gallery has filled a decade old arts and culture void in the area and is currently the only bona fide art gallery in Burnett County.



**Stephanie Samarripa**

Anti-Graffiti Program Coordinator

*City of Milwaukee  
Department of Neighborhood Services  
Outreach Division*

Stephanie leads outreach and engagement for the City of Milwaukee's Department of Neighborhood Services, which is committed to ensuring that the art in every neighborhood in the city is created with, by, and for the residents of each neighborhood, reclaiming public space through the arts to grow pride and community for residents and their neighborhoods. Since 2012, the department has supported a multi-faceted outreach section that partners with community groups, artist collectives, and residents to create public art that is reflective of and celebrates Milwaukee's rich heritage and diversity.



**Anne Katz**

Executive Director

*Arts Wisconsin*

Anne guides Arts Wisconsin's programs and services, building and growing partnerships in the public and private sectors for the arts and creative industries on the local level. Anne was an Arts Administration Fellow at the National Endowment for the Arts in 1988, was a member of the 2014-2015 class of National Arts Strategies' Chief Executive Program, a global leadership program focused on community cultural development, and received the 2010 Alene Valkanas Arts Advocacy Award from Americans for the Arts. She serves on the board of directors of the Wisconsin Public Radio Association, Wisconsin Downtown Action Council, and State Arts Action Network. Anne is a graduate of Brandeis University and studied drama at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England.

### Tips, Trends & Tactics

**The 119th League Annual Conference**  
**October 18-20, 2017**  
**Radisson Paper Valley**  
**Appleton**

