

Annual Update

Housed in the award winning Andersen Enrichment Center, the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission was founded in 1986 on a simple and powerful premise: that the arts enrich lives, expand minds and form a vital thread in the fabric of a community. Through vision, leadership, education, advocacy and funding, the Commission nurtures, supports, and promotes artists and arts organizations in Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Key Achievements:

- *Capacity Building & Art Advocacy* – Partnerships with Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs,
- Creative Many Michigan, and the Great Lakes Bay Art & Entertainment Alliance for information sharing, training and advocacy efforts.
- *Regranting Agency* – Distributed more than \$80,000 in grants to area arts and cultural project from four grant programs.
- *Saginaw Celebrates Summer* – Seventh annual summer long collaboration with 17 partner organizations celebrating arts, nature and the humanities with over 180 events for the entire family.
- *Youth Enrichment Series* – Bringing arts to the youth of our community by expanding program to include more than a dozen art experiences, focusing on underserved youth.
- *Ongoing Programming* – 26th Annual All Area Arts Awards, Jazz in the Garden, Artifacts Newsletter, Hollyday Art Fair, Art & Garden Festival, Art @ the Andersen and many other community programs.

Priorities:

- *Regional Communications* – Focus on positioning arts and culture as essential to individual and public well-being and the economic resilience of Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region.
- *Capacity Building Initiatives* – Focus on connecting artists, arts and cultural organizations with experiences that make them more informed, effective and engaged.
- *Community Support* – Broaden the base of support from individuals, businesses and foundations in advancing the importance of arts, culture and creativity for the future of Saginaw

The Enrichment Commission relies on funding from the community, foundations and income from special events to support its services, programs and mission.