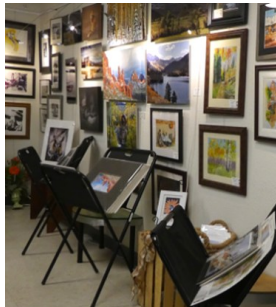




*Building a Creative Arts Destination  
Integrating the Artist Within*



**NORTHERN COLORADO ARTIST COMMUNITY (NOCOAC)**

501c3 nonprofit

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**PURPOSE of the Northern Colorado Artist Community (NOCOAC)** is to enrich lives in the Northern Colorado community through all forms of art.

**MISSION** is to enhance lives through all forms and dissemination of art; encouraging and supporting individual expression, providing public presentations, involving and expanding community programs at all levels and promoting art appreciation.

**Our community investment and involvement:**

- Broaden the concept of art.
- Discover and support the "artist" within.
- Provide diversified arts instruction to our members and the community, in-house and at public locations.
- In partnership with schools and outreach programs, provide a variety of art instruction.
- Encourage the exchange of art with other communities for the advancement of expression, aesthetics, social awareness and integration.
- Promote and provide public art and artists' exhibits in various locals.
- Provide space for the community and artists to share works, ideas and studio space.
- Collaborate with other art-centric organizations.

**NOTE from EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Established two and a half years ago, NOCO Artist Community was formed because it afforded us certain privileges which in turn provided a platform to offer a variety of art-focused ventures that a for-profit art gallery could not.

Running a nonprofit was a new animal for us, with only three volunteer board members and Nancy, the founder. The first year, at times, we splashed wildly in the deep end while this naivety was a welcomed asset. We were wide open to experimentation and possibilities, without being stunted by corporate conventionalities. We felt privileged taking on this challenging endeavor of keeping art vital.

The next year, 2024, we felt more comfortable, seeing our ideas play out. Of course, there were a few that didn't and others that needed tweaking but for the most part we found our groove. We were able to ask two more to join the board which has proven invaluable and helped enhance our efforts.

We applied for BBB accreditation. Passing 20 standards, we were awarded BBB Charities Accountability and Accreditation.

We continue to provide a diverse array of free monthly programs to spark wonder and community. We were given a grant from Fort Collins Rotary Club for a STEAM related kids' week long camp. From destruction to beauty, *Ink on the Wild Side* created ink and art from Rist Canyon wildfire wood. The kids explored wildfire causes, positives and negatives of wildfire and prevention of wildfire. We were also awarded a grant from Dwain Horn Memorial Fund to be used in 2025 for Tuesday Talks.

Looking into our crystal ball, we see continual expansion. We are always on the hunt for grants and donations to fuel our vision ... **a place where expression is encouraged, culture is praised, and diversity is embraced.**

## NOCOAC 2024 FINACIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME        \$14,670.12  
EXPENSE       \$9,257.33

The majority of our Income is generated by Membership Fees

- a monetary donation of \$1000
- Net Income carried over from 2024 will be used to fund 2025 Programs and Advertising

**In Kind Donations/Resources** received predominantly from NOCOAC members. Most items have been Art supplies with a few donations being furnishings for NOCOAC Headquarters.

### INCOME: \$14,670.12

Grants: 34%

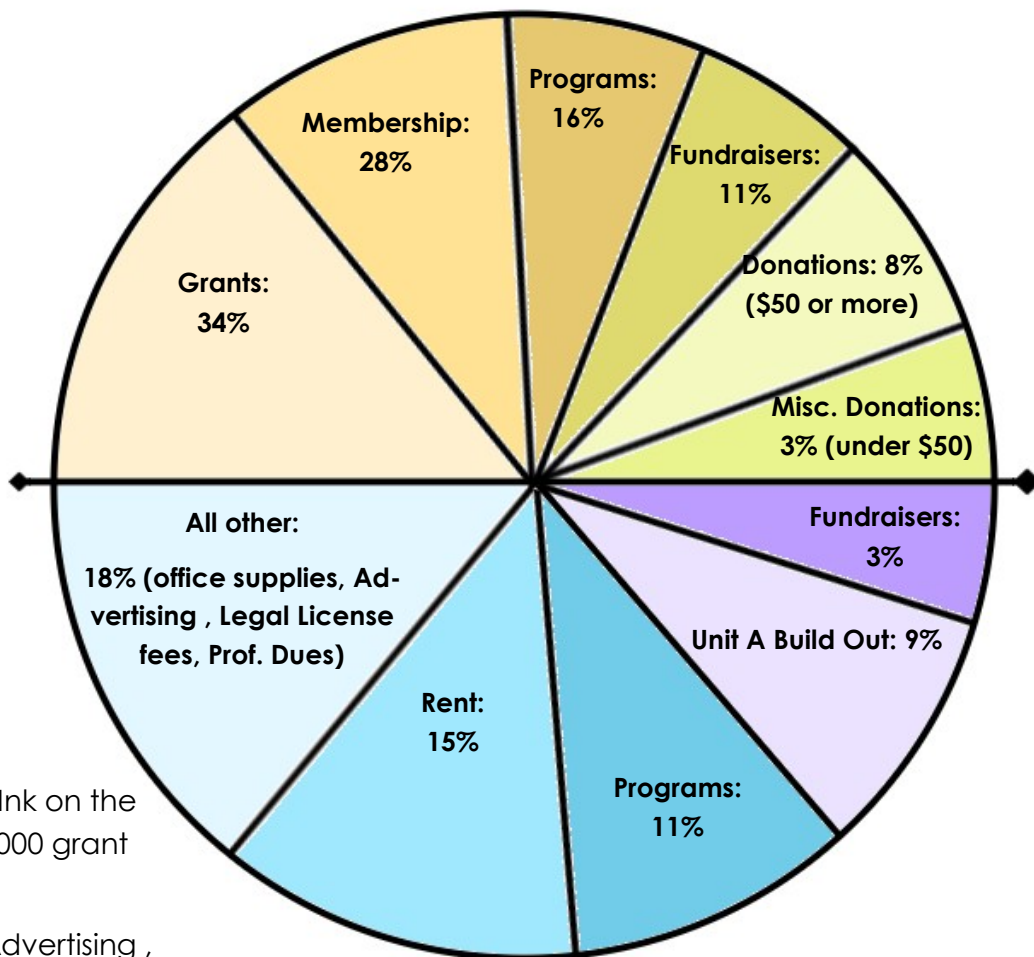
Membership: 28%

Programs: 16%

Fundraisers: 11%

Donations: 8% (\$50 or more)

Misc. Donations: 3% (under .50)



**EXPENSES: \$9,257.33** (Includes "Ink on the Wild Side" which is offset by \$1,000 grant rec'd in 2023)

All other: 18% (office supplies, Advertising, Legal License fees, Prof. Dues)

Rent: 15%

Programs: 11%

Unit A Build Out: 9%

Fundraisers: 3%

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 2024:** 25 Volunteers provided various services throughout the year.

- Average volunteer time was 4 hours/month
  - Gallery support
  - Construction projects
  - Program facilitation and assistance
- In addition, our directors are volunteer positions, at this time, have donated an estimated 360 hours/month between six positions.

## **GRANTS**

- **\$5,000 from Dwain Horn Memorial Fund for Tuesday Talks**
  - Awarded in October 2024 to be used in 2025

## COMMUNITY IMPACT OVERVIEW: we serve Larimer, Weld Counties and Boulder Counties—Northern Colorado

- **Community Partnerships:** We added a few more partners this year—in red. We list the community organizations on our website to provide our audience with easy access to the area's offerings for children and adults. We are continually seeking more partnerships
  - 3 Square Art Gallery
  - Arula
  - Blue Moose Art Gallery
  - Dance Afrik
  - Dance Express
  - The Beet
  - The Family Center—La Familia
  - The Handwork Initiative
  - The Jacob Center
  - The Tilted Brick
  - Kats Eye
  - Lincoln Gallery
  - Living her Legacy
  - Magpies
  - Makers Mercantile & Studio
  - My Sister Knits
- **Active Community Partnerships**
  - Jacob Center (nonprofit): seeking to empower youth and build upon a strong sense of self, regulation skills and connectedness.
    - We provide 2 art classes to 2 different groups per month
  - Academy of Arts and Knowledge: Charter School pre-K-5th grade
    - We provide family engagement and student activities
  - Petrichor Collective: cultivating our different skill sets and fostering creativity, we support our community through Art!
    - We work together with marketing First Friday Art Walks
- **Community Festivals:** participate and donate art for their fundraisers
  - Rist Canyon
  - Stove Prairie
  - LaPorte
  - Art in the Park, Loveland
  - Art Studio Tour-Loveland
  - Red Feathers
- **Networking Presentations:** we speak at various networking groups to promote NOCOAC and the artist within.
- **Loveland Chamber of Commerce:** we provide yearly art installation for their training room
  - 6-12 artists provide art for display

## NOCOAC CORE PROGRAMS

**Tuesday Talks:** is a free monthly community program about sparking wonder and connecting people to the world beyond themselves through the art of story telling.

**First Friday Art Walk:** is a free monthly community program providing varied artistic activities (like music, art, literature, dance) and displays to increase the community's awareness of local aptitude and talents.

**Educational Art classes on and off site—school and Loveland Public Library:** are to stimulate imaginations, foster problem solving and observational skills, nurture and engage the senses and build gross and fine motor skills. This contributes to the child's self-esteem and socialization.

**Story Time:** is a free monthly community program for pre-Kindergarten children. Read aloud stories help children develop pre reading skills such as: story elements, book language, print directionality and comprehension. A craft related to the story follows to support reading comprehension and gross and fine motor skills.

**Blast and Scrap (nonprofit):** supports young and emerging musicians and artists by providing performance and workshop space that advances social inclusion and environmental sustainability in the arts.

**Hats for Those in Need:** free community all day fall program to knit or crochet a hat for the unhoused in the Fort Collins area. A two hour crochet class is offered for beginners to encourage new crafters in the needle arts.

**Kids Camp (12-14years) :** week long summer program

- 2024 program: *Ink on the Wild Side* has been made possible by a Rotary Club Grant (STEM Grant)
  - Make ink out of burnt wood from local burn scared areas
  - Explore chemistry behind creating ink from charcoal and the ecology of wildfire
  - Create art with their ink

**Artist Group:** monthly meetings to build an artist collective to share knowledge, provide support and mentorship.

**Annual Art Shows:** month long show displaying 2D and 3D art. A Community Reception opens each show. The art is for sale without commission.

- Membership Show
- Volunteer Show

**Community Art Installation:** providing art to local organizations.

- Offers artists an opportunity to show their works in different locals.
- Offers organizations an opportunity to enhance their image and stimulate the work environment. Art in the work place is a social connector and fosters a sense of pride through supporting local artists.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NORTHERN COLORADO ARTIST COMMUNITY (NOCOAC)

#### ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**Governing Board of Directors / Head of Operations**

**Founder / Director: Nancy Sander**

**Chairperson: Candace Hutchison**

**Secretary: Karen John**

**Treasurer: Linda Fitzgerald**

**Debbie Wojcik**

**Michele Ward**

**Operations / Executive Committee**

**Executive Director:**

**Candace Hutchison**

**Director of Finance:**

**Linda Fitzgerald**

**Director of Programs:**

**Karen John**

**Director of Volunteers:**

**Debbie Wojcik**

**Chairperson**

- ♦ **Membership / Events**
- ♦ **Marketing**
- ♦ **Community Outreach**

**Chairperson**

- ♦ **Fundraising**
- ♦ **Entertainment**

**Chairperson**

- ♦ **Grant Coordinator**
- ♦ **Education**

**Director of Records:**

**Michele Ward**

As a working board we meet once a month, sometimes more often when needed. We work as a unit to improve and facilitate our programming. Consequently, many of the projects overlap and are interconnected.

#### **Board Terms:**

A Director on the board may serve a term limited to 3 years and may be reelected by the Board of Directors for a second term of 3 years.

Officers on the Board of Directors may serve a term of 2 years and may be reelected by the Board of Directors for a second term of 2 years.

## **NOCOAC SUPPORTERS**

### **We are a 501c3 charity nonprofit**

- NOCOAC received a STEM grant from a Fort Collins Rotary Club for \$1000. The money was awarded to support a summer camp called *INK ON THE WILD SIDE*.
- Memberships dues provided 28% of 2024 income
  - Basic Membership
  - Student Membership
  - Family Membership
  - Business Membership
- In kind monetary support by Founder, Nancy Sander
- Donations
  - Donor Box platform is on our website



## **2025 PLANS:**

- ◇ Develop relationships with several local Senior Living facilities
  - To offer gallery tours, keep them informed about our monthly programs and provide art classes at their location for residents.
- ◇ Expand Tuesday Talks from 10-12 presentations
- ◇ Add 2 additional free monthly programs
  - In Pursuit Wednesday: 2 part series—discussion/lecture on a range of riveting topics followed by a hands-on workshop the next week.
  - Tasty Thursday: a culinary adventure of smorgasbord of demos, chit-chats, instructive lectures and food sampling
- ◇ Reference library: a small public reference library for both adults and children
- ◇ Hire a marketing firm to increase our social media presence, grow our newsletter audience and develop our brand
- ◇ Continue to cultivate income streams
  - Grants
  - Art shows
  - Fundraisers