

I recommend local artist Lea Friesen for the 2022 Mayor's art award. Her community programming in arts education through IASC Community Education, Macrostie Art Center and Elder's Circle stretches from elders to children and all ages. My niece recently enjoyed Lea's childrens' MAC program series: Mural Street Community Paint Project, Childrens' Chakra and Meditative Painting class, and pet portrait painting. I am guest lecturing at her May 15th Creative Wellness day retreat. Friesen is partnering with Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation, MacRostie Art Center, and Colleena Bibeau for the July 2022 Mallard Island program week (see attachment). My most recent art investment, Prepare (2020) by artist Lea Friesen. (See IMG.2957) I serve on the MAC Board of Directors through 2024.

Statement of work:

CREATE MEANING.

I am a firm believer in the value of making art for art's sake as it can be natural to question the value of creative pastimes. However, it is essential that if one's creative outlet is not valued by others or society in general, we must figure out a way to create our own meaning.

Anishinaabeg + Indigenous Wellness | Creative Art Pathways

Sunday, July 17 - Saturday July 23, 2022

Co-Hosts: Biishigishkiibikaakweyaa, Cindy Bibeau, Lea Friesen

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Colleena Biishigishkiibikaakweyaa

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Ojibwe Ceremonies | Elder In Residence, Dennis Jones,
times-subject to change.

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Artist in Residence: Lea Friesen



