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CULTIVATING CREATIVITY SINCE 1989

LFP City CouncilPresentation
July 9, 2026

Executive Director: Laura James

Mission

To cultivate creativity and inspire our community through the arts.

Staff

Laura James, Exec. Dir.
Nancy Malek, Arts Education PM

Board

Armand Micheline, President
Tracy Furutani VP
Eric Friedli, Treasurer
Cindy McCrea, Secretary

Bob Pfeiffer
Brenda Green-Ellington (prospective)
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Kevin Barret
Kristen Wickersham
Subhash Prajapati
Tracy Thorleifson
Herb Bryce, Emeritus

2025 by the Numbers

7k
Attendees

36 Events/Progs.
2 Revived Events
3 New Programs

1375 Hands-on-arts participants

97.5%
Free Admission

Percentage of free attendance across the 36 events and programs

Paid events have senior and student price; scholarships always available

1.5
Staff

Current SLA staff headcount, no benefits:

Laura James,
ED -FT
Nancy Malek,
Ed Prgm -PT

10 Board Members

$270k
Finances

Amount reduced in Expenses from 2023 to 2024

2025 has not been filed, yet

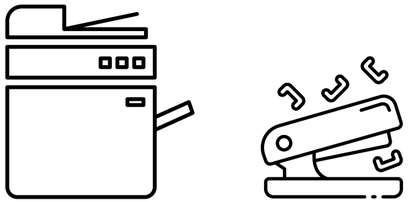
2026 budget on file with City

$0
Debt

Amount of debt at the end of 2025

Office Space

What's all this I hear??



Shoreline School District Bldg Office

We will keep our office for the forseeable future. We found a new location to be more visible to the community, house our gallery, and hold art classes.

Ridgecrest Business District

We lovingly call this 521, referring to the street address on NW 165th ST. We received a grant for tenant improvements and will reopen before summer. This will be our main office.

New in 2025

We continue to find new ways to connect with the community. Vets, seniors, and businesses

We continue to hold sold-out Sip & Paints at Vault 177

Additionally, we were able to revive Edible Books and Battle of the Bands.

Thanks to a grant, we were able to make Battle of the Bands FREE, attracting 100 more attendees than last event.

Military Veteran's Art Show

Operation Art to Heal (partner)

Every branch of the military was represented in the show. These artists are part of a program that uses art to heal PTSD and MST

Senior Art Classes

at the Shoreline Senior Center

We held 7 classes at the Shoreline Senior Center based on requested art forms. Watercolor is still so hot right now.

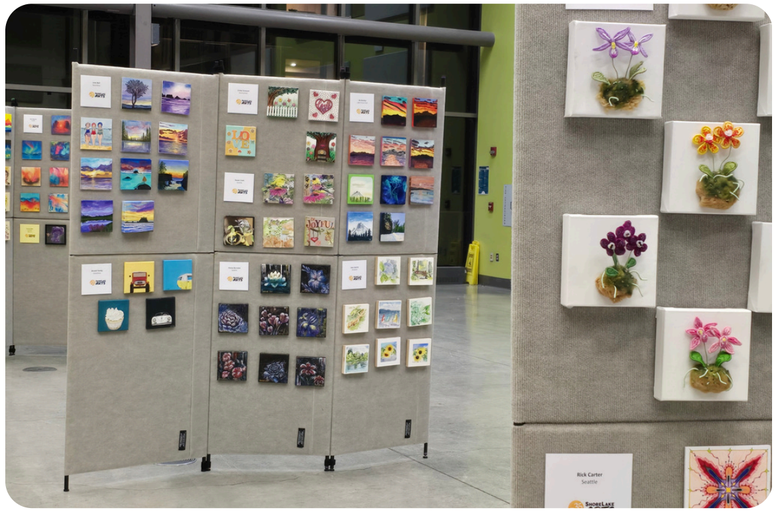
Business Art Shows

RPH, Salt & Iron

We now hold art shows at Ridgecrest Public House in the heart of Ridgecrest. We had the opportunity to hold a show in Edmonds, too. We aim to add more Shoreline businesses in the future to support local talent.

Arts Around Town

SSSFF, 6x6, Outdoor Winter Market, Neighborhood events



2026 LFP Animal Acres Events

NEW!

June 27 – 4pm

Listen Here! Teen Band Showcase

Submissions open thru May 31

August 8th – 3:30pm

Arts in the Park

Shakespeare for youth and teens

August 22th –4pm

Battle of the Bands

Submissions will open until July 20th

SHORELAKE BATTLE OF THE BANDS

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

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2026 Listen Here!

189 attended the free event. 41 participated in the painting opportunity. One teen art vendor. All four ***Listen Here*** bands have been invited to play Battle of the Bands for a chance at People's Choice Award

thank you!

to the whole **Public Works Maintenance Crew** who helped (and always help) with event setup.

Special shoutout to **Cory Mattson and Omar Silva** who were also there for the event

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

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Shoreline Sister City Association

2026 Partnership; Laura James, President

Mobile Ghanaian Museum

Donated and on loan items from Ghana spanning 1957, the year of Independence, to current day, will be on display in schools within our district for education on our sister city, Akropong, and Ghanaian culture.

The museum will be in partnership with ShoreLake Arts and JHP Legacy with engaged support from the Shoreline School District.

January 23, 2027

Third Place Commons

EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

Record Breaking 2026

31 submissions

392 Attendees