



CREATIVE EXCHANGE

CULTIVATING ARTISTIC COMMUNITIES

WORKSHOP LEADER



Barbara Schaffer Bacon co-directs Animating Democracy, a program of Americans for the Arts that inspires, informs, promotes and connects arts and culture as potent contributors to community, civic and social change.

Additionally, she contributes to Local Arts Advancement work at Americans for the Arts. Barbara has written, edited and contributed to many publications, including “Trend or Tipping Point: Arts & Social Change Grantmaking;” “Civic Dialogue, Arts & Culture: Findings from Animating Democracy” and many more.

A consultant in program design and evaluation, Barbara has served as an adviser for state and national arts agencies and private foundations.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration Begins

Networking & Morning Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Welcome

Debbie Mikula, executive director of the Arts Council of Greater Lansing

9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Introductions & Setting the Stage

Finding Your Place in Creative Placemaking

Barbara will get us warmed-up and ready to exchange, followed by an introduction to ways creativity, arts and culture are contributing to building healthy, vibrant equitable communities through Creative Placemaking.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunchtime

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Featured Arts Organization Interview

“My Soul to Take”

Susan D. Wood, Children's Theatre Foundation of America

Listen to how an arts organization in Flint, Mich. chose to engage their community through theatre and spark civic change.

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. What's your story?

In this session we'll use story circles, a creative and democratic form for exchange, to dig deeper into the topics on the table for the day.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Featured Artist Interview

Community engagement from the artists' perspective. Hear from Greater Lansing's own national artist Brian Whitfield.

4:00 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. What We Heard

Time to reflect on what we heard over the course of the day and discuss where we go next.

4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closing

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