



# Experience BROWNVILLE

## Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Brownville Creative District. We will be sending these out bi-monthly with events that are happening in Brownville and just to keep you up to date on what is happening with the Creative District in Brownville. We hope you enjoy getting this as much as we enjoy putting it together for you.

## Brownville Welcome Center

If you have been to Brownville lately, you may have noticed that the old gas station on Hwy 136 has a new look with completely new windows. Over the last 12 months, we have been working on the interior, replacing all the electrical system, all new plumbing and heating/AC, a new floor, and remodeled bathrooms. We have been doing all of this with a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council and help from the Nemaha County Visitor's Committee. All of this is in preparation for opening this as the Brownville Welcome Center which will serve Brownville and all of SE Nebraska in providing visitors with information about our communities and events that are happening around the region. In early April we hope you will also notice one more improvement and that is an "Open" sign. We are planning a soft opening for the Center in early April while we continue to complete some of the interior work in the back. If you see the sign on, please stop in and say hi.

## Brownville Creative District

Brownville became the third Nebraska Creative District in the summer of 2022. The program has now grown to 28 Creative Districts all the way from Falls City to Scottsbluff. Creative Districts are designated cultural and economic areas where innovation flourishes and neighborhoods come together in the name of art. The Brownville Creative District stretches from the river to the winery and includes all nine of our local non-profits as well as many of the local businesses. We believe our Creative District is one of the best in the State. An Executive Committee consisting of the presidents of each of these organizations and the Merchants of Brownville (MOB) meet bi-monthly to discuss activities and promotion for the benefit of all of the organizations involved. All decisions regarding the Brownville Creative District are made by this committee.

If you drive (or walk) around Brownville, you will be able to see many of the projects that have resulted from the grants received by the Creative District. To date, the Brownville Creative District has helped fund the parking lot for the Concert Series, the new sidewalk and patio for the Theatre, multiple projects for the Fine Arts Association, the Art and Nature project along Whiskey Run Creek trail, the new Welcome Center in the old gas station, many new renovations at the Antiquarium, the new Ice House Museum, the newly refurbished Spurgin Dental Museum, and has supported many activities and events throughout the last couple of years. We hope to continue the work we are doing and invite you to come and enjoy all the work being done in Brownville.

## Governor Robert W. Furnas 200th Birthday

On May 5th of this year, Brownville will be celebrating the 200th birthday of one of the greatest and probably least know statesmen of the State of Nebraska. Robert Furnas was a publisher, a Colonel in the Civil War, an Indian Agent, an agriculturalist, an educator, and also the second elected Governor of the State. Many of the agricultural societies in the state owe their beginnings to this man. Along with this, the State Teachers Association, History Nebraska, the Fair Board, the Nebraska Farmer Magazine and many other organizations all were started by this man.



On May 5th, throughout Brownville, there will be many activities celebrating the life of this man. The Historical Society, Fine Arts Association, and Brownville Education Center for the Arts and Humanities (BECAH) are all planning activities. We will soon be coming out with a complete schedule and posters for the activities. For more information, follow us on Facebook (Brownville Creative District) or check out the calendar on the Brownville website, brownville-ne.com. We will be posting the events and schedule in both of these locations. We hope to see you on May 5th.

## Jim Aden's GlassArt @ 601 Gallery Opening

A new yet familiar glass art gallery will be opening in Brownville this spring. Owner/artist Jim Aden will be opening GlassArt @ 601 at the corner of Sixth and Main. Jim's previous gallery in Brownville, River View Glass, has transformed into GlassArt @ 601 after his purchase of a home at this location. His working studio is located in the lower level of his home next to the new gallery.

GlassArt @ 601 will showcase Jim's recent artistic and functional glass creations as well as the works of a few selected regional glass artists. The gallery will be opening the weekend of May 4-5. You're invited to stop by and celebrate this new addition to historic Brownville.



## Upcoming Events

**March 23 - Whiskey Run Creek Winery at 10 am - 8 pm; Live Music at 6 - 8 pm.**

Spring Fling wine sale and live music by Sum Guise.

**April 5 - 6 - Brownville Concert Hall at 7:30 pm**

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**April 7 - Schoolhouse Art Gallery at 2 pm**

“In the Woods: Poems about Trees and Nature” by Nebraska State Poet, Matt Mason.

**April 12 - 14 - Antiquarium at 9 am - Noon & 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

Cartoon workshop sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council. Workshop led by Dylan Jacobson.

**April 13 - Auburn Senior Center at 5 pm**

Spaghetti Benefit for the Brownville Village Theatre.

**April 20 - River Inn Resort at 6:30 pm**

Who Killed Punk Murder Mystery

**May 3 - 4 - Brownville Concert Hall at 7:30 pm**

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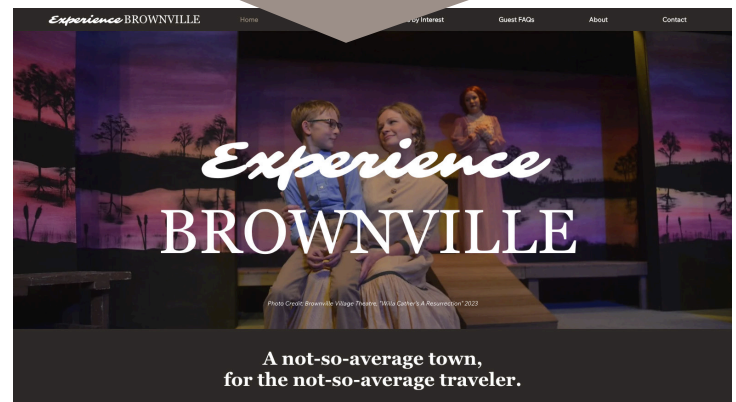
“Native American Presence on the Missouri,” an exhibition of 19th century chromolithographs, including portraits and genre scenes on loan from the Flatwater Folk Art Museum. The event will include a Gallery Talk and special appearance by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Furnas (historic reenactors).

**May 25 - 27 - Brownville Main Street at 8 am - 5 pm**

Spring Flea Market

Learn more about these and other upcoming events at our freshly redesigned website:

**[brownville-ne.com](http://brownville-ne.com)**



# Whiskey Run Creek Winery

Saturday, March 23, 2024

10:00 am—8:00 pm

## Spring

All Wines 30% off

(Except already discounted wines)

(no volume discounts)

**Music by Sum Guise!**

6:00 to 8:00 pm

(\$5.00 Cover charge)

702 Main, Brownville

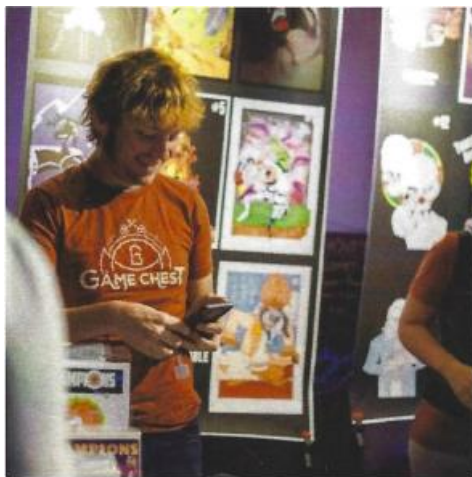


# ANTIQUARIUM WORKSHOP

## Immersive Character Creation



Do you have an interest in role playing games? Do you like designing your own character art or writing stories? This workshop gives you a chance to experience role playing games and introduce art principles to help you create your own character art.



## Graphics/Illustrator Workshop

This Workshop is a hands-on creative adventure for all ages and levels of ability. No skill required.

Join Nebraska Arts Council Teaching Artist Dylan Jacobson and embark on a fantasy adventure. This will be Dylan's 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop sponsored by the Brownville Education Center for Arts & Humanities.

<http://dylanjjacobson.com/press>

Dates of Workshop	Cost	Location & Registration
<p><b>April 12 - Friday</b> AM Session 9 a.m. -noon PM Session 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>\$100 for three sessions</b> (AM or PM)</p>	<p>Classes will be at the <b>Antiquarium</b>, located at 309 Water Street in Brownville. (The old public school building – gymnasium entrance.)</p>
<p><b>April 13 - Saturday</b> AM Session 9 a.m. -noon PM Session 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mixed Media Paper 11X14 98LB supplied. Bring your own favorite-colored pencils, crayons or markers. Some may be available for use.</p>	<p>To reserve your space in this Workshop contact Dale Dickkut at <b>660 744 4646</b> or leave a message at the <b>Antiquarium 402 825 3101</b>.</p>
<p><b>April 14 - Sunday</b> AM Session 9 a.m. -noon PM Session 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Class sizes will be limited to 12 to ensure maximizing instructor contact.</p>	

# "In the Woods: Poems about Trees and Nature"

**Matt Mason, Nebraska State Poet**



Matt Mason is the Nebraska State Poet and has run poetry workshops in Botswana, Romania, Nepal, and Belarus for the U.S. State Department. His poetry has appeared in *The New York Times* and Matt has received a Pushcart Prize as well as fellowships from the Academy of American Poets and the Nebraska Arts Council. His work can be found in *Rattle*, *Poet Lore*, *Prairie Schooner*, and in hundreds of other publications.

**Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Schoolhouse Art Gallery, 427 Main Street  
Brownville, NE 68321**



**FREE and open to the public**

Sponsored by Humanities Nebraska and Brownville Fine Arts Association, for more information, contact 402-414-2082.

# Murder at the River Inn

**March 2nd is SOLD OUT**  
So we've added another Show  
**April 20th**  
Call Today!  
402-825-6441

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**AN INTERACTIVE MURDER MYSTERY**  
**WITH THE BVT MYSTERY TROUPE**  
**MARCH 2ND**

**The Punk band is celebrating getting back together,  
but then...**

**(written by Rachel Curtiss)**

Join us on March 2nd - 6:30pm at the River Inn for a fun evening of food, drinks (cash bar) and murder! "Show up in your best Punk attire"(optional)

Tickets are \$59.95 - Book a room for the night and receive a \$20 discount off our normal room rate  
(Includes breakfast for two in the morning)

**River Inn Resort - Brownville, NE 68321**  
**402-825-6441 - to order tickets**  
**Or at [www.spiritofbrownville.biz](http://www.spiritofbrownville.biz)**