









Lawton Arts REVIEW

The Official Newsletter of the Arts & Humanities Division



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OUR MISSION

To encourage and promote artistic expression and diversity in the City of Lawton.

OUR VISION

To create an enduring artistic and cultural community.

WHO WE ARE

- Jason Poudrier | A & H Administrator
- Andrea Morman | A & H Deputy Administrator
- Michell Rosario | Community Events & Outreach Coordinator
- Haley Moore | Digital Media & Records Specialist
- Reagan Williams | Administrative Assistant
- Nick Sasseen | Theatrical Technical Coordinator
- Joseph Cox | Maintenance Tech
- Stavis Morman | PT House Manager
- Manuel Smith | PT Maintenance Tech

OCTOBEREVENTS



1-27

NEA Big Read Events

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17 - 19

Oklahoma Arts Conference

Hilton Garden INN



18

Forever Motown

McMahon Memorial Auditorium

7:30 PM



19

Let's Talk About It

Cameron University Library

6:00 PM



26, 27, 28

LCT Presents: Rocky

Horror Picture Show

McMahon Memorial Auditorium

7:30 PM

OCTOBER 2023

NEA BIG READ

A MONTH LONG CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY READ

Art Exhibitions / Performances / Talks / Workshops / Book Discussions



**1 BOOK,
24 EVENTS:**

Based on the National Bestseller

**CATALOGUE OF
UNABASHED GRATITUDE**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER & FEATURED AUTHOR
ROSS GAY Q&A BOOK SIGNING**

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 17 CAMERON
UNIVERSITY SHEPLER BALLROOM 6PM - 8PM**

**Pick up your FREE book at
any one of our events!**



**Full Event Schedule: SWOKarts.com
Follow us on Facebook: Lawton Arts and Humanities**



McMahon Auditorium Authority and The City of Lawton Arts and Humanities is thrilled to announce the book they have chosen for the community "Catalogue of Unabashed Gratitude" by Ross Gay, as part of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read program throughout the entire month of October.

The program kicked off early in October with exciting events featuring a series of discussions and ancillary events throughout the month. The culmination will include a special reading and discussion session with Ross Gay, our keynote speaker.

Lawton, Oklahoma, is honored to be one of the sixty-two communities nationwide participating in the 2023-2024 NEA Big Read. The city has been awarded a grant of \$20,000 to support this endeavor. Throughout the entire month of October, our community will come together to celebrate the "Catalogue of Unabashed Gratitude" with a rich calendar of events.

As an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read aims to broaden our understanding of the world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience.

NEA BIG READ: LAWTON 2023 SWOKarts.com

10/1-10/31	Fresh-Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers Market by Michelle Schaub Storywalk at the Park	9am-5pm	Lawton Public Library
10/1-10/31	Blackout Poetry-interactive Display	9am-5pm	Lawton Public Library
10/1-10/31	Seed Giveaway	9am-5pm	Lawton Public Library
10/3	NEA BIG READ: Lawton Life Ready Center Kickoff	10am-2pm	Life Ready Center
10/7	NEA BIG READ: Lawton Official Kickoff: Caring for the Community	10am-5pm	Museum of the Great Plains
10/7-10/31	Display of Items inspired by Ross Gay's Poems	10am-5pm	Museum of the Great Plains
10/8	NEA BIG READ: Lawton Nye Library Kickoff	10am-12pm	Nye Library
10/8-10/31	Poetry Flower Pot Project	10am	Nye Library
10/10	Dr. Morris adult and teen writers groups-how to read & write poetry	3pm & 4pm	Duncan Public Library
10/11	Brown Bag Book Discussion	12pm	Duncan Public Library
10/12	Art Sessions, Highlighting Cover of Book	11am & 6pm	Duncan Public Library
10/15	2023 Author Fest	12pm-4pm	Lawton Public Library
10/16	A Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude Panel Discussion w/ Local Poets/Scholars	12pm	Life Ready Center
10/16	Bullet Journaling: Gratitude	6pm	Duncan Public Library
10/16-10/20	Nature Gratitude Scavenger Hunt for kids	All Day	Duncan Public Library
10/17	Keynote Speaker and featured author Ross Gay. Plus Q&A & book signing	6pm-8pm	Cameron University North Shepler Ballroom
10/18	Book Discussion	6pm	Lawton Public Library
10/19	Let's Talk About It-Book Discussion	6pm-7:30pm	Cameron University Library
10/20	A Catalogue of Unabashed Gratitude inspired Art Show Visual Arts Performances & Short Films	10am-7pm	Cameron University Theatre
10/23-10/31	Book of Delights by Ross Gay Book Club Begins	8am	Life Ready Center
10/24	Book Discussion on Ross Gay	5pm	Duncan Public Library
10/26	Poetry Showcase	9am-4pm	Life Ready Center
10/26	Ekphrastic Workshop: Images and Poetry	TBD	Cameron University Library
10/27	Local Celebrities reading poetry to children from Ross Gay's book	1pm-3pm	TBD



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2023 Oklahoma Arts Conference
Lawton | October 17-19
Register at arts.ok.gov

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
 OKLAHOMA ARTS COUNCIL
 OKLAHOMA'S ARTS

Oklahoma Arts Conference takes on Lawton, Oklahoma

For the first time since the Oklahoma Arts Conference began in 2007, Lawton will serve as the host site of the biennial convening of the state's arts and cultural sector. The purpose of the conference serves as an opportunity for networking and professional development for arts and cultural organizations across Oklahoma.

Join us and Oklahoma Arts Council at the Hilton Garden Inn Lawton Fort Sill and Convention Center as The Oklahoma Arts Conference brings together hundreds of Oklahomans from the arts in one location where participants get equipped for success, gain and share ideas, and celebrate Oklahoma's vibrant and growing creative industry.

For the first time at McMahon Memorial Auditorium

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Motown on the McMahon stage. Join us for an evening of nostalgia, dance, and incredible Motown music!

Tickets are available for purchase now at SWOKarts.com or visit the Arts and Humanities office located on the west side of McMahon Memorial Auditorium, 801 NW Ferris, or call 580-581-3470.

If you purchase tickets to attend the Oklahoma Arts Conference and provide proof of purchase, you will receive a 25% discount on your Forever Motown show tickets.



SCAN NOW FOR TICKETS!

DIRECT FROM NEW YORK - THE ORIGINAL CAST

FOREVER MOTOWN

Nine all-star performers, including former members of **THE MARVELETTES**, and an all-star band in a full stage production of your favorite hit songs from **ALL THE MOTOWN LEGENDS**

THEO PEOPLES
Former Lead Singer
THE FOUR TOPS

TRACI ROBINSON-GREEN
Former Lead Singer
THE MARVELETTES

GLENN LEONARD
Former Lead Singer
THE TEMPTATIONS

The **HIT MUSICAL** is now featuring **THREE MOTOWN LEGENDS** joining the ORIGINAL CAST!

MCMAHON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 7:30 PM
SWOKARTS.COM

For more information call 580-581-3470 or visit McMahon Memorial Auditorium 801 NW Ferris Ave. Lawton, OK

THE GILDED AGE



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

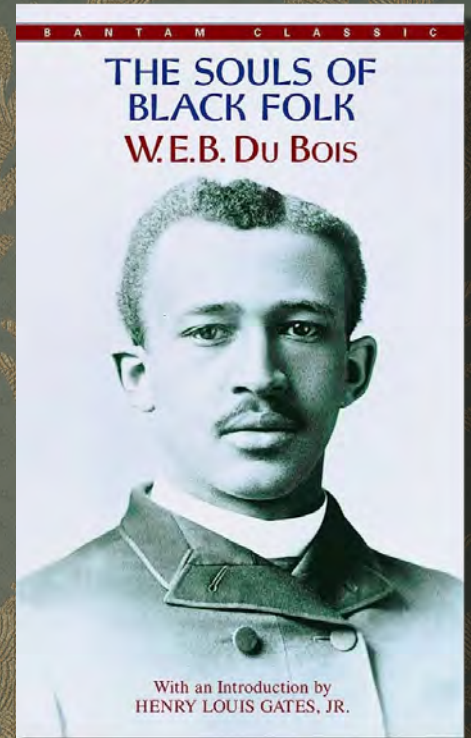
FEATURED SPEAKER:
DR. JUDY NEALE

OCTOBER 19, 2023 @ 6PM

CAMERON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The theme for this year's discussion is "The Gilded Age," a defining period in American history that occurred between the Civil War and the turn of the 20th century.

For more information visit SWOKarts.com



2023 Lawton Cultural Awards and the Art Purchase Competition Award Nomination Forms Now Open



2022 Citizen in the Arts Recipient Teresa Lopez presented by Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woommavoh

The City of Lawton's Arts and Humanities Division and the McMahon Auditorium Authority is excited to announce the commencement of the nomination process for the 2023 Lawton Cultural Awards and the Art Purchase Competition Award.

The Art Purchase Competition Award, sponsored by the McMahon Auditorium Authority, provides an opportunity for artists to showcase their talents. The McMahon Auditorium Authority Arts and Humanities Committee will serve as the jury, selecting three pieces of artwork from one artist. These chosen artworks will be presented to the three winners of the 2023 Lawton Cultural Awards, and the artist will receive a prize of \$900.00 for their three pieces.

The nomination process is now open, and we encourage all members of the Lawton community to participate. Nominations can be submitted by visiting SWOKarts.com and filling out the nomination forms. The deadline for submissions is **November 3rd, 2023.**



Free Family Movie Nights at McMahon Auditorium

Fidelity Communications partnered with the McMahon Auditorium Authority to bring Free Family Movie Nights to Lawton! Featuring the entire Harry Potter eight movie series, McMahon Auditorium will host each film the first Friday of every month, unless otherwise stated. We continue the series with Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets on Friday, November 3rd at 6:30pm.



WELCOME NEW STAFF



Reagan Williams
Administrative Assistant

Reagan Williams joined the City of Lawton Arts and Humanities Division in June 2023. Williams received her associate degree from the Community College of Rhode Island in 2014. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree with a concentration in Vocal Performance in the Spring of 2020. Growing up, Williams was a member of the Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus, the local Homeschool Shakespeare Festival, and the occasional community theatre performance. Since 2018, Williams has worked as the office manager for Lawton Ballet Theatre, where she has music-directed and sound-designed seven shows and worked as a backstage tech in 12 of their productions.



Joseph Cox
Maintenance Tech

Joseph Cox was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, and attended Waurika High School. Cox graduated from Central State University, obtaining his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA). Cox is retired from Army, working in Field Artillery. In his free time, Cox enjoys hunting and Fishing and spending time with his two children.

NEXT MONTH AT A GLANCE

MONTH



Friday
the 3rd

Fidelity Free Family Move Night
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
McMahon Memorial Auditorium
6:30 PM



Sunday
the 5th

Premier Productions Presents: CAIN
Live and in Color
McMahon Memorial Auditorium
7:00 PM



Thursday
the 9th

Rush Concerts Presents:
Newsboys
McMahon Memorial Auditorium
7:00 PM



Sunday
the 19th

Southstar Dance Academy
Holiday Production
McMahon Memorial Auditorium
TBA

