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Art Talk: What is the public value of the arts? Tell state Arts Board

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The **Wisconsin Arts Board** will embark on the second of its annual series of town meetings in Madison, on Thursday, Nov. 8, in Room 260 on the Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King J. Blvd. (across the street from the City-County Building), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The public is invited to participate as the meeting covers a range of topics, and focuses primarily on the imminent changes to the state grants programs.

For more information, contact **Madison Arts Commission director Karin Wolf** at 608 261-9134 or at KWolf@cityofmadison.com

For the past four years, constituents around the state have participated in focus groups, virtual conversations and one on one visits to tell us about the changes you would like to see to our grants programs.

This year's agenda will also cover a discussion of the "public value" of the arts, the recent Arts and Economic Prosperity study conducted in Dane County courtesy of the Overture Center for the Arts and on a statewide level courtesy of the Wisconsin Arts Board, and a report on news and trends from around the state.

For more information on the town meeting schedule and the meeting agenda beyond Madison, contact Karen Goeschko, Assistant Director for Programs and Services at the Wisconsin Arts Board, 101 E. Wilson St., 1st Floor, Madison WI 53703. You can also contact her at 608-267-2026 or karen.goeschko@wisconsin.gov, or at the board's Web site: <http://www.arts.state.wi.us/static/pr/pr101507.htm>.

What would you tell the state arts board about the state of

the arts in Wisconsin and especially in the Madison area?

What would you say to them about the "public value" of the arts?

Tell Art Talk, and then Art Talk will forward your responses to the arts board.

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