

## **Arts Escape Workshops for Anyone Touched by Cancer**

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The Sioux Falls Arts Council is teaming up with the Avera Cancer Institute to offer arts workshops in visual, literary and performing arts for anyone touched by cancer in the Sioux Empire. *Arts Escape* workshops are modeled after successful arts workshops at The *Creative Center* in New York and funded by the **LIVESTRONG** Foundation, with additional support from the South Dakota Arts Council. Local artists, some of whom are cancer patients themselves, will be conducting workshops this fall in Sioux Falls with little or no cost to participants. Participants can be a cancer survivor who has beat the disease, a cancer thriver who is battling the disease or anyone who is a part of the patient's life.

Sioux Falls Arts Council Interim Executive Director, Nan Baker acknowledges the power of art. "Art walks with us during joyous, exciting times and dark, complicated experiences. Art moves us into the light where hope lives."

Avera Cancer Institute Art Therapist, Carol Rogers is excited about the partnership to support the cancer community. "The Avera Cancer Institute is thrilled to partner with the Sioux Falls Arts Council to provide these arts based workshops to the cancer community. Avera has a long tradition in encouraging the arts to enhance a person's health and wellbeing. We look forward to engaging anyone in the community that has been touched by cancer in these arts workshops."

The fall workshops include creative writing for adults and children, painting, crafts, and holiday ornament making. *Art Escape* workshops will continue all year. For more information or to register for workshops, go to the Sioux Falls Arts Council website at [www.artsSiouxFalls.org](http://www.artsSiouxFalls.org) or call 271-6696.

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