

Art Proposal for the Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival

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Summary:

I propose to facilitate a linocut printmaking activity that will feature images of four local macroinvertebrates at the Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival on Sept. 19th, 2026. Participants of all ages will be able to create their own prints on cards with information about the respective macroinvertebrate on the reverse. This will support the event's goals of offering educational and accessible programming and will offer participants a memento of the event to take home.

Qualifications:

I have more than twenty years of experience teaching hands-on visual art workshops and classes in a variety of media and contexts. My undergraduate degree was in technical theatre and art history; my masters and doctoral studies focused on premodern art history and religion. I am currently the gallery director at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis and teach in the art history department at the University of Minnesota. I am also a practicing artist, working primarily in egg tempera painting and mixed-media sculpture.

Scope in:

- Creation of linocut blocks of four macroinvertebrates (e.g., stonefly, caddisfly, dragonfly, mayfly)
 - Includes acquiring and preparing supplies (lino blocks, paper, ink), researching, and developing texts and images (sketches and cutting the blocks)
- Facilitation of art activity at the Community Watershed Celebration and Bird Festival on Sept. 19th, 2026
 - Includes set up beforehand, facilitation from 10am-1pm, clean up afterwards

Scope out:

- At this time, the lino blocks themselves are not included in this proposal; the Brown's Creek Watershed District may request to purchase them.

Fee proposal:

Time/Labor:

Research and drawing: 2 hrs

Composing and printing information texts; cutting paper: 2 hrs

Carving blocks and creating test prints: 5 hrs

Event (travel, set up, facilitation, clean up): 6 hrs

15 hours total at \$50/hr = \$750

Estimated material cost

A 8x10 in. sheet of lino: \$10

Cardstock in 2-3 colors: \$20

Water-based printing ink: \$20

\$50

TOTAL: \$800