

RURAL ARTS & CREATIVITY

Economic & Community Development and Engagement for the 21st Century

Lunch 'n Learn

April 27, 2017, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

UW-Extension, 211 Hickory Street, Mauston, WI 53948



Anne Katz
Executive Director
Arts Wisconsin

Anne Katz is Executive Director of Arts Wisconsin, Wisconsin's non-profit statewide community arts action, service, and development organization. Arts Wisconsin's mission is to nurture, serve, promote and speak up for the arts in Wisconsin and all of its communities. Under her leadership, Arts Wisconsin received the 2004 Governor's Award in Support of the Arts from the Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts. Ms. Katz received the Alene Valkanas State Arts Advocacy Award from Americans for the Arts in June 2010, and has been honored by Wisconsin Woman Magazine in March 2010 and by Madison Magazine in June 2004 for her community cultural development work. She was also recognized in 2008 and 2009 as one of the 25 most powerful arts leaders in the country, according to "Barry's Blog," an influential and widely-read arts blog written by former California Arts Council director Barry Hessenius.

Anne has worked with arts organizations in Madison and across the country, including the Madison Civic Center, Madison Committee for the Arts, Madison Repertory Theatre, O'Neill Theatre Center in Waterford, CT, and The Big Apple Circus, New Dramatists, Inc., and The Feld Ballet in NYC. Ann is a graduate of the Leadership Wisconsin program.

Topic will include:

- How the arts and creativity can play an important role in rural community development
- Midwestern success stories on using the arts for rural community development
- The impact of the arts in rural communities
- Examples of policies, processes and strategies used by successful communities in developing a community based arts economy
- Opportunities for the future in community arts development
- Dialogue session/Question and Answer

As the Community Resource and Economic Development Agent for the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Juneau County, Kirking works with communities, organizations, and business and industry in the areas of strategic planning, economic and business development, strategic problem solving, new business startups, and other services to help them in their development and in maintaining a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Kirking coordinates the *Lunch 'n Learn* Professional Development Series, Advanced Leadership Program in Juneau County and serves as the Co-Chair of the Leadership Wisconsin Global Economics Seminars as well as other educational and experiential learning opportunities. He has extensive work experience with entrepreneurs and has helped over 400 start-up companies in western Wisconsin. He has presented his work on rural development and entrepreneurship internationally as well. Kirking was recognized for his Rural Development work in 1999 for having one of the top rural development initiatives in Wisconsin by then Governor Tommy Thompson. Kirking is a certified Achieve Global facilitator, is a Dale Carnegie Graduate Assistant, and recently completed the full Covey 7 Habits coursework.



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As part of the *Lunch 'n Learn* Educational Program Series brought to you by Juneau County UW-Extension

RSVP by April 25, 2017 4:00 pm

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Pre - registration is appreciated due to limited seating and meal planning.

Adults \$15 - Students \$10 Includes lunch, program, and materials.

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- University of Wisconsin Extension, Juneau County Community Development
- Mauston Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mauston Area Schools
- Juneau County Economic Development Corporation