

# MontiArts Dec/Jan Update

## Glow Season is upon us!

MontiArts is very busy with all things Glow right now, including workshops, classes, and lantern making throughout the community. A group of Teen Interns has been revisiting their large Dragon lantern, working on updates and modifications from last year over the past month.

We are offering four free lantern-making workshops between now and Glow Day (February 28, 6–9pm at the MCC and West Bridge Park). These opportunities are made possible in part through a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB).



**MontiArts**  
**Building GlowFest Together**

GlowFest workshops are at the heart of what makes this event special. In the weeks leading up to the festival, community members of all ages come together to design, build, and create artwork that becomes part of GlowFest itself. From lantern-making to large collaborative pieces, these workshops are about more than learning new skills—they're about making something for and with the community.

**Workshops Opportunities**

- Large Lantern Workshops**  
Join the FREE Large Lantern Workshops with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre to learn lantern-making techniques and help create a large community lantern for GlowFest—ages 14+  
**Tues/Thurs January 27/29 & Feb 3/5**  
\*Potential extra sessions to complete the lantern
- Family Make & Take- Troll hat workshop**  
Family or Team workshop (parents will need to help due to hot glue), join us for making GlowFest wearable art! Open house style, registration necessary for supplies and staffing  
**Saturday, February, 21st 9am-Noon**
- Family Lantern Make & Take Workshops**  
FREE Family Lantern Workshops with artists from In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre—create one glowing lantern per family team to carry at GlowFest!  
**2 sessions- Tues Feb 17th or Feb 24th 6-9pm**



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**IN THE HEART OF THE BEAST**

The Large Lantern Workshops offer a unique chance to work alongside professional artists from In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre, a nationally recognized organization known for their large-scale puppets and illuminated community artworks. Participants will learn hands-on lantern-making techniques while collaborating to create a large sculptural lantern that will be carried together during GlowFest.

These workshops are FREE, made possible through grant funding, and are open to participants ages 14 and up due to the use of sharp tools and hot materials. The series includes four workshop sessions, with additional sessions added if time allows, offering a rare behind-the-scenes look at how large community lanterns are designed and built. If you're interested in learning new skills, working as part of a creative team, and helping bring GlowFest to life in a big way, this is an exciting opportunity to be part of something truly special. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

**Tuesday and Thursdays, starting January 27th 6-9 Pm**  
Additional sessions may be added  
Sign up here

Open Studio sessions and 2nd Saturdays/Open Mic Night continue to be well attended, reinforcing our mission of creativity connecting community and creating accessible opportunities for participation.



## Community Impact:

So far this year, MontiArts has created over 230 opportunities for community participation, including classes, workshops, open studios, performances, volunteer roles, and teen internship experiences.



We are also beginning planning for summer programming and are currently writing grants for the Minnesota State Arts Board, CMAB, and securing community sponsors.

**We can't wait to see you at  
GLOW! ✨**