

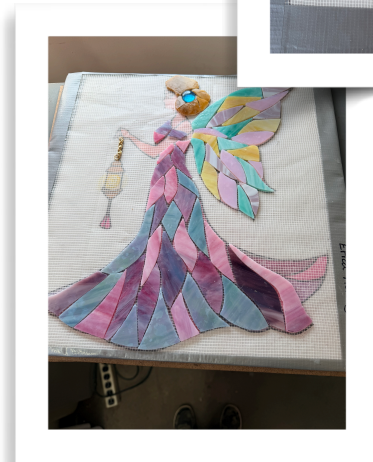
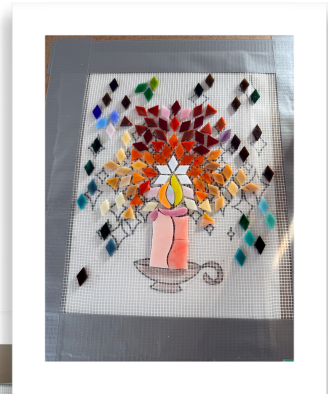
March 2026

Winter to Spring

GlowFest 2026 was a tremendous success. On one of the coldest nights of the month, more than 400 people came together to celebrate our shared community, culture, and city. We saw our largest crowd to date, with strong participation in the lantern workshops leading up to the event. This year's featured sculpture, Twizzles the Unicorn, was a standout and quickly became a community favorite. We are grateful for the support of the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), whose funding helped make both the workshops and event possible. The success of GlowFest continues to highlight the impact and enthusiasm around community-created art.



Following GlowFest, we transitioned directly into Phase 2 of the 2025–2026 Community Mosaic Seating Project, also supported in part by CMAB. Lead artist Sue Seeger has completed the first of four chair structures, with assistance from Derek in the Parks Department on the metal base.



These chairs will be covered with individually created mosaic sections (approximately 16” x 16” or smaller) and, when completed, will be placed throughout the downtown area. As we move into spring, we will continue recruiting participants to contribute to this collaborative project. With four chairs to complete, there are many opportunities for community members to get involved.

Thank you for your continued support of MontiArts and community-based public art. We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue creating meaningful, community-driven art experiences.

Erica and the MontiArts Team