

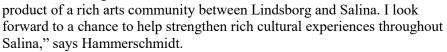


SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES ANNOUNCES NEW ARTS SERVICES COORDINATOR

(Salina, KS 08-22) Brad Anderson, Executive Director of Salina Arts & Humanities, announces that Crystal Hammerschmidt has been selected as the agency's new Arts Services Coordinator.

Raised in Smolan, KS,
Hammerschmidt most recently lived and
worked in Hays, KS, where she recently
completed her Master of Fine Arts in
printmaking and sculpture at Fort Hays State
University (FHSU). She also lived in
Lawrence, KS, for twelve years and was
involved in projects with the Lawrence Arts
Center, Lawrence Public Schools, the
Douglas County Food Policy Council, and
managed a local screen printing shop.

"I strongly believe access for all to the arts within our community is vital to the development of artists and community members of all ages. I am fortunate to be a



Her artistic practice is currently about objects in nature and how they relate to one another. As a mixed media artist-printmaker, she combines relief cuts, lithography, etching, silkscreen, cast metals, and fabric. "I have always enjoyed studying science, and I find the natural world to be a curious and magical place, ripe for exploring."

This past June, Hammerschmidt participated in an international project in Rudolstadt, Thuringia, Germany, with a team of artists, former FHSU faculty, and students. There they built a cupola furnace for smelting iron. The furnace will be the center performance of an international cast iron festival in 2024 in Saalfeld, Thuringia. "This opportunity took place at the crossroads of industry, art, and community and has given me a unique perspective on how to approach large-scale projects. I'm excited to apply this process to the public art projects here in Salina."

"Crystal will be a great addition to the Arts & Humanities team", commented Anderson, "Her strong arts practice and familiarity with central Kansas will allow her to get a jump-start in connecting with the community."

For Salina Arts & Humanities, Hammerschmidt will oversee the Smoky Hill River Festival's juried art show, demo artists, outdoor Art Installations, and the Art Patron Program. She also will serve as the primary



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liaison to the Community Art & Design Program and its advisory committee and will serve as a regional public art and visual arts resource.

To reach Hammerschmidt, contact SAH at 785-309-5770 or at crystal.hammerschmidt@salina.org. Explore her artistic practice at www.diamondzendirt.com/.

For needed accommodations, please call Amanda Morris at Salina Arts & Humanities at 785-309-5770 between 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to accommodate known disabilities. For material or speech access, please call at least five working days prior to the event.

Salina Arts & Humanities, a department of the City of Salina, has served a unique role as an arts advocate and resource partner since 1966. The Smoky Hill River Festival, Horizons Grants Program, Smoky Hill Museum, Arts Infusion Program in schools, Community Art & Design, and Creative Connections are among the programs of Salina Arts & Humanities, located at 211 W. Iron Avenue in Salina.

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