BURA offers rental aid to artists, galleries

The Brighton Urban Renewal Authority has created the Brighton Hearts the Arts grant program to help with rental costs for local artists who occupy space in the downtown urban renewal area. Click here to apply.

The program will be seeded with $25,000 during 2021. Grant funding will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional appropriations can be considered during BURA’s budget preparation.

Artists can apply for a grant that will cover up to 50% of their annual or monthly lease, not to exceed $15,000 annually per award. Grants will be made available to qualified applicants as determined by the BURA commissioners.

The program is open to arts-focused nonprofits, as well as for-profit art galleries and art studios that meet the following criteria:

- Nonprofit applicants: The applicant must be a 501(c)(3) per the Internal Revenue Code and in good standing.
- For-profit applicants: The applicant must meet the following criteria: Museum / Art Gallery / Artist Space: The facility’s principal function and mission must be to exhibit, create, present, and/or sell artistic work in a variety of media produced by an artist, artist collective, or arts and culture organization, accessible by public audiences.

Click link to learn more about the program and to apply.

Awards for Rental Assistance shall be approved/denied at the sole discretion of the BURA commissioners. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have met all requirements of the application until the funds are dispersed. Award in previous year does not imply continued support.

Funeral notices

Jackie (Jack) Lee Nagy, 82, died May 28. A native of Brighton, he was born to Mike and Sophia (Miklaus) Nagy. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1957. Jack joined the Navy in 1957 and served 10 years as an F-8 aircraft mechanic. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, two Bronze Stars and the Republic of South Vietnam Campaign Medal. Jack married Carmen (Rosales). She preceded him in death. He worked as a truck driver and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Brighton. Survivors include son Calvin (LeeAnn) Nagy of Ocala, FL, daughter Beth (Louie) Pacheco of Laurel, Mont., stepson Tim Rosales of Brighton, stepdaughter Carla Abeyta of Thornton; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He loved volunteering to coach youth baseball teams. Viewing, 5-7 p.m., Thursday at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Graveside service, 12:15 p.m., Friday at Hillside Cemetery, Fort Lupton. www.taborfuneralhome.com

Norman M. Lopez, 79, of Brighton, died Feb. 3. He was born in Weston to John P. and Emma C. Lopez. The family moved to the Denver area in the 1960s. He married Marian Gamueda. They built a home together in unincorporated Adams County, moved to Thornton, back to Southern Colorado, then North Denver and, finally, to Brighton. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Marian M. Lopez; siblings Gerald Lopez (Anne living), Vivian (Jim) McPhilomy, Patricia (Murl) Honeycutt, Johnny Lopez (Madelynn living). Survivors include his sister, Loretta (Cecil) Johnson of Arvada; and brother, Sam (Sylvia) Lopez. Norm’s bright and joyous spirit touched many lives in profound ways through his true charm and genuine interest in them. He was rightfully proud of having built the home he and Marian lived in for 20 years, enjoying the “rural” lifestyle. Celebration of Life will be held Saturday at the home of Sam and Sylvia Lopez. Contact one of them or a family member for address and to RSVP, if planning to attend. www.legacy.com

Mary “Lorraine” Sylvia Dean, 76, of Brighton, died June 1. She was born in Oakland, Calif., to Robert and Lola (Gallegos) Romero. Mary married Joe Dean. At their business’ peak, Dean’s Farm Produce was one of the most sought-after chile farms in northern Colorado. Survivors include children Robert Dean of Thornton, Joseph Dean of Evans, Pete Dean of Casper, Wyo., and Lorraine (Mario) Mrva of Arvada; and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; and daughter, Mary Angelina. Rosary, 11 a.m., Wednesday at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with funeral Mass to follow at 11:30 a.m., and burial following the service at Elmwood Cemetery. www.taborfuneralhome.com

Mary Ann Wells, 88, of Brighton, died April 29. Services, 11 a.m., Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. legacy.com