



# Northern Arts News

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## Guest Commentary: Bemidji: A Community of Arts

By Kate Carter

"Arts change the ethos of a community. They enliven it; they activate the public life." These are the words of Rocco Landesman, the new chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. He's right, of course. The arts breathe life into communities in the form of awareness, creativity, open-mindedness, expression, passion and understanding.

They've certainly breathed a life force into Bemidji. Creative energy has brimmed here for decades.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra has delivered transcending experiences since 1938. Bemidji Chorale has wowed audiences with high-caliber performances for over 30 years and the Paul Bunyan Playhouse for 60 years. Bemidji State University's performing arts, visual arts and English departments have provided delectable stimuli since the early 1900s. Bemidji Community Arts Center has incubated and promoted of the arts since 1982. Headwaters School for Music and the Arts has been cultivating talent since 1992.

Organizations including, but not limited to, KG Entertainment, the Bemidji Community Theatre, the Wild Rose Theatre, Gallery North and the Northern Minnesota Crafts Women enhance the artistic landscape of the community and the lives of residents.

For generations, the arts have woven into the fabric of Bemidji life enriching lives, creating a warmer and aware existence.

Until fairly recently, Bemidji's art scene was behind the scenes while the outdoor recreation scene took center stage. In the mid-90s, a group of purpose driven folks gathered together to change that. Their vision was that Bemidji be recognized as much for the arts as for the outdoor recreation.

They brainstormed how to attain the goal.

A list was compiled:

- More media attention on the arts,
- Local businesses showcasing local artists,
- A formal study on the economic impact of the arts in the community, and
- A plethora of public art.

To date, that list has been fulfilled.

The Bemidji Pioneer arts column has grown to nearly an entire page. Shows like "Common Ground" and "In Focus" showcase area artists on Lakeland News. Community radio stations like KAXE regularly interview artists in regard to their craft, life-path and how the two guide one another.

Every month, area businesses dutifully undress walls, making room for a new local artist's show.

An economic impact study was completed, indicating that in the counties of Region 2, the arts bring in a minimum of 2 million dollars annually.

Multiple murals radiate positive energy through the downtown area.

The sculpture walk draws visitors and perspectives from across the land.

So, what do "arts community visionaries" see from today's vantage point? I had the opportunity to chat with two of them, Sandy Kaul and Dennis Montgomery.

They project:

- Powerful, possibly even mobile, temporary public art.
- More Native American art.
- Murals on steroids – think beyond

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## R2AC Offers Grants

Contingent upon funding, R2AC has several upcoming grant deadlines for eligible artists and art organizations in the five-county area of Region 2, which includes Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnommen Counties.

### Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

August 12 & January 19

Available to artists, arts organizations, cultural heritage groups, nonprofit organizations and local governments. The grant supports arts activities in Arts and Arts Access, Arts Education and Arts and Cultural Heritage to produce high quality arts activities, public art, artist residencies in schools, life-long arts education and arts and cultural heritage projects.

### Arts Project Grants

September 15 & March 10

For any organization, school or community group that needs funding assistance with an arts project or event.

### Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants

October 6 & March 2

Grants awarded to individuals for projects that address AAI's mission of supporting, maintaining and promoting traditional and contemporary Native American art.

### Individual Artists Grants

October 7 & February 10

Designed for artists at various career stages for production or exhibition of art, performances, workshop fees, materials/equipment, mentorships and projects.

For information and applications, contact R2AC. 218-751-5447 or 800-275-5447. Visit: <http://r2arts.org> or e-mail: [staff@r2arts.com](mailto:staff@r2arts.com).

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merely the side of a building; think the entire building!

- A high quality art museum complete with a framing house, ample storage, and world class exhibits.
- A city council that understands the power the arts have on a community to drive tourism, improve lifestyles, enhance our surroundings, and cultivate social change.

Bemidji is an arts community. Accessible, inspirational stimuli nourish this town, enlivening it and activating public life. Thank goodness.

Oh. . .and you can fish here, too.

*Kate Carter lives in Bemidji and works as Program Assistant at the R2AC.*

### R2AC Awards Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants

Region 2 Arts Council awarded \$2,390 through the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Program which is funded through an appropriation from the McKnight Foundation.

**Clem May** was awarded \$700 to produce a CD with original music.

**Ronald Wind** received \$500 to produce a CD with original music.

**North Country Museum of Arts** was awarded \$490 to conduct a workshop exploring native heritage and culture through art.

**Nichole Butcher** received \$700 to purchase a computer to create a website to sell artwork.

### Special Thanks to Outgoing R2AC Board Members

Thank you to Marilyn Melby, Clearwater County, and Christine Rudnicki, Lake of the Woods County, for volunteering their time and knowledge as members of the Board of Directors. Their dedication in serving on the Region 2 Arts Council Board was appreciated. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

### Showcase Artist

## Malisa VanMaasdam

*"Leaves and Lines"*  
24 x 36"  
Watercolor on monopaper



*~See Page 4 for more from Malisa~*

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We welcome:

- story topic ideas;
- guest commentary topic ideas;
- names to add to our mailing list;
- collaboration and registration notifications.

To submit information and/or to be added to our mailing list, contact the R2AC office:

Call: 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447

FAX: 218-751-2777

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GUEST COMMENTARY inquiries are invited. Submit your topic idea to Terri Widman by telephone, FAX, or e-mail. Selected works must be previously unpublished and fit within the space allotment.

Due to the advanced print deadlines of this publication, we suggest that you call to confirm dates, times, and other pertinent information about events and opportunities listed here.

## *R2AC Offers Free Grant Writing Workshops*

The Region 2 Arts Council will offer free grant writing workshops for those interested in applying for a McKnight Career Development Fellowship, Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant, Arts Project Grant, Individual Artist Grant or Anishinaabe Arts Initiative grant within the Region 2 area (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen counties). These workshops will familiarize potential applicants with the application process, what projects are eligible, how to develop a project budget and other tips.

The **McKnight Career Development Fellowship** is open to established artists in all disciplines who show a commitment to their career. This fellowship provides opportunity for career development experiences. **Two \$6,000 fellowships** will be awarded per year.

The **Arts and Cultural Heritage** grant writing session is open to artists in all disciplines, any non-profit organization, school (including community education offices) and units of government. These grants support: Arts Activities and Arts Access, Education, and Cultural Heritage. Individual artists can apply for **grants up to \$3,000** and organizations can apply for **grants up to \$6,000**.

The **Arts Project** grant writing session is open to any non-profit organization, school (including community education offices) and units of government. These grants offer funding for art projects including costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists and artists-in-residence. Organizations can apply for **grants up to \$3,000**.

The **Individual Artist** grant writing session is open to artists in all disciplines. These grants offer funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance or production of work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for work; educational opportunities; mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities. Artists can apply for **grants up to \$1,000**.

The **Anishinaabe Arts Initiative** grant is open to individual Native American artists in all disciplines. These grants offer funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance or production of a creative work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for a creative work; educational opportunities; mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities. Artists can apply for **grants up to \$1,000**.

### *Workshop Dates*

<b>Park Rapids</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>Public Library Conf. Rm.</b>	<b>Mahnomen</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>Red Apple Cafe</b>
Individual Artist Grant/ McKnight Career Development Fellowship		5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Individual Artist Grant/ McKnight Career Development Fellowship		4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant		6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant		5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Arts Project Grant		7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Arts Project Grant		6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Bagley</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Faith Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Red Lake</b>	<b>Aug. 26</b>	<b>Tribal Council HQ Bldg.</b>
Individual Artist Grant/ McKnight Career Development Fellowship		5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant		4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant		6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Ogema</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Minwanjige Cafe</b>
Arts Project Grant		7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant		4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
<b>Bemidji</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>R2AC Office</b>	<b>Cass Lake</b>	<b>Aug. 19</b>	<b>Leech Lake Tribal Hdqts.</b>
Individual Artist Grant/ McKnight Career Development Fellowship		5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant		3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant		6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>Bemidji</b>	<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>R2AC Office</b>
Arts Project Grant		7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant		5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Baudette</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>LOW High School ITV</b>	<b><u>ADVANCE REGISTRATION is required. To reserve a place in a free workshop or for further information, please call 218-751-5447 or 1-800-257-5447, or e-mail: staff@r2arts.org.</u></b>		
Individual Artist Grant/ McKnight Career Development Fellowship		5:00 - 6:30 p.m.			
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant		6:30 - 7:30 p.m.			
Arts Project Grant		7:30 - 8:30 p.m.			

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Call for Artists

Bemidji Community Art Center and Bemidji State University Visual Arts Department announce the 8th annual

### It's Only Clay 2010 Juried Ceramics Competition and Exhibit

This year's juror is artist and potter Simon Levin.

**Submission Deadline:  
Sept. 3 (postmarked)**

**Application fee:  
\$30 for 3 entries**

Prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners equaling \$1,600.

Purchase awards for the Margaret Harlow Vessel Collection at BSU.

For more information, contact BCAC at 218-444-7570 or [bcac@paulbunyan.net](mailto:bcac@paulbunyan.net). For application, visit [www.bcac.wordpress.com](http://www.bcac.wordpress.com).

### Jerome Foundation Emerging Printmakers Residency

Highpoint Center for Printmaking is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art of printmaking. Highpoint is pleased to announce three printmaking residencies for emerging artists beginning in Sept. 2010.

An emerging artist is defined as an artist who shows significant potential, yet has not received a commensurate amount of professional accomplishments and recognition.

**Application deadline:** July 19  
**Residency dates:** Sept. 2010 - May 2011

Artists from ALL areas of Minnesota are eligible. Minority and under-represented artists are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information, visit [www.highpointprintmaking.org](http://www.highpointprintmaking.org). Contact Joanne Price at 612-871-1326 or at [info@highpointprintmaking.org](mailto:info@highpointprintmaking.org).

Bemidji Community Arts Center

Spoken Word Event  
by poet Sean Hill

Reading: 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at BCAC

Workshop:

*Containing Your Obsessions:  
Writing the Villanelle*

August 14 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Cost: \$35 for adults, \$20 for students  
Region 2 Arts Council Office

Workshop will provide participants with strategies for creating poetry within the constraints of the villanelle, a repetitive rhyming poetic form with French origins. Participants will be led through writing the first draft of a villanelle and will leave with the start of a great poem.

Register at Bemidji Community Art Center, 426 Bemidji Ave N. For more information, call 218-444-7570 or visit [www.bcac.wordpress.com](http://www.bcac.wordpress.com).

### About the Showcase Artist

## Malisa VanMaasdam

### Artist's Statement:

*I am a BSU BFA graduate who studies the human form. Working most recently with watercolors and print mediums, I find that the figure may be expressed in more organic terms.*

*"Snake"  
12 x 36"*

*Pen and ink on blotter paper*



We are excited to announce that the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors has approved a new logo designed by Tim Nelsen.



### Pequana Playhouse

presents

### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

July 19-24, 2010

Lake of the Woods School Auditorium

Facilitated by Prairie Fire Theatre and sponsored by Pequana Playhouse

Auditions: Monday, July 19  
8 a.m.

Rehearsals: 8 - 12 noon each day

Performances: Friday 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 2 p.m.

Participation is free.

Performances: \$5 per person  
\$20 per family

Children must be age 7 or older to participate and must attend every rehearsal. No absences are permitted.

For more information, contact Elissa Breuer at 634-1350 for information.

This activity is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Region 2 Arts Council through funding from the Minnesota legislature.

## HEADWATERS SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS EVENTS

### Songwriting Workshop

Composer and musician Andrew Green will teach Beginning and Intermediate songwriting classes. Learn how to write music and lyrics and create finished songs. Bring your instruments, writing notebooks and pencils to each session.

Saturdays: July 24 & 31, August 7 & 14  
Cost: \$75 for all four sessions

Beginning: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Intermediate: 3 - 5 p.m.

To register for this popular class, call 218-444-5606.

### Drama Camp... for Kids!

August 23-27, 2010

Each Day, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at HSMA

A week long drama camp with Positive Kids Performing Arts of Superior, WI featuring "Stone in the Road" By Kristi Thielen. This play is casting students who have completed 2nd - 6th grade.

**Final performance:** Friday, August 27, 2010 at 7:00pm. at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji.

Cost: \$100 per child. Register by Aug. 13 by calling 218-444-5606.

### Watercolor Workshop With Paul Jackson, AWS, NWS

August 26, 27 & 28, 2010

Beltrami Electric meeting room

Artists will learn how to mix colors using a limited palette and how to work in thin layers of washes to build up luminous colors.

Cost: \$150. Registration deadline: July 31. Materials list available upon registration. Call 218-444-5606 to register.

### "Voices of Our Sister Worldwide" Youth Theater Workshop for Young Women grades 7- College

The Mask & Rose Women's Theater Collective will offer young women (grade 7- college) a theater workshop exploring famed playwright Eve Ensler's essays about young women around the world and a style of theater originating from Argentina and Brazil called Forum Theater.

**Workshop dates:** July 26 - 30  
**Times:** 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Wild Rose Theater

The week will end with participants creating an original theater work with original media, visual art and music. Performed on July 30th at 2:30 p.m.

The theater production will be available for tour to regional non-profits and schools once completed.

#### Instructors:

Cate Belleveau, Artistic Director of the Mask and Rose Women's Theater Collective  
Brooke Wichmann, Conflict Management and Peace Maker Instructor at Schoolcraft Learning Community

For more information, contact Cate at [kayakc2@me.com](mailto:kayakc2@me.com) or 218-243-2685.

## Northern Arts News

Submission deadline

# August 7

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

July 2  
August 6

Downtown Bemidji

More information in our  
"Calendar of Events" under each  
participating business or gallery.

### JULY

Through July and August Bemidji Community Art Center and the Northern Clay Center present six McKnight Artists featuring an artist talk and presentation by two of the ceramic artists, Andrea Leila Denecke and Marko Fields. Join us for the opening reception as part of the **First Friday** Art Walk July 2nd from 5-7 p.m. with presentation at 6 p.m. Opening in Gallery X2 – the Headwaters Basketmakers Guild with an exhibit work created in honor of the Guild's 20th Anniversary. The BCAC is free and open to the public. Hours: Tues. to Fri. 12-5 p.m. and Sat. 12-4 p.m. 426 Bemidji Ave N (Carnegie Library). [www.bcac.wordpress.com](http://www.bcac.wordpress.com) or [bcac@paulbunyan.net](mailto:bcac@paulbunyan.net). (218) 444-7570.

### Through July

**Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse** presents new works by multi-media artist Ashleigh Buck. Works include "hot wax" paintings, a technique that applies colored beeswax to clay surfaces producing textured and tangible pieces. Join us for her opening reception during the **First Friday** Art Walk, 3-5 p.m. on July 2nd. After the Art Walk, experience Wild Hare's culinary artists at the First Friday Wine Bar, from 5-9 p.m. featuring a new menu every month and wine and beer list to match. 523 Minnesota Ave. downtown Bemidji. Call 218-444-JAVA (5282).

**July 10 Bagley Art in the Park.** Bagley City Park overlooking Lake Lomond. 9 - 3 p.m. A day of art and activities. 218-694-6164.

**July 17 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** Summer Concert featuring special guest Clay S. Jenkinson as Thomas Jefferson with the Bemidji Symphony and the Bemidji Chorale in a performance of Randall Thompson's Testament of Freedom. conducted by music director Beverly Everett. 7:30 p.m., Bemidji High School Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 for adults; children get in free.

**July 21-21 Headwaters School of Music and the Arts** presents Crafts Class. Create fun clothing accessories, jewelry and art out of simple, reusable items. 4-5 p.m. For ages 8-13. Cost: \$25. Class held in the green space by Security Bank downtown. Call 218-444-5606 for more information.

### AUGUST

Through August **Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse** will present paintings by Danielle Dressler. Danielle uses bright colored acrylics to paint abstracts of animals,

life cycles and psychological states. Join us for her opening reception during the **First Friday** Art Walk, 3-5 p.m. on Aug. 6th. After the Art Walk, experience Wild Hare's own culinary artists at the First Friday Wine Bar, from 5-9 p.m. featuring a new menu every month and wine and beer list to match. 523 Minnesota Avenue downtown Bemidji. Call 444-JAVA (5282).

**Aug. 4 Bemidji Community Art Center** presents Spoken Word Event Reading by writer Sean Hill. The 7 p.m. reading at the Bemidji Community Art Center is part of the week long Bemidji Book Festival.

**Aug. 13-14 Summer Fling** Indoor Flea & Craft Market, Wadena. Features hands-on activities, exhibits and raffle drawings. 9 - 5 p.m. Cost: Free. [www.wadenafleamarket.com](http://www.wadenafleamarket.com). 218-640-1126.

**Aug. 14 TIN PAN gALLERy** presents artist/author Don Houseman as he celebrates the publication of new children's book he wrote and illustrated. Reception at the TIN PAN gALLERy in Blackduck from 11-1 p.m. Reading by the author at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The gallery is located in the Blackduck History and

Bemidji Community Art Center's

### 43rd Annual Art in the Park

Fine Arts and Craft Fair

July 17 and 18

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Over 100 artists presenting ceramics, jewelry, stained glass, clothing, painting and much more! Located in Library Park on Bemidji Avenue next to the Historic Carnegie Library in downtown Bemidji.

For more information, call 218-444-7570, e-mail [bcac@paulbunyan.net](mailto:bcac@paulbunyan.net) or visit [www.bcac.wordpress.com](http://www.bcac.wordpress.com)

Art Center at Main and Margaret.  
Hours: Thurs.-Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat.  
10-4 p.m. 218-835-4478.

**Aug. 14 Beltrami County Historical Society** will celebrate its 9th Annual Depot Day Fest from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the History Center, 130 Minnesota Ave. SW, Bemidji. This fundraising event features music, flea marketers, antiques and collectibles, arts and crafts, children's activities, horse and wagon rides, square dancing and Middle Eastern dance. Fun, food and entertainment for the entire family. For more information, call 218-444-3376.

*Summer State Park Series*

Sit back, relax and enjoy music in the natural beauty at our state park this summer. Performances at Lake Bemidji State Park Ampitheater.

- July 10 Tom Groshens and Friends  
7:30 p.m.
- July 25 Bill and Kate Isles  
1:30 p.m.
- July 31 Northern Bass  
7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 8 Picnic at the Park  
1:30 p.m. Ruby Tuesday & Mark Fogelson, Historical Charachers & more
- Aug. 14 Jeff Sawyer  
7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21 The Pine Tones  
7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Lance Benson  
1:30 p.m.

All concerts are free but there is a freewill donation opportunity at each concert.

*Bemidji Area Church Musicians*

*2010 Summer Recital Series*  
Wednesdays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.

- July 7 Dr. Beverly Everett, organ  
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
- July 14 Lois Simonson, piano  
Evangelical Covenant
- July 21 Glenn Seibel, euphonium  
Wayne Hoff, piano  
United Methodist Church
- July 28 Calvary Musicians  
Calvary Lutheran Church
- Aug. 4 Wayne Hoff, organ  
Aardahl Lutheran
- Aug. 11 Joe Henry, piano, organ  
St. Philip's Church
- Aug. 18 Muff Magelssesn, organ  
Don MacKinnon, piano  
The Other Mountain Remnant Band  
First Presbyterian Church
- Aug. 25 Kenneth J. Wold, organ  
Mike Fiske, violin  
Leah Kelm, flute, bell trees  
Tracy Parthun, bell trees  
Evangelical Free Church

Free Will Offering supports music scholarships. Lunch will be available following each recital. Costs to be announced.

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• **Jasper's Theater opens July 15!** •

• Jasper's is a live music, magic and •

• comedy theater in Park Rapids. •

• Jasper's features the finest musicians •

• from around the region including •

• Kathie Brekke, Harley Sommerfeld, •

• Wally Johnson, Travis Guida, Sari •

• Miller and Kent Karch. •

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**Summer Theater**

Long Lake Theater  
Hubbard, MN

**"The Kitchen Witches"**  
July 7 - 31

**"The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)"**  
Aug. 4 - 27

Performances are Wed. 3 p.m. and Thurs. - Sat. at 7:30 p.m.  
Call (218) 732-0099 or visit [www.longlaketheater.net](http://www.longlaketheater.net) for tickets and directions.

Northern Light Opera Company  
Park Rapids, MN

**"Godspell"**  
July 30 - Aug. 7

Performance times: 7:30 p.m.  
Aug. 1: 3 p.m.  
Century School Cafetorium,  
501 Helton Ave., Park Rapids  
Tickets available at [www.northernlightopera.org](http://www.northernlightopera.org) and at the door.

Paul Bunyan Playhouse  
Bemidji, MN

**"Bram Stoker's Dracula"**  
July 7 - 17

**"The Boys Next Door"**  
July 21 - 31

**"Gypsy"**  
Aug. 4 - 14

Performances:  
Wed. - Sat. 8 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m.  
Second week: Wed. - Sat. 8 p.m.  
For tickets, call 218-751-7270 or visit [www.paulbunyanplayhouse.com](http://www.paulbunyanplayhouse.com).



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### *Noteworthy*

**Kathy Gustafson** was awarded First Place in the Professional division at the Hawley Art Show in April. The winning painting was a watercolor titled "Cactus Convention."

Five works of Blackduck artist, **Deborah Davis**, have been accepted by the Minnesota State Arts Board to commemorate Crime Victims' Rights Week. The 7th Annual Art of Recovery exhibition will be on display in the Arts Board office gallery until June 30 and be part of the St. Paul Art Crawl. Her works will be included in the traveling exhibition in late 2010 and be part of the Arts Board permanent online gallery.

**Christopher Gustafson**, Bemidji, had his welded steel sculpture "Toro" accepted into the Edina Promenade/Grandview Square sculpture venue for the June 2010 to May 2011 period. His piece is located at Grandview Square, Edina.

Bemidji author **Kent Nerburn's** latest work, *The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts and Shadows*, won the 2010 Minnesota Book Award in the category of memoir and creative non-fiction. *The Wolf at Twilight* is a continuation of the story of Indian elder, Dan, whose story began in Nerburn's book, *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*.

### R2AC Awards Arts Project Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded \$11,360 through the Arts Project Grants Program, designed for organizations and schools to create or produce an arts project or event.

**White Earth Tribal & Community College**, Mahnommen, received \$1,500 to host internationally known performance artist James Luna as artist in residence.

**Bemidji Community Arts Council** was awarded \$1,500 to secure the Northern Clay Center exhibit "Six McKnight Artists" with special guest artists Leila Denecke and Marko Fields.

**Headwaters School of Music & Arts** received \$1,500 to fund a series of music and art performances at Lake Bemidji State Park's Amphitheater.

**Pequanna Playhouse**, Baudette, received \$1,500 to assist in offering a children's theater workshop production *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*.

**Bemidji - First City of Arts Studio Cruise** was awarded \$1,500 to assist in funding a self-guided tour for the general public of working artists in Bemidji at their studios.

**Vital Communications**, Bemidji, received \$1,200 to assist in funding an original student production presented to Bemidji High School and community.

**Minnesota Folklore Theater**, Akeley, was awarded \$1,295 to present the "High School Version of GREASE" as part of their children's theater.

**North Country Museum of the Arts**, Park Rapids, received \$1,365 to fund a live performance by nationally acclaimed country singer and son writer Darden Smith.