



R2AC 2010 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant Awards

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$6,465 through the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Program in FY 2010. Monies awarded are for arts activities related to its mission of supporting, maintaining, and promoting traditional and contemporary Native American arts in North Central Minnesota. The Anishinaabe Arts Initiative grants program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

Northern Dental Access Center received \$1,175 to promote a community arts project to solicit, judge and purchase 5-6 pieces of art for the Northern Dental Access Center.

Melvin W. Losh, was awarded \$700 to assist in the purchase of photography equipment to make a record of his finished quill and beadwork projects.

Karen Goulet, received \$700 to assist in producing a series of art quilts.

Monica Louise Johnston, was awarded \$500 to produce traditional Anishinaabe moccasins, tobacco pouches and dancing purses for art exhibitions, ceremonies and dancing.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School - Cultural Arts Department, received \$1,000 to purchase standard-size frames, matting boards and a mat cutter for grades K-12 to create drawings and paintings with an Anishinaabe cultural content for the Cass Lake Indian Hospital.

Clem May, was awarded \$700 to produce an updated CD with original music.

Ronald Wind, received \$500 to produce a CD of original music.

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

Nichole Butcher received \$700 to purchase a computer that can be used to create a web site for selling artwork.