



R2AC 2010 Individual Artist Grant Awards

Region 2 Arts Council awarded \$13,775 in 2010 through the Individual Artist Grant Program to individual artists in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Lake of the Woods Counties. The purpose of this grant is to stimulate new artistic endeavors in the region by providing project assistance to regional artists who are seriously committed to their work and to the advancement of their artistic careers. The Individual Artist Grant Program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

Gretchen Rusch received \$1,000 to mentor with Dr. William McMullen, Professor of Music at the University of Nebraska.

Judy Merritt received \$1,000 to do research on Bear Butte for her novel, "Dakota Crossing."

Russell Doke received \$655 to assist in recording 2 music CDs of heritage tunes on a piano accordion for use of the general public and nursing homes.

Jacque Tinsley received \$1,000 to assist in paying for music lessons to improve her technique in Celtic Folk Harp, Mandolin and Native Flute.

Sean Hill received \$1,000 to offset expenses incurred during an accepted 4-week residency at the Hambidge Center in Rabun Gap, Georgia to write and research a new poetry manuscript, "Dangerous Goods," and a series of poems about the free Black staff and slaves who lived and worked at Georgia's Governor's Mansion before and during the Civil War.

Billie Annette received \$1,000 to assist in submitting poetry manuscripts to publishers.

Beverly Everett, was awarded \$1,000 to assist in the study, through observation of rehearsals and performances of the work in Washington D.C., of Murry Sidlin's music drama *The Defiant Requiem* which tells the story of the Verdi Requiem performances at the Terezin Concentration Camp.

Del Lyren, received \$1,000 to attend the 35th International Trumpet Guild conference in Sydney, Australia to obtain training for the position of upcoming conference host of the 36th annual ITG conference in 2011.

Joe Rossi, was awarded \$1,000 to prepare, tone and size photos for a children's book, *Nature's Alphabet*, to be published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press.

Faith Lundin, received \$1,000 to attend a four-week music camp that will expand her musical abilities and knowledge and open up opportunities for artistic advancement.

Deborah Brewster Carlson, was awarded \$1,000 to assist in the purchase of camera equipment to aid in creating reference photos for her paintings.

David R. Towley, received \$846 to assist in purchasing lumber to design, create and exhibit six significant works that express his interpretation of the marriage of the Prairie and Lake Country Styles in fine hardwoods at the Bemidji Community Art Center.

Norwood Francis Hall, was awarded \$720 to assist in producing an original soundtrack, including original scores, acoustic ecology, narration and a musical survey for a feature length film about the Mississippi Headwaters.

Derek Olson received \$609 to assist in purchasing an easel, digital camera and other costs associated with mural painting.