



## R2AC 2011 Individual Artist Grant Awards

Region 2 Arts Council awarded \$15,400 in 2011 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.

**Kevin McColley, Pinewood**, received \$895 to develop mail and internet promotions for his novel, “The Moon Song”, recently sold to Unbridled Books for publication.

**Eve Sumsky, Tenstrike**, was awarded \$600 to have 15 oak shelves made to display her basketry at shows and exhibitions.

**Randy Bauer, Blackduck**, received \$535 to record a 10-song CD he can sell and use for self-promotion.

**Terry Honstead, Bemidji**, received \$1,000 to purchase custom printed cards with envelopes and clear plastic sleeves featuring prints of her paintings for self-promotion.

**Nora Peterson, Bemidji**, was awarded \$1,000 to professionally frame and mat ten watercolor and ink paintings and create five giclee prints of each piece of artwork to exhibit and market at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Bemidji in December 2010.

**Cody Bartz, Bemidji**, received \$695 to create a set of prints to exhibit at the Wild Hare Bistro in Bemidji, MN.

**Candice Billups, Bemidji**, was awarded \$975 to assist her in creating an online portfolio website for sales and promotion.

**James Miller, Bemidji**, was awarded \$1,000 to assist in defraying the costs of a custom made gourd banjo, supplies, recording costs, and classes with a professional mentor for the purpose of composing historical ballads and instrumental pieces to be used in the soundtrack of a local documentary that celebrates the exploration and preservation of the Mississippi river headwaters.

**Karissa Korbel, Bemidji**, was awarded \$1,000 to gather a band of local musicians to produce a jazz CD.

**Wayne Shilson** was awarded \$1,000 to assist in his travels to Paris, France where he will complete the circle of his version of Camille Pissarro’s Paris Series with the missing Pantheon series from the Boulevard Morland.

**Anne Meredith Will** was awarded \$535 to assist in the recording a CD of original songs and covers with Kari Munson and Jessica Conrad to promote their musical group Bluebird.

**Sean McCroy** was awarded \$700 to attend a photography workshop with nature photographers John and Barbara Gerlach at Pictured Rocks National Shoreline in Northern Michigan.

**Monica Hansmeyer** was awarded \$1,000 to aid in attending a conference organized by The Society of North American Goldsmiths in Seattle, WA.

**Vivienne Morgan** was awarded \$1,000 to assist in the purchase of 45mm perspective control lens to facilitate the creation of a photographic series looking at the effects of climate change, natural disaster, and logging on Minnesota forests.

**Amy Rutten** was awarded \$915 to attend a 3-day writing workshop in Stockbridge, MA given by Natalie Goldberg, author of *Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within*.

**Mary Overlie** was awarded \$750 to assist in her presentation of original jazz, blues and rock songs that tell the story of a motherless child and the search for home with wisdom being conveyed by otters, muskrats, loons and others.

**Jennifer Kovach** was awarded \$800 to assist her in paying for a mentorship with Jason Colvin in his St. Paul studio.

**Paula Swenson** was awarded \$1000 to assist in making accurate high resolution images of her art for reproduction and archiving.