R2AC 2012 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant Awards

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded $7,650 through the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Program in FY 2012. 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.

Bonita Desjarlais, of Bena, received $1,000 to purchase tools and equipment to complete Ojibwe style stained glass projects for display in art exhibitions.

Luella M. Zimmerman, of Blackduck, was awarded $1,000 to purchase materials and equipment to make star quits for sale.

Melvin Losh, of Bena, received $1,000 to purchase a laptop computer, flatbed scanner, software and accessories to digitize photographs to create an online archive of his art and quillwork from the last 37 years.

Clem May, of Red Lake, was awarded $750 to purchase a new drum set to use in performances.

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David Clark, of Bemidji, received $1,000 to purchase Protools software and Grace Design M101 microphone pre-amp to help in recording his next album with his band N8ive Bro.

Mika Marqui Pacheco-Northbird, of Cass Lake, was awarded $911 to create fully beaded dance regalia to be used as first prize in a local Iron Man Contest.