



The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008, has made it possible for the Region 2 Arts Council to award \$6,000 in Artist Mentor Grants to young artists in our region for the third year in a row.

This spring, eleven **Region 2 Arts Council Artist Mentor grants were awarded to eleven 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade student artists to mentor with a professional artist or attend a workshop in their arts discipline.**

**Kailey Babcock**, Trek North student from Bemidji, was awarded \$600 to mentor with visual artist Malisa VanMaasdam, also of Bemidji, to refine her drawing skills, expand her subject matter, and broaden her skills in painting.

**Kylie Bamberger**, Blackduck High School student, was awarded \$600 to mentor with professional photographer Joe Rossi, also of Blackduck.

**Brea Blankenfeld**, Trek North student of Bemidji, was awarded \$600 to mentor with visual artist Nicholas Jackson, also of Bemidji, to improve her skills in watercolor.

**Gwenfrewi Burger**, Trek North student of Bemidji, was awarded \$600 to mentor with Karen Bradley, also of Bemidji, to improve her technique, expand her range of expressivity, and build her repertoire in voice.

**Justice Deeter**, Trek North student of Bemidji, was awarded \$600 to mentor with visual artist Nina Lubarski, also of Bemidji, to explore new drawing techniques, learn to show positive and negative space, and experiment with a variety of surfaces and materials.

**Rebecca Eckdahl**, Trek North student from Blackduck, was awarded \$600 to mentor with visual artist Terry Honstead of Bemidji, to improve her technical skills and increase her ability to express emotion in her drawing and painting.

**Rebekah Kjolhaug**, Clearbrook/Gonvick HS student from Clearbrook, was awarded \$600 to mentor with visual artist Pamela Edevold of Bagley, to explore chalk pastels, colored pencil, and learn to express light and shadow.

**Kailee Martens**, Bemidji High School student, was awarded \$600 to attend 2 workshops for young writers at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis, MN.

**Lynn S. Masino**, Blackduck High School senior, was awarded \$600 to mentor with professional photographer Joe Rossi, also of Blackduck, in photography.

**Annikka Roy**, Trek North student of Solway, was awarded \$600 to mentor with visual artist Maureen O'Brien, also of Solway, to expand her range in the use of tools, surfaces, and media in her artwork.