



R2AC 2012 Individual Artist Grant Awards

Region 2 Arts Council awarded \$17,266 in 2012 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.

Tandy Bowman of Bemidji was awarded \$944 to attend the HealthRhythms Adolescent Protocol Training in Valencia California to expand her knowledge as a trained group drumming facilitator.

Jonathan Billing of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase tools and equipment for creation of art for a solo show at the MacRostie Art Center in April 2012.

Gayle Highberg of Bagley was awarded \$1,000 to complete 12-weeks of instruction in acrylics and mixed media with local painter Terry Honstead.

Marion Caroline Reil of Bemidji was awarded \$590 to purchase a mat cutter and display system for 2012 classes and art shows.

Susan Carol Hauser of Puposky was awarded \$1,000 to travel to Chicago to attend the Associated Writing Programs Annual Conference and to meet with publishers.

Jacque Tinsley of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase a new harp that is lighter to transport for upcoming gigs with her ensemble "Timeless Traditions."

Joseph Stephen Holt and Roy L. Hershberger of Bemidji were each awarded \$1,000 to record and produce a 12 song CD of their band "Acoustic Smoke."

Margaret Burger of Bemidji was awarded \$1000 to mentor in puppetry with Sandra Spieler, artistic director of In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater, culminating in a community performance.

Calvin Rice of Bemidji was awarded \$900 to purchase a photo-quality data projector to adequately display his art photographs during teaching and slide exhibitions.

Judith Kay Larson of Baudette was awarded \$1,000 to purchase supplies and learn how to fire silver metal clay and torch fuse argentum wire for jewelry making.

Wendell Affield of Shevlin was awarded \$1,000 to promote and market his memoir "Muddy Jungle Rivers."

Jeff Burger of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to fund a mentorship with pottery artist Linda Christianson to help him in the firing of a new wood-fired soda kiln at his studio.

Kathy Towley of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase a larger capacity wood lathe to allow her to explore and expand her creative process through woodturning.

Erin Lynn Marsh of Bemidji was awarded \$600 to mentor with established poet Sharon Chmielarz to work on her poetry with the goal of producing a manuscript that can be sent in to a book contest and also to publishers.

Julia E. Lamon of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to travel to Italy and participate in Opera Siena, where she will learn Italian, receive vocal coaching and perform in operas.

Wendi Storbeck of Baudette was awarded \$748 to learn Renaissance Italian Masters portrait painting in oils from Frank Covino.

Erik Evensen of Bemidji was awarded \$724 to upgrade his equipment in order to produce, in collaboration with composer Andrew Boysen, Jr., a commissioned project by a body of schools and universities.

Joe Rossi of Blackduck was awarded \$653 to purchase a digital camera to use to photographically document one year in the life of a bog.