R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowships Are Awarded

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded $12,000 through the R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowship Program. This 18-month fellowship provides the opportunity for career development experiences that will add depth and advancement to the artistic career of established artists in all disciplines. The R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowship is funded by the McKnight Foundation.

The recipients and information about their fellowship activities are listed below:

Sandra Fynboh-Andress, of Akeley, a local jewelry and glass artist, was awarded $6,000 to attend Loren Stump’s Butterfly Murrini Class at Flametree Studio in Atlanta and to buy the supplies and equipment needed to utilize the sculptural building and shading techniques she will learn there in her future glass designs.

Monica Hansmeyer, of Turtle River, a local jewelry artist, was awarded $6,000 to attend a two-week jewelry residency at Mendocino Art Center in California and to fund a mentorship with master jeweler Andy Olive in Minneapolis. Her Fellowship will result in new metal-working techniques and a new body of work for public display and sale.