



Quick Grants for Organizations Awards FY2016-2017

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$3,971 through the Quick Grants for Organizations Program to arts organizations and non-profits in our region. The funds are used to create opportunities for arts access, arts education, and the arts and cultural heritage activities that build bridges between Minnesotans and are made available through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008.

The grant recipients included:

Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center received \$1,000 in FY2017 to provide a workshop on the traditional art of making Ojibwe Makazinitaagewin (Moccasin Games) for beginning players to take home and use.

The Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,000 in FY2016 to assist in funding keynote speaker Kate Anderson, a nationally recognized fiber artist, painter, gallery owner and speaker, as part of the *Pine to Prairie Fiber Arts Trail*.

Nemeth Art Center, Park Rapids, was awarded \$500 in FY2016 to assist in funding their executive director's attendance in the Midwest Art Conservation Center's workshop, *Writing Grants for Preservation and Conservation Projects*.

The Northern Artist Association, Bemidji, was awarded \$746 in FY2016 to assist in funding a workshop featuring painting on porcelain with Nancy Eagleson.

The Music Department of Bemidji State University was awarded \$725 in FY2016 to assist in bringing guest violinist Dr. Conor O'Brien to Bemidji to perform a recital with Dr. Eric Olson (of BSU) and offer a violin master class for local strings students and other string musicians throughout the community.