



## **Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants for Small Towns FY2016**

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$21,836 through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant for Small Towns to arts organizations, schools, and non-profits in towns with a population under 2,000. 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:**

The **Lake of the Woods Historical Society** was awarded \$6,000 to assist in funding a concert and artist-in-residence activities at Lake of the Woods School with the trio Julie Johnson and the No-Accounts.

The **Clearbrook Soo Line Depot** was awarded \$4,800 to assist in funding a public art piece, in the form of a sculptural sign, by local artist Jay Jones.

**Farm By the Lake** in Bagley was awarded \$4,225 to assist in funding a summer concert series culminating in an arts festival featuring local painters, sculptors, writers, and musicians.

**Clear Waters Life Center** in Clearbrook was awarded \$4,108 to assist in funding “Create it!” community art classes.

**Bagley Public Schools Community Education Program** was awarded \$2,703 to assist in funding their collaboration with Prairie Fire Theater Company to provide a summer theater camp for children.