



R2AC/McKnight 2016 Career Development Fellowships

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) 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:



Pamela Edevold, of Shevlin, a largely self-taught portrait painter, was awarded \$6,000 to complete eighteen paintings in eighteen months. She plans to experiment with new techniques in oil painting and watercolor to build a new body of work for exhibition. Although her commissioned work is already in collections all over the world, she is looking forward to entering her first national competition under the tutelage of Jane Freeman, a well-known local award-winning watercolorist.



Maureen Gibbon, of Bemidji, acclaimed author of the novel *Paris Red* among others and professor of English at Bemidji State University, was awarded \$6,000 to research, write, and make revisions to her latest manuscript, *Lake 37*. She writes “One of the goals of my art is to give a voice to women who are outsiders in the larger culture, who live in the margins as a result of social class, personal choices, and the confluence of those two forces. I want to continue to do that in *Lake 37*, which is about how the violent death of one woman emotionally affects another.” She also plans to do a “craft talk” and possibly a writers’ workshop on writing realistic fiction as the culmination of her Fellowship.