



## **Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants Awarded in FY2017**

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$5,223 through the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Program. Monies awarded are for arts activities related to its mission of supporting, maintaining, and promoting traditional and contemporary Native American arts in North Central Minnesota. The Anishinaabe Arts Initiative grants program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation. Current AAI Council members are Debra Warren, Genny Lowry, Bernice Mitchell-Diver, Delana Smith, Mary Guardipee, Harold "Dunesy" White, Jr., Mary Ringhand, and David Ben White.

**Lavender Hunt, Walker**, was awarded a \$1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to purchase supplies and materials needed to create apparel pieces and beaded jewelry in preparation for participation in exhibitions and publications.

**Jacob McArthur, Mahnomen**, received a \$1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to create a series of photographs capturing springtime on the White Earth reservation from beginning to end: snow thawing and ice cracking, plants flowering, birds migrating back home, and animals emerging from hibernation.

**Pamela Icedan, Ponemah**, was awarded a \$971 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to assist in funding purchase of materials needed to make beaded purses, coin pouches, wallets, checkbook covers and medallions.

**Brian K. Dow, Bemidji**, received a \$956 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to assist in funding purchase of a printer to make art prints of his paintings and drawings as well as note cards for sale.