



R2AC 2013 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant Awards

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$6,949 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 Mary Guardipee, Douglas Lee, Genny Lowry, Bernice Mitchell, Delana Smith, Debra Warren, Delina White, and Harold "Dunesy" White, Jr. The grant recipients and information about their projects are listed below.

Wesley May, of Bemidji, received \$938 to purchase materials and secure booth space to do live art demonstrations at community celebrations.

Roselyn Jones, of Cass Lake, was awarded \$868 to purchase a sewing machine, serger and dress form to assist in completing two cloth and appliqué shawls and skirts for women's fancy shawl dance regalia.

Teresa LaDuke, of Cass Lake, received \$1,000 to purchase supplies to develop and complete a series of thirteen images for a calendar project.

Giiwedín Biindige of Remer received \$1,000 to purchase Juniper wood from Montana to use in bases for his antler carvings.

Lance Kingbird, Sr. of Cass Lake was awarded \$358 to complete a hand drum CD.

Kendra Boswell, of Callaway, received \$915 to purchase equipment and supplies to use in her Ojibwe beadwork and regalia projects.

Christopher Lee Bedeau, of Cass Lake, received \$870 to purchase equipment to make recordings of six emerging music artists.

Cherilyn R. Spears, of Redby, received \$1,000 to purchase an Ellure Plus embroidery and sewing machine to make, and to teach a class in how to make, dancing regalia.