Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently 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. R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowships are funded by the McKnight Foundation.

The recipients and information about their fellowship activities are listed below:

Lou Samsa, long-time jazz guitarist and local guitar instructor, was awarded $6,000 to mentor with MSUM assistant professor of music and jazz guitar, Mike Krajewski to gain the skills needed to produce a multi-media instructional video for guitar.

Dawn Standera, local fiber artist and founder of the site macramecollective.com, was awarded $6,000 to mentor with California-based sculptural knotter Norman Sherfield, studying techniques of sculptural knotting and adapting her style of Cavandoli Knotting to create three dimensional fiber sculptures.