



2014 R2AC/McKnight Individual Artist Grants Awards

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$17,608 through the Individual Artist Grant Program to individual artists in Region 2. The purpose of this grant is to stimulate new artistic endeavors in the region by providing project assistance to regional artists who are seriously committed to their work and to the advancement of their artistic careers. The Individual Artist Grant Program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation.

Sarah Vaughn of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to self-publish her book, "Where is Reality?"

Pamela Kerssen of Mahanomen was awarded \$1,000 to create heritage quilts for future generations.

Margaret Burger of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase a computer to produce Puppet Radio and live puppet theater.

Les Sanders of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to develop his wood carving skills to a professional level.

Judith Kay Larson of Baudette was awarded \$1,000 to create three dimensional metal clay accents to add to her wire jewelry.

Josh May of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase an AKI electronic wind instrument and specialized carrying case for composition and performance of music.

Tawnee Gellar of Bagley was awarded \$675 to complete a series of paintings depicting the experience of apophenia through images of galaxies, planets, nebulas, solar flares, and the human form.

Shannon Lucas-Westrum of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase equipment and supplies to develop her professional jeweler's studio.

Ben Shuts of Bemidji was awarded \$933 to mentor with master potter Warren McKenzie and to purchase a pottery wheel.

Robert Larson of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to attend an annual carving workshop in Crete, ND and study with Janet Cordell.

LouAnn Muhm of Park Rapids was awarded \$1,000 to travel to Allentown, PA to conduct a workshop and give an artists' talk in conjunction with a gallery exhibit of her collaborative poetry and sculpture project, "Reassurances: Incantation Bowls, Reimagined."

Monika Lawrence of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to produce exhibition quality prints of her "Artists at Work" project, representing artists and the arts in the Beltrami county area.

Jeff Burger of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase kiln shelves to enable him to fire plates.

Michael Hanson of Tenstrike was awarded \$1,000 to commission a new work, a concertino for alto saxophone and string orchestra by American composer Larry Thomas Bell.

Kathy Sanders of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to purchase safety ventilation for her studio, a professional torch and other equipment and supplies to create glass beads and jewelry.

Mike Schlemper of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to spend two weeks organizing and writing a manuscript on the shooting at Red Lake High School.

Marilyn Lee of Pinewood was awarded \$1,000 to purchase software to digitize her stitching designs.

Aaron Eickhorst of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to explore a new genre, time-lapse nature photography.