



## **The Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council and the Region 2 Arts Council Award Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants**

On December 12, 2018, the Region 2 Arts Council awarded \$6,907 through the Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Program, which is governed by the AAI Council. 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.

FY2019 grant recipients include:

**Todd Jourdain** from Red Lake received \$1,000 to purchase an airbrush, paints, and canvas to create mixed media works on canvas.

**Katie Sandberg** from Detroit Lakes received \$937 to purchase artist's supplies to create inventory, and to cover framing and other costs associated with displaying her paintings.

**Flora Jones** from Red Lake received \$1,000 to purchase materials and supplies to make star quilts and to continue teaching others how to sew and make star quilts.

**Nick Robinson** from Cass Lake received \$870 to purchase tools and materials to create "Breaking Thru Addiction," a series of works in wood.

**Deanna Croaker** from Cass Lake received \$1,000 to purchase a sewing machine, material, and supplies to design and create three 60" x 60" traditional and contemporary style star quilts.

**Neegonee Brunner** from Ponsford received \$1,000 to purchase beads, fabric, and a sewing machine to create regalia.

**Kristine Nelson** from Red Lake received \$600 to develop her own style of beadwork and create original designs for medallions, lanyards, and hoop earrings, in flat stitch as well as peyote style chains.

**Albert Brunner** from Ponsford received \$500 to purchase tools and wood to create sculptures, pipes, and traditional wooden flutes.

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Current AAI Council members are Debra Warren, Delana Smith, Mary Guardipee, Mary Ringhand, David Ben White, Genny Lowry, Bernice Mitchell-Diver, and Larry Vanwert.