



## Region 2 Arts Council Awards Arts Project Grants

On April 15, 2019 the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$19,990 through the Arts Project Grant program. These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects including costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists, public arts projects, and artists-in-residence. Funded arts projects must benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties.

FY2019 grant recipients included:

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** received \$2,500 to present the *Deep Pulses* concert featuring soprano Tammy Hensrud performing Gustav Mahler's *Songs of a Wayfarer* and Richard Pearson Thomas' *Singing with the Larks*.

**Nemeth Art Center** received \$2,500 to host a collaborative art and community engagement project in which Luisa Fernanda Garcia-Gomez's work will be exhibited as local weaver Bruce Engebretson weaves a tapestry of Gomez's design onsite.

**Watermark Art Center** received \$2,360 to organize a board development and leadership training retreat with consultant Mary Jo Wimmer.

**Heartland Arts** (formerly Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council) received \$1,651 to sponsor a Creative Placemaking Workshop with Greg Wright for arts and community stakeholders.

**Bemidji Woodcarvers Club** received \$2,327 to create an opportunity for area woodcarvers to carve with and learn from Debbe Edwards, an exceptional wildlife carver and instructor.

**Lake of the Woods Art Guild** received \$1,349 to offer an encaustic workshop with instructor, Terry Honstead of Tenstrike.

**Headwaters Music & Arts** received \$2,030 to hold *Bemidji Sings!*, a city wide vocal competition for amateur singers.

**Norda Gonvick Rosemalers** received \$1,383 to hire Trudy Peach, a gold medal rosemaler, to teach the Os style of Norwegian rosemaling.

**Bemidji Community Theater** received \$1,349 to offer a puppet workshop with puppet master Ezra Bartsch as well as provide funds to purchase professionally made puppets and craft supplies to make puppets for future presentations.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** received \$1,342 to hire artist Kelli Lien to facilitate a three-day workshop teaching specific techniques used in creating a collage work of art with paper.

**Bemidji High School Art Club** received \$1,299 to visit the Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Art to explore various art forms and artistic career paths.

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