



## Region 2 Arts Council Awards Arts Project Grants

On January 13, 2020, the Region 2 Arts Council granted \$13,353 through the Arts Project Grant program. These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects and programming including costs associated with public art, arts festivals, engagement of guest artists, arts field trips, workshops, exhibitions, presentations, or performances that will benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahnommen counties. Arts organizations may also apply to fund consultation projects in board development, fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, audience development, or assistance in designing arts programming.

Grant recipients included:

**The Bemidji Woodcarver's Club** was awarded \$2,179 to hire artist Alec Lacasse to teach a variety of techniques in woodcarving related to the medium of cottonwood bark and the expression of the human face.

**Bagley School District Community Education Program** was awarded \$2,500 to provide a summer theater experience for children and adults through a Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of Robin Hood with the addition of art-making experiences for participants.

**Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids** was awarded \$2,500 to host "See the Sky," a curated exhibition of artist T.L. Solien's work.

**Watermark Art Center in Bemidji** was awarded \$2,500 to hire Forecast Public Art to develop site plans for transforming exterior spaces, located to the north and south of the art center, into interactive outdoor spaces to accommodate and expand arts programming.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** was awarded \$1,610 to hire Joshua Cunningham of St. Paul, MN to teach a three-day plein air oil painting workshop in June 2020.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded \$2,064 to host guest pianist Gareth Cordery at their season finale concert, "Across the Pond."

*Region 2 Arts Council Arts Project Grants are made possible by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund.*