Region 2 Arts Council Awards $22,823 in Arts Learning Grants

On January 19, 2021 the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors granted $22,823 in Arts and Cultural Heritage funds to the schools and non-profit organizations listed below. These grants support high-quality arts education that develops knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts for the benefit of Minnesotans of all ages across our five-county region.

**Headwaters Music and Arts** of Bemidji was awarded $2,973 to establish a production club for area youth to learn video, audio, and graphics production.

**Clear Waters Life Center** in Clearbrook and Gonvick was awarded $3,000 to offer two outdoor workshops, one teaching creative sidewalk design and poured cement creations, and another teaching found object sculpture welding and design.

**Northern Light Opera Company** of Park Rapids was awarded $3,000 to provide a 3-week children's theater camp, NLOKids, in collaboration with Pine Point School in Pine Point MN.

**Bemidji State University Center for Extended Learning** was awarded $2,000 to provide 15 writers from our region access as auditors to the virtual Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference, as well as a scholarship for one local writer to attend a full workshop.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** was awarded $3,000 to offer a series of three photography workshops hosted by Lowell Wolff, as well as a series of photo sessions with photojournalist Monika Lawrence to capture the stories of 10 area artists.

**The Northern Artist Association** of Bemidji was awarded $2,850 to offer, in partnership with Gallery North, free art classes supplemented with video tutorials and Do It Yourself Kits.

**Bemidji Community Theater** was awarded $3,000 to hire professional puppeteer Ezra Bartsch to video tape the construction of a large reindeer puppet to be used for outreach activities, as well as in an upcoming production of Frozen Jr. in 2022.

**Bemidji Sculpture Walk** was awarded $3,000 to create a series of YouTube video lessons, targeted to students in grades 7 to 12 and adult artists, about how to get started creating a metal sculpture, including equipment needs, materials, techniques and local resources to assist in development.
Region 2 Arts Council Arts Learning Grants are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.