



## **Region 2 Arts Council Awarded \$15,000 in Individual Artist Grants**

On November 16, 2020, the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$15,000 to individual artists from within our five-county region. These grants provide financial assistance to artists in any arts discipline or in any stage of their career as an artist residing in the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahanomen. The Individual Artist Grant Program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation to fund costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for a creative work; educational opportunities; mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities. Eligible proposals this year were required to be realistic, and be adaptive to restrictions that exist during this global pandemic.

**Pamela Edevold** of Bagley was awarded \$1,500 to upgrade into a new computer that enables her to further her painting, portrait commission and art teaching career.

**Mary Therese** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,482 to create the “Umbrella of Unity”, a traveling public art installation of eight silk fabric panels painted and sewn together to honor and celebrate cultural diversity.

**Robert Carothers** of Bemidji was awarded \$977 to purchase new tools that will enable him to expand and grow his current wood-turning techniques.

**Lowell Wolff** of Park Rapids was awarded \$1,500 to print, mount and frame 11 images as part of a large-scale photograph collection entitled “Reflections of Northern Minnesota.”

**Keila McCracken** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to obtain materials for exploring new textile design processes on a Hattersley loom to further her career as a fiber artist.

**Amanda Riane Davenport** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,066 to create a body of artwork that explores the idea of "home" using acrylic paint on canvas, string, wood trim and other various materials.

**DuWayne Jones** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to purchase a drafting table and supplies for creating drawings and paintings that further his career as an artist.

**Alicia Holley** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to purchase a laptop and flatbed scanner to do her own scanning, editing, and adding of text to her children's book illustrations.

**Mosi Palosaari** (aka Mostad) of Bemidji was awarded \$1,500 to fund equipment costs to update their Moog Sub-37 and record Foxby's first LP.

**Mattea Elhard** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,468 to purchase equipment to supplement her musical performing and recording capabilities.

**Ryshayna Feather Johnson** of Redby was awarded \$1,007 to complete a 365-day photographic body of work that captures the beautiful scenery of Red Lake and the families and traditional ways that make up the Red Lake Reservation.

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