



## Region 2 Arts Council Awarded \$18,000 in Individual Artist Grants

With support of a community panel review on February 22, 2022 the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$18,000 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 Minnesota counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomon. 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.

**Cynthia Hamilton** of Williams was awarded \$2,000 to purchase materials and supplies and a digitizing program to transfer her original Ojibwe designs into embroidery patterns to adorn traditional native wearable art.

**Diamond Knispel** of Laporte was awarded \$1,830 to assist in the travel and shipping expenses for exhibition of her latest body of work, "Wild Whimsy of the Northwoods."

**Tawnee Corning** of Bagley was awarded \$2,000 to create seven 24x30" still life oil paintings in classic renaissance style, paired with vivid colors, textures, and psychedelic patterns and backgrounds.

**Kathy Gustafson** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,700 to assist in the creation and publication of a wildlife coloring book for both children and adults.

**Alyss Mountain** of Bemidji was awarded \$2,000 to create a collection of beaded portraits of historical leaders from her community as a way to make beadwork more appealing to younger generations.

**Les Sanders** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,629 to purchase supplies and materials to offer arts workshops to teach adults and youth intermediate and advanced art skills.

**Mary Overlie** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,000 to assist in the recording and production of a debut album with her new band, Augmeanted.

**Joan Kauppi** of Park Rapids was awarded \$2,000 to further her skills and purchase framing materials for an exhibition of her collages at Watermark Art Center.

**Charles Alberti** of Bemidji was awarded \$2,000 to support the creation of a booklet depicting imagery that embraces the relationship of music to wavelengths and frequencies of color.

**Nicholas Jackson** of Bemidji was awarded \$1,841 to assist in the creation of art videos that explore artist life, techniques, creativity, and encourage fellow artists.

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