



220-4th Avenue North · P.O. Box 458  
Foley, MN 56329

W: 320.968.4290

F: 320.968.4291

[www.centralmnartsboard.org](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org)

---

**\*\* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE \*\***

**Central MN Arts Board Awards Artist Career Development Grants**

At the November meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$20,263 in Artist Career Development grants. The CMAB Artist Career Development program provides funds of up to \$3,000 in support of projects, training opportunities and purchases that assist artists in making the next step in their artistic careers. Funding for this program is provided through the McKnight Foundation.

Three criteria are used to evaluate applications: Artistic quality and merit, Professional need and Ability. An applicant must rank a 3.0 or higher to be considered for funding.

**The following artists were awarded:**

**Sarah Flicek**, Wright County, \$2,890 to purchase lost wax casting equipment and casting accessories that will provide the ability to recycle metals and an engraving block with accessories for efficiency in stone setting in jewelry production.

**William Laakkonen**, Stearns County, \$2,555 to purchase a Lenovo Think Pad, Wacom drawing tablet and Epson WorkForce scanner to continue creating art in a higher quality hand-drawn style at a more reasonable pace that is technologically compatible for publication.

**Matt Latterell**, Stearns County, \$3,000 to master a fourth album for digital distribution, CD duplication, and Loar LH-280-C guitar for live performances.

**Anne Meyer**, Stearns County, \$3,000 for the purchase of five electric pottery wheel for the studio to be used for student classes, community member studio access, internships and post-college assistantships.

**Dan Mondloch**, Stearns County, \$3,000 to attend the national plein air convention in Monterey, California in April of 2015 in order to gain increased business and artistic skills that will assist in developing a national market for teaching and sales.

**Barry Weber**, Stearns County, \$2,866 for the purchase of a lightweight camera, a faster responding lens and flash specific for professionally photographing skateboarding, biking and inline skating. The upgrade in equipment will allow for higher image quality to be used in an online gallery.

**Christopher Zlatic**, Stearns County, \$2,952 to hire Techfire Studios to build a website that will include an online gallery, biography, catalogue of process, and a progressive online platform that can be individually managed.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board supports collaborative and innovative arts opportunities through partnerships and financial investments in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board. The CMAB works with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board visit [www.centralmnartsboard.org](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org) or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.