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Central MN Arts Board Awards Arts Legacy funds for Artist In Residencies

At the September meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$9,807 in Arts Legacy funds to three area organizations for Artists Residencies.

The Artist in Residency (AIR) program is designed to enhance education through the arts with supportive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations. The intention of any residency proposal must be to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

1. **Anna Marie's Alliance**, \$3,500, Teaching artist, Laura Ruprecht, will work with women and children in Anna Marie's Shelter in the mediums of mosaic and clay from October 2016 to January 2017. The residency will conclude with a public exhibition.
2. **Paramount Center for the Arts**, \$3,105, ArtSparks: Artists Melissa Gohman, LeeAnn Goerss and Jane Tyggeson will both receive and provide trainings and a 4-part pilot project to provide arts exploration to those with early dementia and mild cognitive disorder who still live at home, as well as their caregivers September 26 – December 16, 2016 at the Paramount Center for the Arts in St. Cloud, MN.
3. **Talahi Community School**, \$3,202, Christopher Lutter Gardella will conduct a one-week residency in puppetry for 110-second grade children October 3-7, 2016 at Talahi Community School in St. Cloud, MN.

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.

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