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**Teaching Artist receives grant for Elk River School Residency**

Mary Ellen Gutknecht received \$1,651, from the Central Minnesota Arts Board to conduct a “Learning Through Lines” residency to begin in November 2013 for Kindergarten students at Meadowvale Elementary School in Elk River.

Students will learn through examining various lines that make up animals, as well as all the things that surround the animal in its habitat. Students will also use words to describe placement. The residency activities will meet Minnesota Academic Standards in Math, Geography and Science.

Students will be asked to choose two of their favorite drawings at the close of the residency to be hung for an "Art Gallery" for the parents to see on conference night.

Mary Ellen, a visual artist, has conducted residencies in schools for over twelve years and has recently completed the Teaching Artist Roster Program to be included on the CMAB Teaching Artist Roster.

**Teaching Artist receives grant for Sartell – St. Stephen School Residency**

Heidi Jeub received \$1,795, from the Central Minnesota Arts Board to conduct a “Metal Installation Collaboration” residency to begin in October 2013 for students in Grades 9-12 at Sartell - St. Stephen School District.

A metal installation will be created with the help of students from the photography, multi-media and metals classes. This project will serve as an introduction to bringing multi-media into the arts and construction. By creating together, using a variety of skill sets, students will learn to communicate and collaborate across disciplines.

The residency activities will meet Minnesota Academic Standards in Art and IT National Standards in Technology and Design.

Heidi, a visual artist, is a COMPAS Teaching Artist, a Central MN Arts Board Teaching Artist and actively serves as the executive director for Visual Arts Minnesota.

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