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Teaching Artists receives grant for Twin Lakes Elementary School Residency

Mary Ellen Gutknecht received \$1,742.00 from the Central Minnesota Arts Board to conduct a “Learning Through Lines” residency to begin in March 2014 kindergarten students at Twin Lakes Elementary School in Elk River.

The students will learn about lines that make up animals, as well as all the things that surround the animal in its habitat and use words to describe placement reinforcing inside/outside, up/down, above/below, close/far. Concepts and ideas about the different parts of animals, the kinds of places that they would live, what kind of food that they might eat, and what kind of weather they would like to represent, and what they would draw to represent it will be included.

The residency meets Minnesota Academic Standards in Math, Geography and Science while providing an art experience that would otherwise not be available for students.

Mary Ellen, a visual artist, has conducted residencies in schools for over twelve years and is a Central MN Arts Board Teaching Artist.

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

Teaching Artists receives grant for Kennedy Elementary School Residency

Mary Bruno received \$1425.00 from the Central Minnesota Arts Board to conduct a “Basics of Letterpress Printing” residency to begin in January 2014 for 4th grade students at Kennedy Elementary School in St. Joseph.

Students will learn the basics of printmaking, the principles and importance of good design, the impact and influence of typography in conveying a specific idea, and will have strategies to critique their own and peer samples created in the class.

The basics of printmaking would include: how to set type, how to create a hierarchy of importance of text based on size, shape, and color. Students will learn how to lock up images and type in a poster press, along with inking and printing the text to make a poster.

Mary Bruno, a Letterpress Printmaker, is the owner and operator of Bruno Press and a Central MN Arts Board Teaching Artist.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board values opportunities for collaborations between artists, educators and community to convey artistic viewpoints in all disciplines of learning.

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Teaching Artists receives grant for Elk River High School Residency

Willicey Tynes received \$1,260.00 from the Central Minnesota Arts Board to conduct a "From Good to Great-Pushing Values in Drawing" residency November 25 – December 12, 2013 for AP Studio Art and Drawing class for students at Elk River High School.

Willicey Tynes will work with two art classes at Elk River High to enhance their existing drawing skills, pushing them to a new level of competency. Students will learn through observation of demonstrations and direct hands on learning. Students will be given the time for one on one interaction with the artist including a follow up session on how to present your work in a professional manner and a group critique of the finished work.

Willicey, a visual artist, is a Central MN Arts Board Teaching Artist and member of the Artist Guild of Central Minnesota.

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