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CMAB awards Artist In Residency Grants to Two Area Schools

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their May 8, 2013 meeting, awarded four Artist In Residency Grants totaling \$5,970.00.

Artist in Residencies (AIR) provide financial assistance to schools and nonprofit organizations to expose students to a unique arts experience that ties into a lesson plan or curriculum. The intention is to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

Resident artists are chosen on the basis of their ability to enhance programs and curriculum design and may include visits to professional artists' studios, performances by professional theatre, dance or musical groups, readings by writers, visits to art galleries, exhibitions and other locations pertinent to the creation and exhibition of art.

CMAB AIR recipients:

Talahi Community Elementary, \$3,000, two-week graphic memoir residency with artist Pat Owen who will teach fifth grade students how to capture their daily experiences with watercolor and words.

Foley High School, \$2,970, residency with artists Heidi Jeub focusing on abstraction in the visual arts, book binding and a staff training on visual journaling. The residency closes with a exhibition of student works featuring Heidi as a special guest.

The CMAB is one of eleven regional art councils in the State of Minnesota with the purpose of supporting and promoting art appreciation throughout region 7W, consisting of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties. 2013 funding for the AIR program was provided through appropriations from the MN State Legislature with money from its arts & cultural heritage fund that was created by a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

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