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Central MN Arts Board Awards Artist Career Development Grants

At the November meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$17,358 in Artist Career Development grants. The CMAB Artist Career Development program provides funds of up to \$3,000 in support of projects, training opportunities, purchases and other activities 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 to complete the proposal. An applicant must receive an average score of 15 points (50%) or higher to be considered for funding.

The following artists were awarded:

- **Tracy Rittmueller**, Stearns County, received \$3,000 to complete a book-length, creative nonfiction manuscript titled "Book of Transformations".
- **Susan's Mosaics**, Stearns County, received \$3,000 for materials and tools to complete North American Bison Skull Series.
- **Sam Spiczka**, Benton County, received \$3,000 for the purchase of metal cutting equipment necessary to fabricate large-scale sculptures out of heavy steel plate.
- **D. Helene Woods**, Wright County, received \$3,000 for materials and supplies to complete a series of seven large-scale paintings exploring how gender impacts our choices within third wave feminism.
- **Richard Chandler**, Stearns County, received \$3,000 to conduct a competition on YouTube of original compositions performed by college and university students.
- **Azania Tripp**, Stearns County, received \$2,358 for supplies and materials to present four free ObsidianPause jewelry making workshops.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) strives to enhance appreciation of the essential economic and social roles the arts play in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties by providing grants and professional development services to arts and community organizations, schools, government units and individuals.

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