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## **CMAB Awards Artist Learning Grants**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) recently awarded \$2000 in **Artist Learning Grants** (ALG) to four regional artists.

- Steven Lemke, St. Cloud, MN received \$500 to support an invitation to the Sculpture in Architecture and 3D Virtual Space Program at Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava, Slovakia. Lemke will create work as a short-term special student mentoring under Professor Patrik Kovacovsky while taking part in the community as an act of cultural exchange.
- **Helene Woods,** Monticello, MN received \$500 to attend Americans for the Arts Public Art Conference in Minneapolis, MN to expand her opportunity and knowledge about creating public art.
- **Susan Dean**, St. Cloud, MN received \$500 for an Introduction to Silversmithing workshop at Felixery L.L.C. studio in Delano, MN with the goal to increase artistic skills, design and appeal of her mosaic skulls.
- Marcia Neely, St. Cloud, MN received \$500 in support of contracting Mary Carroll Moore, author, writing coach and editor to provide coaching and editing for a memoir.

Artists who reside in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns or Wright County (Region 7W) can apply for an ALG of up to \$500 to support advancing their artistic skill through a learning experience; funding for the ALG program is provided by the McKnight Foundation.

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