



GRANTS FUNDED - FY 2015

Grants funded by the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) during FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Organization Grant Program

\$5,000 to \$15,000 grants are available to organizations (501c3 nonprofits, units of government, schools, or groups that use a fiscal agent). Proceeds from the fund may be spent on arts and arts access, arts education, and arts and cultural heritage, and may be used in creating, producing, or presenting high quality arts projects.

Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and April 1.

Chisago Lakes Area Schools Community Education Program of Lindstrom, MN received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *Children Create*. During the project, Chisago Lakes Community Education will contract with 21 local artists to teach their artistic skills and share their artistic passions with the K-8th Grade youth of southern Chisago County during after school classes. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of: acting and theatre arts, pottery, pencil and charcoal drawing, painting, mural making, drumming, clogging, Hula, photography, and singing. New to the program will be ballroom dancing, woodworking, sculpture, and knitting. The entire *Children Create* program will culminate in the open to the public “Children Create Art Show” during the month of June 2015 at the Chisago Lakes High School cafeteria. For more information, visit: www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/communityed.

Chisago Lakes Area Schools Community Education Program of Lindstrom, MN received a grant in the amount of \$14,800 for a project entitled *Artists of Today Inspiring the Artists of Tomorrow*. During the project, Chisago Lakes Area Community Education will connect the children who live in Chisago County to local artists so the children can be inspired to be artists tomorrow. The 19 artists will teach the children their artistic skills and share their artistic passions during afternoon art classes. The project will culminate with an open to the public art show to be held at the Chisago Lakes High School cafeteria during the month of December 2015. For more information, visit: www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/communityed.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$14,994 for a project entitled *2015 Music @ Franconia* concert series. During the project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide the Region 7E community and beyond a diverse set of musical performances by nine performing artist groups and guided tours of Franconia’s sculpture exhibition. The series includes 3 six-hour events: *Rhythm and Groove* (6/27/15), *Uniquely American* (7/11/15), and *Tour of Europe* (8/15/15). For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$14,998 for a project entitled *2015 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour Program*. During the project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide the Region 7E community and beyond five art-making workshops on 7/25, 7/26, 7/29, 7/30, and 8/1/2015, and a full-day live metal pour demonstration event on Saturday, August 1, 2015. For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$13,788 for a project entitled *Capital Expenditure for Purchase of Accessibility Vehicles*. Franconia Sculpture Park received funding for the purchase of two golf carts that will be utilized as accessibility vehicles for visitors and program participants with mobility disabilities or impairments. For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$14,790 for a project entitled *Conversations with Creators on the Prairie*. During the project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide an arts learning program featuring public talks by exhibiting artists, live music, and youth arts activities set within Franconia's outdoor sculpture exhibition. The program will be free and open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2016. For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$4,995 for a project entitled *2016 Valentine's Day Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour Program*. On February 14, 2016 Franconia Sculpture Park will provide the Region 7E community with a hands-on art-making program led by professional artists offering the opportunity to create individually designed works of art and immersion in the process of metal casting. The project offers a direct arts learning experience and "behind the scenes" view of a metal pour and the cast metal process. For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Hinckley-Finlayson School District ISD #2165 - Summer Rec Program received a grant in the amount of \$3,200 for a project entitled *Summer Community Theatre Initiative*. During the project, the Hinckley-Finlayson Schools Summer Rec. Program will perform a summer play involving the community with ages ranging from kindergarten to adults. The play, *Alice in Wonderland*, will be performed at the Ostrand Fine Arts Center in Hinckley, MN, on August 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2015. For more information, visit: www.hf.k12.mn.us.

The Milaca Fine Arts Council of Milaca, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$7,535 for a project entitled *Music in the Park 2015*. During the project, the Milaca Fine Arts Council will present a summer concert series on the Thursday evenings of June 25, July 9, July 16, and July 30 from 6:30-8:30 at the historic Milaca Rec Park bandshell featuring a variety of music genres. For more information, visit: www.milacaartscenter.org.

Mille Lacs Area Partners for Youth, a program of Onamia Public Schools ISD #480, received a grant in the amount of \$8,266 for a project entitled *Arts & Community After School*. During the project, 4 visual artists will work with Isle and Onamia students attending After School Enrichment Programs. From January through April 2015, there will be 8 total workshops, four held in Isle, and four held in Onamia. Following the workshops, youth will be able to submit works to two public art shows, one in Onamia on May 7, 2015, and the second in Isle during Isle Days (July 11, 2015). For more information, visit: www.onamia.k12.mn.us.

The City of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *Music in the Park*. During the project, The City of Mora will host a musical concert series to be held in Mora's downtown Library Park on Thursday evenings during June, July, and August 2015. The twelve musical performances will represent a wide variety of styles and will be open to the public free of charge. For more information, visit: www.ci.mora.mn.us.

Mora School District #332 received a grant in the amount of \$4,810 for a project entitled *Storytelling, Writing, Imagery, and Movement Series*. The project involves a series of programs to connect school and community audiences of all ages featuring inspiring artists, authors, and storytellers. The series culminates on March 7, 2016, in an evening of arts workshops and shared stories done by elementary students. For more information, visit: www.moraschools.org.

Paradise Community Theatre of Mora, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for a project entitled *Free Film Series*. This project will continue and expand upon a free film series shown at the Paradise Theatre throughout the year, allowing five series of films to be seen free of charge by residents of Region 7E. For more information, visit: www.paradise-theatre.com.

Pine City Arts Council of Pine City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$12,620 for a project entitled *Art in Concert*. During the project, Pine City Arts Council will provide a series of three concerts featuring performances by Tonic Sol Fa (October 2, 2015), Monroe Crossing (December 6, 2015), and Sirens of the 60's (April 15, 2016). The three concerts will be held at the Pine City High School Auditorium.

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for a project entitled *2015 Kids Can Be Artists, Too*. The project is designed to allow children of all ages an experience painting on canvas or throwing ceramic pots on a wheel with the assistance of volunteer area artists. The event will take place in conjunction with the Wyoming Stagecoach Days festival held on September 11-13, 2015, and will include family-friendly musical entertainment. For more information, visit: www.wyomingcreativearts.org.

ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Operating Support Grant Program

The Operating Support grant program offers up to \$15,000 of funding to qualified organizations to maintain ongoing operating needs and services. Assured matching funds of 10% are a requirement of this grant program.

Annual Deadline: March 1st for July 1 through June 30 allocation

Paradise Community Theatre located in Mora, MN received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of planning an annual live music concert series and developing an accompanying marketing and public relations campaign. For more information, visit: www.paradise-theatre.com.

Pine Center for the Arts, located in Pine City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$14,982 to expand arts education classes and provide a storefront gallery for artists to display their work. The organization will also examine its mission as an arts organization and develop a strategic plan for its fiscal health and longevity. For more information, visit: www.pinecenter.org.

ECRAC Small/Arts Project Grant Program

Grants from \$500 to \$5,000 will be made to organizations (501(c)3 nonprofits, units of government, schools, or groups that use a fiscal agent). A 1:1 match is required. 10% must be an assured cash match.

Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and April 1

Center City Opera Company of Center City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for a project entitled *Opera on a Schtick*. During the project, Center City Opera Company will stage an opera show in Spring of 2016 at the old creamery building in Shafer, MN, Chisago County. The show combines performances of well-known operatic arias with country-western inspired humor. For more information, visit: www.centercityoperacompany.com

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$4,997 for a project entitled *The 2015 Docent-Led Guided Tours and Kids Make Sculpture Workshop*. This project will offer an arts learning and art-making program including 26 weekly docent-led guided tours (Sundays from 5/3/15 – 10/25/15) of Franconia's public art exhibition, and 4 Kids Make Sculpture workshops serving youth ages 4-18 on 5/30/15, 6/20/15, 7/18/15, and 8/22/15. For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$4,995 for a project entitled the *2015 Arts and Artists Celebration Program*. During the project, Franconia Sculpture Park will provide a full-day family arts program held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. This program invites the regional community to experience art and music through a multi-faceted program of guided exhibition tours, family art-making activities, and diverse musical performances. For more information, visit: www.franconia.org.

Isanti County Historical Society of Cambridge, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$3,762 for a project entitled *Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Looking to the Future*. The project involves three artists performing July 22-26, 2015, at the Isanti County Fair in Cambridge, MN. The artists include: a wooden bowl turner, an early American potter, and a photographer/author/storyteller – all linking history, art, and education. For more information, visit: www.ichs.ws.

Milaca Fine Arts Council of Milaca, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$4,249 for a project entitled *Workshops by the MAC 2015*. The project will provide a variety of free beginner and intermediate level instrument workshops, as well as vocal, dance, songwriting, and jamming workshops and children's art and music activities all in Milaca's Trimble Park on July 25, 2015, in conjunction with Milaca's annual Recfest bluegrass festival. For more information, visit: www.milacaartscenter.org.

Onamia Area Friends of the Library of Onamia, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,750 for a project entitled *Meet the Artist*. During the project, 5 local artists will be invited to arts shows at the library to showcase their work and to encourage interaction between artists and the public. Each artist will prepare an exhibit that will be displayed for 2-4 weeks and will attend an Open House to interact with the public and answer questions regarding their work. The dates of the events are: February 21, 2015 – artist Bill Schaaf; April 18, 2015 – artist Thelma Olds; June 20, 2015 – artist Martin Gilchrist; September 19, 2015 – artist Bill Gingery; November 14, 2015 – artist Richard Pullen. For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/pages/Onamia-Depot-Library/141443955953558.

ECRAC Art In Our Schools Grant Program

\$1,000 grants are available to schools. This program supplements the existing school arts curriculum with such projects as artistic residencies, arts related field trips, and special arts events or projects. Grants may be used to support all students and/or student groups such as drama club, art classes, entire grades, or gifted and talented students.

NOTE: THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THIS GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE INCREASED TO \$3,000 BEGINNING WITH THE OCTOBER 1, 2015 DEADLINE.

Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and April 1.

Chisago Lakes Area Schools Community Education Program of Lindstrom, MN received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Summer Theatre – Peter Pan*. During the project, local theatre artist Bobbi Sells will come to the Chisago Lakes High School to teach acting skills and share her passion for acting with elementary through high school students in a summer theatre camp. The session will end in a performance for the public on the Performing Arts Stage at the Chisago Lakes High School on July 23, 2015. For more information, check out their website at: www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/communityed.

Mora Public School District #332 of Mora, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$950 for a project entitled *Gardens and Galleries*. During the project, students in Grades 1-6 who are enrolled in Summer Art Camp (August 3-7) will create paintings and sculptures to display in the community after visiting the Como Conservatory and the Minneapolis Museum of Art. A drive-by look at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden will round out the field trip day. For more information, visit: www.moraschools.org.

ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant Program for Individual Artists

This program provides grants up to \$2,500 to individual artists. Funds may be spent on arts and arts access, arts education and arts and cultural heritage, and may be used in creating, producing, or presenting high quality arts projects. All projects are required to have a community component as part of their project proposal.

Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and April 1.

Mary Ann Cleary of Cambridge, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a project entitled *Basic Painting Strokes with Color*. During this project, the artist, working with a mentor, will complete a series of new oil paintings using a minimal brushstroke technique. After completion, an interactive open to the public demonstration of the technique and a discussion of the project will be presented at the Cambridge Center for the Arts in late Spring of 2016. For more information, visit: www.maryanncleary.com.

Terri Huro of Brook Park, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a project entitled *Watercolor Progression*. During the project, the artist will purchase tools to create new, outside-the-box, watercolor artworks on wooden painting panels to be presented at an open to the public exhibit to be held in Spring of 2016. For more information, visit: www.terrihuroart.com.

Terri Huro of Brook Park, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,448 for a project entitled *Night Lights*. During the project, the artist will purchase equipment and supplies needed to create five new 3-dimensional multi-media sculptures that will be lit from the inside. The newly created artwork will then be displayed at a free and open to the public event to be held during the Spring of 2016. For more information, visit: www.terrihuroart.com.

Bron McCall of Hinckley, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a project entitled *Resurrection*. During the project, the artist will sculpt, cast, and detail 3 bronze sculptures. The completed sculptures will be displayed at an open to the public event in the Spring/Summer of 2016.

Natalia Peterson of Lindstrom, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,498 for a project entitled *Composition and Performance*. During the project, the artist, working with a mentor, will purchase a Musical Interface Digital Instrument (MIDI) system and will then compose 10-14 new jazz music pieces. The new music will be presented to the public at the Chisago Lakes Performing Arts Center in April of 2016. For more information, visit: www.nataliapeterson.org.

Keith Raivo of Brook Park, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a project entitled *THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!* The project involves the creation and placement of a movable 3-D Viking ship sculpture, focusing on the basic design elements of line and repetition. The movable sculpture will be placed in 3 or more different locations around the city of Mora during Spring of 2016. For more information, visit: www.raivoart.com.

Valerie Raivo of Brook Park, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a project entitled *Garden Trekker*. During the project, the artist will attend a “storytelling through photography workshop” and create a story about Minnesota gardens, greenhouses, and nurseries through the use of photography, assemblage, and narrative. The project will culminate with a free and open to the public exhibition of 30-

40 new pieces of artwork to be held at the Kanabec History Center in Mora, MN, during May/June of 2016. For more information, visit: www.raivoart.com.

Rebecca Tishman (A.K.A – Becca Cerra) of Shafer, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for a project entitled *The Other Side of Beauty*. During the project, the artist will produce and provide a public performance, hiring 5 dancers to perform original choreography wearing steel sculptures the artist created. At the end of the performance, discussion time will be provided, allowing the audience to interact with and discuss the artwork and the performance. The public performance is scheduled for May 27, 2016, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Old Shafer Creamery Event Center in Shafer, MN. For more information, visit: www.BeccaCerra.com.

ECRAC/McKnight Fellowship Program

The Fellowship program is designed to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding professional artists. These Fellowships will allow artists to set aside time to work, purchase supplies and materials, undertake advanced study (not related to a degree) or to pursue other career goals.

Three \$7,000 Fellowships are available annually.

This program has a March 1 annual deadline.

Paul Howe of Shafer, MN, received a grant of \$7,000 for a project entitled *Falsework*. During the Fellowship, the artist will create a public, large-scale, outdoor sculpture. A pine log approximately 24” in diameter and 16’ in length will be hung vertically by a chain hoist from a wooden structure built expressly for this purpose. Using only an ax, standing on the ground, the artist will turn the entire log into a pile of wood chips. Photographs of the site/activity will be taken every 2 minutes and compiled into a stop-frame animation and posted to the artist’s website. For more information, visit: www.paulhowe.info.

Keith Raivo of Brook Park, MN, received a grant of \$7,000 for a project entitled *Creation and Documentation of a Series of Sculptures*. During the Fellowship, the artist will create seven life size metal sculptures with a dancing theme and a video documentary of the entire sculpture-making process. The newly created sculptures and the video documentary will then be exhibited at the Paradise Theatre in Mora, MN, in Spring of 2016. Portions of the video documentary will also be posted on-line. For more information, visit: www.raivoart.com.

Rebecca Tishman (A.K.A – Becca Cerra) of Shafer, MN, received a grant of \$7,000 for a project entitled *Restriction, Perfection*. During the Fellowship, the artist will create 20 rubber molds of human body parts to be then cast in iron. These iron casts will be able to be placed on persons’ bodies, demonstrating the artist’s intent/message centering on individuals’ perceptions of their own bodies. For more information, visit: www.BeccaCerra.com.

ECRAC/McKnight Individual Artist Grant Program

Grants up to \$1,000 are available to individual artists. This program provides financial support to artists committed to personal artistic growth. Applications are encouraged from artists in all disciplines. The program funds specific art projects designed to enhance the artistic skills, artwork and/or the artistic career of the individual artist.

Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and April 1.

Erica Belkholm of Mora, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Frame a Show*. During the project, the artist will have 8-12 of her most recent drawings framed in preparation for a multi-artist exhibition to be held at the Cambridge Center for the Arts during the month of March 2016. For more information, visit: www.torpid-porpoise.com.

Loren (A.K.A. Bud) Bullivant of Milaca, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Support for Purchasing a Business Computer*. During the project, the artist will upgrade computer equipment used to present his artwork to customers via website and on line shop. Artwork sales will be tracked and compared to previous sales numbers throughout the project. For more information, visit: www.budbullivant.com.

Edith (A.K.A. Edee) Conner of Isle, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Grateful Images in my Life and Community*. During the project, the artist will upgrade her camera equipment, allowing her to create new and professional quality images of Central Minnesota. The artist will show her newly created images at the Isle Community Center May 1-31, 2016.

Jessie DeCorsey of Lindstrom, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Inspired*. During the project, the artist will travel to Connecticut, spending five days creating a series of paintings, drawings, and photographs of the journey. The newly created series will be based upon and inspired by the works of artist, writer, and illustrator, Lauren Ford. For more information, visit: www.jessiedecorsey.com

Angela Foster of Pine City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Iowa Summer Writing Workshop*. During the project, the artist will attend a 6-day advanced revision class at the Iowa Summer Writing festival in Iowa City, and will revise her memoir entitled *Falling Away*. For more information, visit: www.angelafooster.com.

Tracy Gulliver of Chisago City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Comprehensive Manuscript Edit*. During the project, the artist will work with editor Ashley Shelby to provide a comprehensive edit of her manuscript titled *Seized: Life as I (mostly) Remember It*, to prepare it for publication.

Abby Mott (A.K.A. Abby Lingle) of Onamia, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Display and Presentation Tent*. During the project, the artist will purchase a new more stable and professional dome tent for use in juried outdoor art festivals. For more information, visit: www.abbylingle.com.

Roger Nieboer of Mora, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$955 for a project entitled *Go Video*. During the project, the artist will purchase two video cameras and acquire technical support for documentation of a variety of performance art projects.

Larry Ostrom of Cambridge, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Rebuild Catenary Arch Kiln*. During the project, the artist will be rebuilding his 30 year old brick catenary arch kiln, replacing the corroded firebrick to make the kiln airtight, allowing for more control of the firing atmosphere. For more information, visit: www.ostromsceramics.com.

Bernadine Roberts of Hinckley, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Mixed Media Artistic Fashion Accessories*. During the project, the artist will create artistic fashion accessories, including handbags, totes, cosmetic bags, and pouches that are embellished with mixed media materials.

Heidi Schauer of Wyoming, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Common Threads*. During the project, the artist will complete a five-day self-designed research and writing activity focused on the life and works of Lauren Ford. For more information, visit: www.HeidiSchauer.com.

Elizabeth Steffenson of Cambridge, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Writing for Children Study and Mentorship*. During the project, the artist will attend a Children's Writers Conference, attend writing lectures at Hamline University, and will be mentored by Molly Beth Griffin through a Loft Literary Center program.

Kelli Tubbs of Chisago City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a project entitled *Drum Set Lessons with Daniel Glass*. During the project, the artist will participate in 9 hours of private instruction to learn how to perform ragtime and traditional jazz on a period correct drum set, and will also refurbish a snare drum to performance-ready condition. For more information, visit: www.Swing-and-a-Miss.com.

ECRAC K-12 Student Scholarship Program

Scholarship funding is available for specific art learning projects or programs for students currently in Grades K-12.

Scholarships up to \$500 are available.

Annual Deadline: March 1

Julia Gams of Mora, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled *Private Voice Lessons*. During the project, the high school student will use the Scholarship to pay for 25 voice lessons provided by vocal mentor Mrs. Sarah Howes of Mora, MN.

Alayna Heintz of Rush City, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled *Art Classes for 6-year-olds*. During the project, the 1st Grade student will participate in a variety of art classes, a summer art camp, and will participate in on-line class offerings.

Lyle Nelson of Braham, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled *Clay Summer Camp*. During the project, the 4th Grade student will attend a week-long camp at the Northern Clay Center of Minneapolis, MN, where he will learn how to sculpt clay by hand and on a pottery wheel.

Grant Pryor of Cambridge, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled *Suzuki Method Violin Lessons*. During the project, the student will participate in six months of 40 minute private violin lessons from June through December 2015.

Heidi Pryor of Cambridge, MN, received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled *String Orchestra Day Camp*. During the project, the 5th Grade student will attend the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies camp from July 13 to July 17 2015. The camp is for music students ages 8-13 with at least two years of playing experience.

ECRAC's Annual IMAGE Art Show 2015

The IMAGE Art Show is a regional judged art show sponsored by the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC). The five counties included in the show are Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine County.

The 2015 IMAGE Art Show will be hosted this year by the East Central Regional Arts Council. The event will take place at the ECRAC main office located at 112 Main Avenue South in Braham, Minnesota.

Visit the ECRAC website at www.ecrac.org for IMAGE Art Show updates.