



GRANTS FUNDED

FY 2013

Grants funded by the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) during FY 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013)

ECRAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Organization Grant Program

Paradise Community Theatre of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Paradise Theatre Renovation Project. This was a theatre renovation project and included mold removal and artistic renovation to restore the theatre's accessibility and original grandeur. For more information check out their website at www.paradisetheatre.com

Cambridge Center for the Arts of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Personnel Grant. The Cambridge Center for the Arts is transitioning from total volunteer management to paid Executive Director Management to ensure stability and continuity in programming. For more information check out their website at <http://www.cambridgecenterforthearts.org>

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Capital Equipment Grant - Truck/Trailer for Sculpture Development. This equipment is a critical physical resource in the daily operation at the Sculpture Park in support of the arts: creation, exhibition, programming, and maintenance. For more information check out their website at www.franconia.org

City of Milaca received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Rec Fest 2013. The Milaca Parks Commission presented a three day bluegrass music festival and art celebration in July 2013 at the historic bandshell in Milaca's Recreation (Rec) Park. For more information check out their website at <http://milacarecfest.com/>

Chisago Lakes Area Schools Community Education Program of Lindstrom received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Artists Rubbing Elbows With Children. Chisago Lakes Community Education facilitates this learning experience between local artists from various genres and the children of Southern Chisago County. This project culminated in an art show featuring the work of the artists and the children and was open to the public. For more information check out their website at <http://www.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/communityed>

Cambridge Center for the Arts of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Executive Director Grant. The Cambridge Center for the Arts will continue to compensate a paid Executive Director to ensure stability and continuity in programming. For more information check out their website at <http://www.cambridgecenterforthearts.org>

The City of Braham received a grant in the amount of \$15000 for a project entitled Braham Sculpture Park. The City of Braham will install a series of 4 sculptures. For more information check out their website at <http://braham.com/>

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$14993 for a project entitled 2013 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour Program. The 2013 Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour program included 3 art making workshops and a full day metal pour event. For more information check out their website at www.franconia.org

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$14987 for a project entitled Music at Franconia Concert Series and Guided Tours. Support of musical performances and guided tours of Franconia Sculpture Parks public art exhibition. For more information check out their website at www.franconia.org

Cambridge Center for the Arts of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$14980 for a project entitled Play Inc Summer Theater Program. The Cambridge Center for the Arts will offer the Play Inc Summer Theater Program for youth and produced 3 performances of 2 plays. For more information check out their website at <http://www.cambridgecenterforthearts.org>

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$13914 for a project entitled 2013 Valentine's Day Hot Metal Pour. Minnesota artists and the community participated in the unique process of metal casting at an outdoor iron pour. Sand carving workshops for the public were held in preparation for the iron pour. For more information check out their website at www.franconia.org

Mora Public Schools received a grant in the amount of \$13244 for a project entitled Contemporary Art Collaboration. Mora's CAPP brought in three artists for week-long residencies. This project concluded with a dance performance in which all three contemporary artists (composer, choreographer, visual artist) collaborated on a free of charge community performance. For more information check out their website at www.mora.k12.mn.us

East Central Minnesota Chorale of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$2259 for a project entitled Capital Equipment Grant - Keyboard and Amplifier for Music Development. This equipment grant included the purchase of a portable 88 key weighted action digital keyboard and amplifier to be used in performance spaces that do not have the proper instrumentation. For more information check out their website at www.eastcentralmnchorale.org

Cambridge-Isanti Performing Arts Committee, a program of Cambridge Isanti Community Education of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$9995 for a project entitled "On Stage With" Performance Series. "On Stage With" is a performance series at the Hardy Center in Cambridge. The audience as well as the performer will be on stage and backstage and the large seating area will not be used at all to increase ambience and artist audience interaction. For more information check out their website at www.hardycenter.com

The City of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$9889 for a project entitled Mora's Music in the Park. Mora is sponsoring nine cultural music concerts representing a variety of styles. For more information check out their website at <http://www.ci.mora.mn.us/>

Braham Pie Day of Braham received a grant in the amount of \$9759 for a project entitled Braham Pie Day Sings a New Song and Focuses on Arts Participation. Braham Pie Day contracted with a composer for a new Pie Song and will also fund festival performances and a professional sound technician. For more information check out their website at www.pieday.com

East Central Minnesota Chorale of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$9757 for a project entitled Sound and Lighting - Equipment Grant. Sound and lighting equipment was purchased. This equipment is being used in upcoming seasons and will support accessibility for the members and will enhance the acoustics for performances. For more information check out their website at www.eastcentralmnchorale.org

Onamia Area Friends of the Library of Onamia received a grant in the amount of \$8819 for a project entitled Onamia is All About Art. Onamia is All About Art infused the arts into the Mille Lacs area by offering arts education, arts appreciation, and cultural heritage activities for all ages and all skill levels all year long. Ojibwe storytelling, a community art show, block painting, drawing, and music appreciation are were part of the project. For more information check out their website at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Onamia-Depot-Library/141443955953558>

The Milaca Fine Arts Council received a grant in the amount of \$8695 for a project entitled Music in the Park 2013. The Milaca Fine Arts Council is presenting a series of community concerts during the summer. There will be a wide variety of music genres and local performing artists and musicians will be featured. For more information check out their website at <http://milacaartscenter.org/>

Onamia Public Schools received a grant in the amount of \$7750 for a project entitled Mille Lacs Community Youth Theatre Project. This project brought together youth and adults from the Mille Lacs Lake area to provide a meaningful theatre experience. The production was "Somewhere, Nowhere: A Small Town Cycle" and will coincide with the City of Isle centennial celebration.

We R Able a program of the St Croix River Education District in Rush City received a grant in the amount of \$6509 for a project entitled Seven Concerts in the We R Able Service Area. Seven concerts were sponsored highlighting the music of Ireland and Sweden.

Isanti County Historical Society (ICHS) of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$1615 for a project entitled Nordic Music and Dance Concert and Workshop. ICHS will provide instruction to the general public in traditional Nordic dance and music with Ole Olsson's Old Time Orchestra. There will be a dance and workshops. For more information check out their website at www.ichs.ws

ECRAC's Annual IMAGE Art Show 2013

Old School Art Center of Sandstone received a grant in the amount of \$10000 for hosting the IMAGE Art Show 2013. IMAGE will be held November 15 to the 19th, 2013. For more information on the Old School Art Center check out their website at <http://oldschoolartscenter.org/>

ECRAC Organization Art Project Grant Program

East Central Minnesota Chorale of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$5000 for a project entitled East Central Minnesota Winter Concerts. This grant supported the annual winter concerts. The Chorale hired a string quartet, oboe, two trumpets, and timpani, to accompany specific pieces of the program. For more information check out their website at www.eastcentralmnchorale.com.

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$5000 for a project entitled 2012 Art and Artists Celebration. On September 22, 2012, Franconia Sculpture Park hosted an all-day arts event from 10 am to 10 pm. This event celebrated their current exhibition and featured 39 new 3-D works of art, there was also music, arts education, and family art-making workshops. For more information check out their website at www.franconia.org

We R Able a program of the St Croix River Education District in Rush City received a grant in the amount of \$4999 for a project entitled Arts RX - a Prescription for a Dose of Good Arts Through Music. From March 2013 to January 2014 a series of 12 music appreciation concerts are being held in North Branch and Rush City and the artists will be Troy Heling, Pat Schonhardt, Jim Anderson, Ross Sutter, and Art Bjorngjeld. For more information check out their website at <http://www.scred.k12.mn.us/>

Franconia Sculpture Park of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$4990 for a project entitled 2013 Docent Led Guided Tours and Kids Make Sculpture Workshops. This project includes 26 weekly Docent Led Guided Tours of Franconia Sculpture Park's public art exhibition of 105 large-scale sculptures and 4 Kids Make Sculpture Workshops serving youth ages 4-18. For more information check out their website at www.franconia.org

Cambridge Center for the Arts of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$4057 for a project entitled Play Inc Community Theater's Production of Fiddler on the Roof. For more information check out their website at <http://www.cambridgecenterforthearts.org>

We R Able a program of the St Croix River Education District in Rush City received a grant in the amount of \$3579 for a project entitled Arts Audience Development Through Four Days of Mime. Four mime workshops were held in conjunction with art show openings in the We R Able Service area of Pine City, Rush City, North Branch, and Chisago Lakes. For more information check out their website at <http://www.scred.k12.mn.us/>

Old School Art Center of Sandstone received a grant in the amount of \$2847 for a project entitled Project Student Panels. A local artist was hired to work with students in two area schools to design and

create four panels mounted on the outside of the Old School Art Center building. For more information check out their website at <http://oldschoolartscenter.org/>

Princeton Area Visionary Committee of Princeton received a grant in the amount of \$1700 for a project entitled Rhythm on the Rum. This project was held September 22, 2012, and included a performance of the Festival of Nations band at the Princeton Rum River Riverside Park site. For more information on this group check out their website at <http://princetonareavisionarycommittee.org/>

ECRAC Small Grant Program

We R Able a program of the St Croix River Education District in Rush City received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Making Books As Containers of Artistic Expression. A bookmaking class was held in 4 venues. The artist was Mary Jo Pauly. Participants learned skills and were guided in personal expression both in making books and filling them with content.

We R Able a program of the St Croix River Education District in Rush City received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Dance from Your Chair at the Pine City Senior Center. Dancer Cheryl Braddock presented a series of dance classes. Participants learned skills and were guided in personal expression through movement. The participants are adults with disabilities and older adults.

Cambridge Center for the Arts of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Cabin Fever Art Show. In collaboration with GracePointe Crossing, the 2nd Annual Cabin Fever Art Show gave local artists the opportunity to show their artwork to the community. For more information check out their website at <http://www.cambridgecenterforthearts.org>

Pine Center for the Arts of Pine City received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Music of the Pine County Lumberjacks with Brian Miller. This concert at the Northwest Company Fur Post highlighted the history of the music of the Irish lumberjacks in Pine County. For more information check out their website at <http://pinecenter.org/>

We R Able a program of the St Croix River Education District in Rush received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Neiberz Honors Doris Day at the Chisago County Senior Center. The band Neighberz performed a medley concert of Doris Day songs in honor of her birthday. The audience was invited to sing along and then design a bracelet.

The Princeton ISD 477 School Age Child Care Program received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Child Care Field Trip to Circus Juventas Oz. This field trip allowed the students the ability to attend a performance not available locally.

East Central Minnesota Pride of Braham received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Sound Equipment Rental for the 9th Annual East Central Minnesota Pride Event. This grant allowed for the payment of rental fees for the sound equipment used at the East Central Minnesota Pride Event in Pine City. The musical artists were: Nobody's Weddin, Yassen Marie, Harley Wood, and Chastity Brown.

Kanabec County Agricultural Society of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$500 for a project entitled Kids Make Art. Arts activities were available for children attending the annual Kanabec County Fair. Artists will assist the children. For more information check out their website at <http://kanabecfair.org/>

ECRAC Art In Our Schools Grant Program

Wyoming Elementary School, ISD 831, received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Lisa Arnold Residency. This project included a residency with mosaicist Lisa Arnold and the production of a permanent mosaic in the school.

Wyoming Elementary School, ISD 831, received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Theater Masks Residency. Ann Sawyer-Aitch provided a residency with a speaking reader's theater theme and masks were made by the students.

Onamia Public Schools received a grant in the amount of \$809 for a project entitled Onamia ALC Great Theatre Field Trips. The Onamia ALC provided 2 field trips for students to the GREAT Theatre in St Cloud

Mora Public Schools received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Cowles Center Field Trip. 2nd grade students attended a Zenon Dance Company performance.

ECRAC ACHF Individual Artist Grant Program

Shirl Chouinard of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$2500 for a project entitled Home Sweet Home. The artist first participate in arts learning with mentors and then developed an exhibit of her artwork. An exhibit of artwork produced from this project was held in Cambridge, MN. For more information check out their website at http://www.mnartists.org/Shirl_Chouinard

Valorie Arrowsmith of Stanchfield received a grant in the amount of \$2500 for a project entitled Supporting Artistic Development through a Bookmaking Mentorship. The project is a bookmaking mentorship with artist Mary Jo Pauly.

Nancy Toskey of Chisago City received a grant in the amount of \$2500 for a project entitled INTERSECTIONS. This project will culminate in a public presentation and will include an online blog of edited digital conversations and visuals around the common themes of humanity and uniqueness of personal experiences. For more information on this artist check out her website at www.mediatorremember.com

Susan Foss of Sandstone received a grant in the amount of \$2493 for a project entitled Ojibwe Totem Statues. Creation of 5 sculptures of totem animals used by the Ojibwe people. For more information check out the artist's website at <http://minnesotagoosegarden.com/>

Terri Huro of Mora received a grant in the amount of \$975 for a project entitled Solo Gallery Shows. The artist will purchase better quality water color supplies to support the creation of art to be used in upcoming exhibits and solo gallery shows. For more information check out her website at <http://terrihuroart.com/>

ECRAC/McKnight Fellowship Program

David Spohn of Lindstrom received a Fellowship in the amount of \$7000 for a project entitled The Dragon Fly Suite - A study in transformation.

Kenneth Larson of Sturgeon Lake received a grant in the amount of \$7000 for a project entitled Sculpture Fellowship. For more information on Larson go to his website at <http://www.larsonclayworks.com/>

ECRAC/McKnight Individual Artist Grant Program

Tracy Gulliver of Chisago City received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Seized. This is a manuscript editing and mentorship project. For more information check out her website at www.tracygulliver.blogspot.com

Deb Frantz of Ogilvie received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled World Music Drumming Level I Workshop. Frantz attended a music workshop in order to enhance the ceramic musical instruments that she creates.

Cliff Odendahl of Grasston received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Photographing the Apostle Islands with Craig Blacklock. This was a MISA workshop.

Melanie Brooks of Pine City received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Instrumental Music Education- The Art of Conducting and Saxophone Performance. This artist continued her music education by attending the Suomen Tyovaen Musiikkiliitto Music Camp and by receiving saxophone lessons from Daniel Gordon.

Stephanie Anderson of Milaca received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Mixed Media Water, Woods, and Wildlife Study Project. Anderson is exploring the nearby water, woods, and wildlife, through a mixed media approach

Elizabeth Steffenson of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Training at the Loft Literary Center. This training will assist her in finishing 2 manuscripts.

Valerie Raivo of Brook Park received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Photography in Mixed Media Project. This project included both the purchase of a new high end digital camera for documentation of work and also included photography in the production of mixed media art work.

Marilyn Cuellar of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$1000 for a project entitled Capital Equipment Grant. This project included the purchase of new tent sides for the exhibition of her artwork during the summer of 2013. For more information check out her website at <http://marilyncuellar.com/>

Jason Bord of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$994 for a project entitled The Upside Down House Project. This project was to develop and install a new work of sculpture out of local lumber that deals with economic status and the outsourcing of resources. For more information check out his website at <http://jasonbord.com/home.html>

Dee Kotaska of Brook Park received a grant in the amount of \$984 for a project entitled Artistic Photography Project. This project explores artistic photography through the technology of the iPhone and iPad.

Dane Winkler of Shafer received a grant in the amount of \$944 for a project entitled Digital Camera Project. This project included the purchase of a new high end digital camera for both the documentation of artwork and also to be used in the production of his artwork. For more information check out his website at <http://danewinkler.net/home.html>

Barry Scanlan of Milaca received a grant in the amount of \$905 for a project entitled Production Project. This project included the purchase of supplies for the production of a series of new paintings and an exhibition of those paintings. For more information check out his website at <https://www.facebook.com/Barry.Scanlan.artist>

Brenda Brophy of Chisago City received a grant in the amount of \$894 for a project entitled Literary Mentorship Project. This is a literary mentorship with author and editor Ashley Brooks.

ECRAC K-12 Student Scholarship

Scholarships up to \$500. March 1 deadline. This funding is targeted to special art learning projects or programs for kids K-12.

Heidi Pryor of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$500. This student attended the Fiddle Pal Camp in Stillwater, MN.

Clara Jacobus of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$465 the Northern Clay Center Summer Camp.

Grant Pryor of Cambridge received a grant in the amount of \$ This student is taking suzuki method violin lessons and will perform a recital at the end of the training.

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