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15 Pinellas County Artists Awarded Grants in Second Cycle to Support their Careers and Value their Contributions to our Community

The Pinellas County Cultural Affairs Department is pleased to announce that 15 Pinellas County artists have been selected to receive funds totaling \$14,735.00 from the *Professional Development Individual Artist Grant* program. A panel representing each artistic discipline, and a representative from the Cultural Council, evaluated and scored the applications, then recommended funding which was approved by the Council on May 15, 2008. The grant awards are for amounts up to \$1,000, and have recently been revised to offer grants to artists twice yearly to provide financial assistance for projects to advance or enhance the professional development of Pinellas County artists. Grants have been awarded to the following artists:

2008 Individual Artists Grant Projects and Awards—Cycle 2

Vaibhav Alandikar, visual artist from Seminole, received \$1,000 to purchase a new potter's wheel; **Patricia Chute**, visual artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase a large-format easel and assistance in design for her studio; **Marita Contreras**, visual artist from St. Pete Beach, \$1,000 to purchase materials, supplies and framing to complete a photography project; **Bonnie Duncan**, visual artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase a digital camera to document works; **John DiSanza**, multi-media artist from Dunedin, \$1,000 to create a multi-media presentation focusing on the Vietnam War; **M.K. Foltz**, visual artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase an archival pigment ink printer; **Mary Klein**, visual artist from St. Pete Beach, \$1,000 to recreate/update/reprint her previously published book "A Rich Fantasy Life"; **Lori Krout**, visual artist from Palm Harbor, \$1,000 to attend painting sessions and study public art in New York City; **David Manson**, performing artist from St. Petersburg, \$750 to restore orchestral trombone; **Peter Meder**, visual artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase electronic equipment to enhance the movements of the automatons he creates; **Marius Moore**, \$1,000 for website design and training and marketing; **Andrea Pawlisz**, visual artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase display panels and business desk for outdoor art shows; **Ric Savid**, visual artist from Clearwater, \$1,000 to purchase fast, wide-angle lens; **T. Scott Wooten**, performing artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase a Macintosh computer to enhance writing, sound design and marketing of

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theater projects; **Kyu Yamamoto**, visual artist from St. Petersburg, \$1,000 to purchase sculpting and painting supplies and accessories.

If you are an artist living and working in Pinellas County, and have not received an Individual Artist Grant in the last three grant cycle years, you are eligible to apply for the next round of grants. The applications will be available for the *Professional Development Individual Artist Grants* this fall for 2009 project proposals. Please phone Cultural Affairs at 727.453.7860 if you need further information, and check the website often for new artist opportunities: www.pinellasarts.org

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