

19 Pinellas County Artists Awarded Grants to Support Careers

The Pinellas County Cultural Affairs Department is pleased to announce that 19 Pinellas County artists have been selected to receive funds totaling \$17,988.00 from the *Professional Development Individual Artist Grant* program. A professional panel representing each artistic discipline, and a representative from the Cultural Council, evaluated the applications and recommended funding that was approved by the Council on May 17, 2007. The grant awards are for amounts up to \$1,000 to provide financial assistance for projects to advance or enhance the professional development of Pinellas County artists. The artist grant program has recently been revised to offer grants to artists twice yearly.

Professional development grants have been awarded to the following artists:

Visual Arts Awards:

St. Petersburg:

Jonathan Barnes	\$1,000 for summer workshop travel and a treadle wheel.
Kevin C. Brady	\$1,000 for an Electro-Melt Furnace to enable him to design small bronze castings.
Cheryl Anne Day-Swallow	\$1,000 for a Ceram-A-Glass kiln to produce new work.
Brett Robert Freund-	\$1,000 for a potter's wheel and to help set up his own studio.
Leslie Fry	\$1,000 for new software programs to produce professional presentation portfolios.
Laura Monk	\$1,000 for supplies to produce prints and promotional materials.
Christopher Padow	\$1,000 for a TIG welder and accessories, enabling him to produce a new body of sculptures.
Rose Marie Prins	\$1,000 to upgrade her studio facilities in order to realize new projects.
Margaret Steward	\$1,000 for tuition and travel to attend a 2-week summer intensive workshop at Haystack School in Maine.

Gulfport:

Eric Allen Folsom, Jr.	\$1,000 to upgrade his studio tools and equipment.
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Largo:

Mindy Brewer	\$750 to purchase supplies and receive advanced artist training in illustration.
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Indian Rocks Beach:

Pamela Miles	\$988 for painting supplies and to produce professional images of her artwork for future promotional material.
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Clearwater:

Janice Carnegie Rush	\$1,000 for printed postcards and website design and presence to begin to broadly market her work.
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Dunedin:

Denis Gaston	\$750 for a digital camera and flash card to upgrade his current equipment.
Joseph Weinzettle	\$500 to historically research Gothic silverprint artists and methods.

Performing Arts Awards:

St. Petersburg:

A. Paul Johnson	\$1,000 to produce copies of a classical music CD for new publicity efforts.
Andrea Moraes Manson	\$1,000 to produce CD copies for marketing new Brazilian pieces.
Joseph P. Terrana	\$1,000 to purchase assorted, uncommon instruments for experimental music exploration and study.

Madeira Beach:

Peter Blauvelt	\$1,000 for a computer specific for CD musical production.
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The applications will be available for the next round of *Professional Development Individual Artist Grants* on the Cultural Affairs website soon: www.pinellasarts.org. The deadline will be in August for projects beginning this fall.

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