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**Arts Council of York County Announces**

**Small Grant Recipients – 4th Quarter 2018-2019**

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grant awards for the fourth quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Small Grants are available to individual artists, non-profit organizations, teachers and schools throughout York County. These grants are designed to support specific arts activities that promote the individual artist’s professional development or career advancement and/or to support a wide variety of quality arts projects and programs that promote excellence in arts disciplines and make such disciplines accessible for general community-wide audiences.

Organizations and individual artists residing in York County, SC may request up to $1,000 per grant and may receive up to two grants each calendar year.

Recipients include:

**Marcia Kort Buike | $599**

*Lana Ballot Pastel Workshop*

This workshop will examine how light affects color in landscape and seascape. By making confident color choices, we’ll avoid muddy paintings. The demos will illustrate the advantages of color layering and underpainting techniques to create beautifully nuanced color, depth and texture. We will explore different color characteristics to improve the overall design and make a stronger visual statement.

This small grant helped with facility and administrative costs associated with this 3-day workshop. | http://www.fortmillartguild.com

**Concerts at the Courtroom | $1,000**

*Don’t Sweat it FEST*

The Don’t Sweat It FEST Has been bringing locally and regionally trending bands to the Gettys Art Center in Old Town Rock Hill in the sultry heat of summer since 2012. Over the years, this unique festival has featured local and regional favorites like LEGGGs, Terror Pigeon, Amigo, Motel Glory, and Mall Goth, while infiltrating the lineup with fresh, new acts each year. This year’s festival includes 3 blocks of music beginning on Thursday, June 22 and running through Saturday, June 22.

The Don’t Sweat It FEST doesn’t limit itself to music though. Over the years, Festival Director Mike Gentry has added a curated art sale to the fray that has included works by Jordan Sommer, Dylan Bannister, Lila Shull, and Zach Greenway. The 2019 Don’t Sweat It FEST is collaborating with the local arts collective, W.A.M.A. (We Also Make Art) to curate an art sale of work from both local and out-of-town artists. W.A.M.A. will also help program events occurring concurrently with the festival.

This Small Grant will be used to pay for general operating costs, as well as band fees and marketing. | https://www.facebook.com/dontsweatitfest/

**Carlo Dawson | $555**

*Juneteenth | DARING DAVE! Who is Dave the Potter?*

Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas on June 19, 1865, and more generally, the emancipation of African-American slaves throughout the Confederate South. The 2019 celebration is scheduled to take place on June 8th, and 21 - 22, 2019 in Old Town Rock Hill, with activities in Fountain Park, and at the York County Public Library of Rock Hill, 138 E. Black St., Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center, 745 Saluda St., and Mt. Prospect Baptist Church, 339 W. Black St.

This Small Grant will support the planned activity, *DARING DAVE! Who is Dave the Potter?* scheduled for Saturday, June 8th at 2 PM at the York County Public Library of Rock Hill. Those in attendance will learn about Dave Drake’s brave background as an enslaved man who created poetry and pottery in South Carolina. Participants will have the opportunity to write poetry in the style of Dave Drake and create a piece of pottery. Copies of Carlo L’Chelle Dawson’s books, *Why We Celebrate* and *Dave the Potter* will be available for purchase during this event.

This Small Grant will help pay for printing and publishing fees associated with the printing of Carlo L’Chelle Dawson’s book, *Dave the Potter*. | https://www.juneteenthrockhill.com

**Finley Road Elementary School | $300**

*Motown Magic*

For over 29 years, the students in grades 1 through 5 at Finley Road Elementary school have performed a Spring Music Show for family and friends. Each year, the music teacher, Terri Westphal, selects a them for the show. The theme for 2019 is *Motown Magic*. In preparation for the Motown Magic show, Mrs. Westphal shared lessons about Hitsville, U.S.A., The Motown Sound, and Berry Gordy and his artists with her students. Many of the songs were familiar to them. As Finley Road Elementary School is a Title 1 school with a large population of African American students, this theme/educational topic is very meaningful to them as it connects their culture to their classroom experience.

*Motown Magic* will feature a performance of a Motown song by each grade level, and collectively, the school will sing two songs together. To take the evening to the next level, Mrs. Westphal has invited members of PLAIR, including Bobby Plair, Jr. to perform. With the addition of these talented musicians, Mrs. Westphal has added an authentic element to the Motown sound, by enhancing the production and providing a live instrumental learning experience for her students.

This Small Grant will allow Finley Road Elementary School to hire two additional members of PLAIR to perform during the evening’s events. | https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/Domain/12

**Marge Moody | $713**

*Professional Lookbook*

Marge Moody's work is inspired by her experience of places, distant, close to home, and from her imagination. Marge's work describes the ‘spirit’ of place. She works thematically as each experience may suggest many possible visual outcomes. The work examines boundaries, addresses the fragility of existence, of presence, of absence, and of memory.

Moody creates her abstract acrylic paintings on canvas, which, through a rigorous process of working and reworking composition and art elements, arrive at a harmonious expression of the essential nature of the subject.

Marketing is a necessary, but not easy, part of being an artist. The pursuit of exhibiting opportunities and possible gallery representation takes many hours, often forcing the artist to choose between creating their art and marketing their art. Marge Loudon Moody looks to bridge the gap by creating a lookbook that features her current artwork. This book will be available for purchase, and will be distributed to prospective galleries, allowing Moody to focus on her primary passion – painting.

This small grant will be used to pay for the production and printing costs associated with the creation of the book. | http://www.margeloudonmoody.com

**Old Town Association | $500**

*The Secret Garden*

Set among the sunlight, fresh air, and flowers of Glencairn Gardens, this 1910 Victorian stage adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic book tells the story of sour Mary Lennox and how an abandoned garden taught her to bloom. With six actors playing multiple parts, this creative and family-friendly production inspires its spectators to plant kindness instead of cruelty and plant love instead of fear...so we can all grow together into a beautiful tomorrow.

The Old Town Theatre Company’s production of The Secret Garden, a play by Rachel Teagle, raises the standard of theatre by creating a professional environment for actors and audiences in a site-specific, nontraditional environment. Performances take place at the Glencarin Garden Stage in Rock Hill, SC during the 2019 Come-See-Me Festival.

This Small Grant supports marketing, set design, technical equipment, costumes, and artists’ fees for the production. | https://www.facebook.com/events/669617443457548/

**Winthrop University | $500**

*Senior Thesis Exhibition*

*Synthesis* is a collaborative exhibition of nine graduating seniors earning a BA or BFA from the Department of Fine Arts within the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Winthrop University. The artists featured in the exhibition work in a variety of styles and techniques that range from painting, photography, sculpture, installation, and video. The work presented explores themes of nostalgia, introspection, environmental issues, and happiness, among other topics.

Students featured in the exhibition are Tessa Benoit, Madison Burger, Carson Carroll, Sara Donnelly, Will Lattman, Kasey Sears, Shelby Spenser, Javonte Taylor, and Lacey Todd. Artwork by Michael Gentry, Elizabeth Melton, and Jonathan Prichard, all alumni of Winthrop University’s Department of Fine Arts, will also be on display.

The exhibition is open for public viewing April 19 - 28 from 12 - 3 and 5 - 8 PM in the Historic Lowenstein Building located at 300 Technology Center St. In Rock Hill, South Carolina. The exhibition will be closed April 20 and 21.

The Small Grant will be used to purchase building materials to convert the industrial space within the Lowenstein Building into an exhibition space. | https://www.facebook.com/events/375186186543634/

**Total Allocations This Quarter: $4,167**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org on the Grants page under The Arts heading. The next deadline is Saturday, June 1, 2018 at 5 PM for programs occurring July, August, and/or September of 2019. Prospective applicants MUST discuss the proposed project with the Executive Director at least 10 days in advance of the application deadline date. Should the deadline fall on a holiday or weekend, grant applications are due the last business day prior to the deadline.

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The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at (803)328-2787, by email at arts@yorkcountyarts.org, or visit our webpage at <http://www.yorkcountyarts.org>.

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