

Regional Artist Project Grant Winners Announced

The Arts Councils of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes Counties have announced the winners of the 2009-2010 Regional Artist Project of Northwest North Carolina Grants Program. The program provides financial support and recognition to committed, accomplished artists, enabling them to advance their work and careers.

Receiving grants this year are Teresa Cerda, visual artist, to purchase materials and supplies for a painting project relating to a poetry book; James Collins, visual artist, to attend woodturning class at John C. Campbell Folk School; Phil Morrison, visual artist, to purchase woodworking equipment to create primitive furniture; Collie Riddle, visual artist, to purchase wide angle camera lens and photography equipment to enhance work on new book; John Scarlatta, visual artist, to purchase materials to complete a 35 year retrospective photography exhibit; Bryan Smith, visual artist, to purchase supplies to market his historical portraits; Holly Soukup, visual artist, to purchase framing materials, arts supplies and marketing fees.

A reception for the recipients will be held at the Jones House in Boone, NC on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

A multi-disciplinary panel from the four county region judged applications in visual arts, music, film and literature. Seven grants were awarded totaling \$ 6,162.00. This grant is partially funded by the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency, in partnership with the Arts Councils of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, and Wilkes Counties. For more information, call your local arts council or 336-846-ARTS.