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**Arts Council of York County's**

**Small Grant Recipients – 4th Quarter 2015-2016**

ROCK HILL, SC - The Arts Council of York County is pleased to announce the allocation of Small Grants awards for the fourth quarter of the 2015-2016 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 an arts discipline and make such excellence 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:

**Ag + Art Tour/YCCVB | $1,000**

Founded in York County in 2012, the South Carolina Ag + Art Tour has expanded to include nine counties in 2016. The Ag + Art Tour is the nation’s largest free, self-guided tour of designated farms in South Carolina, featuring artisans, farms, and farmers markets. Agritourism is on the rise, and with a tour such as this, people can witness first-hand where their food comes from, learn about rural life, watch artists in action and purchase their works. On the first tour, there were approximately 2,500 participants. Since its inception, the Tour has seen 20,000 visitors to its farm sites. The 2016 tour takes place throughout the month of June, featuring 2-3 counties each weekend. The Small Grant will be used to pay for marketing expenses, advertising the Ag + Art Tour of York County. | <https://www.agandarttour.com>

**Architectural Forensics, LLC/Wade Fairey | $250**

Architectural Forensics, LLC has been conducting historical site surveys for more than 30 years, examining structures to determine techniques used in building, changes in architecture, and examining the architectural integrity of the building’s components. Architectural Forensics and its principals have assisted Historic Brattonsville, the Historic White Home, the Historic Columbia Foundation, the Union County Historical Commission, the Fairfield Historical Society, the Palmetto Trust, Hagood’s Mill and many others in both documenting and preserving their structures.

This project will support the “This Building Has History” program. Decorative QR labels will be installed on 25-30 storefronts in downtown Rock Hill. These labels will allow smart phone users to access detailed information on each building through the Roots & Recall website, including information on the construction date, contractor, architect, past owners and businesses, former uses, photographs, and maps. This project has been designed to enhance the pedestrian experience by providing the history of the Old Town district. This grant will be used to pay for the design, purchase, and installation of the QR labels. | <http://www.rootsandrecall.com/architectural-forensics-llc-historic-home-review/>

**Mike Baker | $1,000**

Mike Baker is an independent photographer based in York County, SC, where he is currently an Artist in Residence at the Arts Council of York County’s Center for the Arts. Baker’s clients include government agencies, commercial business, publications, sports organizations and individuals.Mike has won numerous awards for photographic excellence in juried and non-juried photography competitions. He has also served as a juror, judging both digital images and printed images for many photography competitions. His work has been included in the group exhibit, *Looking at Appalachia*, a photodocumentary which is currently on exhibition across the Southeastern United States. A published photographer, Mike’s work has appeared in *National Geographic*, *Charlotte Magazine*, *YC Magazine*, and *Taxidermy Today*, to name a few. This grant will help offset the costs of equipment necessary for the production of very high quality and technically correct commercial photographs. | <http://mbakerphotographic.com>

**Marcia Kort Buike | $850**

Since its inception in 1982, more than 650,000 students from across the nation have participated in the Congressional Art Competition. The winning piece of artwork from each district will hang for an eleven-month period in the Cannon Tunnel which leads to the US Capitol. Each spring, Marcia Kort Buike serves as the volunteer district coordinator for the annual Congressional Art Competition for the 5th District of South Carolina. This small grant will help cover the exhibition, marketing, and event costs related to the 5th District Congressional Art Competition. | <http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition/>

**Mike Gentry/Don’t Sweat It Fest | $1,000**

The 5th Annual Don't Sweat It FEST 2016 takes place from Thursday - Saturday, June 23-25 at the Getty's Art Center.  This year, the Don't Sweat It FEST features 19 bands from all over the southeast from St. Augustine, FL to Nashville, TN and from Charleston, SC to Athens, GA. Set times are Thursday and Friday, 9 pm - midnight, Saturday, 3:30 pm - 8 pm, on the Loading Dock at the Gettys Art Center, and 9 pm - midnight inside the Gettys Courtroom, 201 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC.

On Saturday, there will be an art sale featuring 10 selected artists' affordable works outside the Gettys Art Center. The art sale is curated and managed by local artist, Zach Greenway. | <https://www.facebook.com/dontsweatitfest/>

**Barry Grant | $1,000**

Barry Grant is an artist and graphic designer, working in and around York County throughout his professional career. Grant’s most recent field of work has led him to upcycled jewelry using ivory piano keys and typewriter keys. With this grant, Barry will study the sculpture works of artist, Trent Manning. He will use the funds to purchase raw materials, to be used in the development of at least four sculptures in the style of Manning’s work. He will also purchase materials including piano key ivories, sterling chains, and silver plated trays to develop more pieces of scrimshawed, hand painted and tinted jewelry.

**Zach Greenway | $400**

An alumnus of the South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities, and Winthrop University where he earned his B.A. in painting, Zach Greenway is now an artist based in Rock Hill, SC. Greenway’s work spans many other media beyond painting, including video, digital, drawing, installation, and printmaking. His current imagery is heavily informed by his time as a commercial screen printer. Greenway has exhibited throughout York County, including the Dalton Gallery at the Center for the Arts, Gallery Up, as well as the Rutledge Gallery and the Lewandowski Gallery at Winthrop University.

Greenway’s next body of work focuses on collage. Upon completion of the works, he will submit the pieces for exhibition on a local and national level. The collages will be made from cut colored paper, and will serve as an exploration of space, order, and color relations. This grant will defray the cost of materials needed to execute the project. | <http://www.greenwayart.com>

**Jennifer Kirk Hamilton | $500**

Jennifer Kirk Hamilton has made her living as an artist since the late 1970s. Working in transparent watercolor for more than 20 years before moving on to master acrylics, and lately, oils, she has produced a body of work focused on her dogs as viewed while taking walks. With this grant, Hamilton will participate in the Spring Festival on Ponce, a two-day festival in Atlanta for Public spaces that includes 135 artists whose work will be juried. This festival gives her the opportunity to market her work outside the York County area. | <http://www.jenniferkirkhamilton.com>

**Old Town Association | $1,000**

The 2015 Old Town Amphitheater Summer Concert Series was definitely one for the record books. With two sold out shows featuring Kansas and KC and the Sunshine Band, and Red White and BOOM! welcoming crowds of over 12,000, the Old Town Association is expanding the 2016 season. The 2016 Summer Concert Series will feature concerts by America, The Guess Who, and Toto, along with an even grander Red White and BOOM! Independence Day celebration. This grant will help offset the event and marketing expenses. | <http://www.onlyinoldtown.com>

**Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation | $1,000**

Rock Hill Designs is a program of the Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation that is intended to engage the Rock Hill community in the design of significant public spaces, and to establish a process for incorporating locally inspired art and design into public projects in the Rock Hill Area. The Woolworth Walkway project is expected to be completed in June 2016, and will be formally dedicated in the fall of 2016. The walkway is more than just a path from East Main Street to White Street. It is a public art project, honoring the history and tradition of the area. The overall design references the open book and flowing river of the Catawba. Ideas of hope, freedom, change, turbulence, obstacles and friendship are integrated within the walkway. The civil rights slogan “Liberty and Justice for All” is marked on the adjacent historical brick wall. Blooms of the native dogwood and locally rare spider lilies and sunflowers are softly painted on the wall and are represented within the mosaic tile. Heads of humanity at the Main Street end symbolize the diverse coalition of people making positive change during the civil rights movement to the present day. Artists, Juan Logan and Lauren Doran are collaborators on the project. This grant will be used for expenses related the completion of the walkway. | <http://www.rockhillusa.com>

**Rock Hill Parks Foundation | $794.30**

This grant will help cover the cost to complete the African-American Business District Monument on Dave Lyle and Black Streets. This monument commemorates the economic development contributions made by businesses in the African American community and serves as a historical reference for future generations. Approximately 24 display panels representing prominent African American businesses have been erected with photos, maps and historical information. | <http://www.cityofrockhill.com/departments/parks-recreation-tourism/more/parks-recreation-tourism/rock-hill-parks-foundation>

**St. Anne School | $1,000**

In January 2016, St. Anne School launched the John Paul the Great Program for the Arts, which aims to educate, train, create, and inspire in the fine and performing arts, grades K3-12. The incoming high school students have the option of earning a certificate in their chosen art form. Part of St. Anne School’s mission statement is to train students in the arts and to create a nourishing community that reaches out to the larger community of the parish and surrounding York County Community. One of the programs developed to achieve these goals is the Artist residency program, which invites working artists and professionals into the school to work directly with the students.

The Small Grant will help fund artist fees for Alexandria Nunweiler (choreographer and dancer), Professor Amy Morris (musician), a graphic artist, and local musicians for the pit band working on St. Anne School’s production of *Godspell*, the inaugural musical of the JPG Program for the Arts. | <http://www.stanneschool.com/wp/>

**Karen Collins/Underexposed Film Festival yc | $1,000**

Celebrating its 5th season, the Underexposed Film Festival yc is an international, short film festival that focuses its attention on encouraging, nurturing, and supporting the creativity and vision of independent filmmakers, and providing a forum where their work can be viewed. The Underexposed Film Festival yc sets itself apart by actively looking for “the undiscovered talent” waiting to be exposed. We seek diversity in storytelling and provide an opportunity for both emerging and seasoned filmmakers to screen in the same forum while encouraging dialogue between the two. This grant will help support the UFFyc’s marketing efforts during the 2016 submission period.| <http://www.underexposedfilmfestivalyc.org>

**Total Allocations this Quarter: $10,794.30**

To review guidelines, visit www.yorkcountyarts.org, on the Grants page under the The Arts heading. The next deadline is WEDNESDAY, June 1st, 2016 at 5 PM for programs occurring in JULY, AUGUST, or SEPTEMBER of 2016. The Arts Council’s offices are closed the first, third (and fifth) weekends each month. Should the deadline fall on a weekend, grant applications must be submitted by 5 PM the Friday before. Prospective applicants MUST discuss the proposed project with the Executive Director at least 10 days in advance of the application deadline date.

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