

TRAC announces 2013-14 grant recipients

The Asheville Area Arts Council, the Madison County Arts Council and the Toe River Arts Council have announced their 2013-14 Regional Artist Project grant recipients. The annual grant program provides financial support to developing professionals by funding a project pivotal. The selection criteria include artistic merit, the potential of the project to contribute to professional growth and its feasibility. Winners are selected by a panel of artists, arts administrators and community leaders from each of the five participating counties.

A total of \$9,400 was awarded this year, utilizing a grant from the N.C. Arts Council, a state agency, and funds from the three arts councils, the Asheville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts department and the Avery Arts Council.

The recipients are Bromelia Aerial Dance Collection, performer Julie Becton Gillum, poet Lockie Hunter, fiber artist Cathie Langdon, painter Harper Leich, visual artists Tom Pazderka and Erin Canady (separate grants), painter Francesco Lombard, writer Timothy Burkhardt and ceramicists Elisa DeFeo, Emily Reason David Eichelberger and Scott Summerfield (four separate grants).

“It’s incredible to see the amazing work created by the many artists that live and work in our region,” said Denise Cook, TRAC’s executive director. “The time, energy, passion and unbound creativity are extremely impressive.”

The next selection will be in October. To learn more, visit www.toeriverarts.org in early summer.