

The United Arts Appeal

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Photo caption: Chautauqua County artist Thomas Annear is receiving a 2015 United Arts Appeal Projects Pool grant to support publicity for "The National Parks and Beyond," his solo exhibit that will be on display at Jamestown's Roger Tory Peterson Institute June 23-August 15. Pictured is one of his works, "The Grand Tetons #2, Sunset." Three other artists and seven non-profit organizations also received awards.

United Arts Appeal 2015 Grant Winners Announced

Jamestown, NY – Artistic projects of seven Chautauqua County non-profit organizations and four local artists are receiving grants from the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County's 2015 Projects Pool Grants Program.

In announcing this year's recipients, UAA President Lynn Warner said, "The arts are so important to both the quality of life and the economic well-being of our community. The United Arts Appeal is pleased to support these individual artists and organizations whose quality projects benefit the cultural life of Chautauqua County."

To be eligible to apply for these awards, organizations had to have non-profit status. Individuals must have been Chautauqua County residents for at least one year and could work in any artistic discipline. After being screened for eligibility and fulfillment of requirements, applications were reviewed by an allocations panel made up of artists and community leaders. Their recommendations were then approved by the United Arts Appeal board.

The United Arts Appeal 2015 fellowships and grants are being awarded to:

Individual Artists:

- Thomas Annear: Invitations for "National Parks and Beyond" exhibition at RTPI
- Stephanie Brash: Crafts Alliance exhibit/sale expenses
- Zachary Fowler: Production of short film, Waking
- Jennifer Schlick: Digital photography printing supplies

Organizations:

- Ahira Hall Memorial Library: Literacy in the Library: Arts Reading Culture (LARC) Summer session
- James Prendergast Library: Super Hero Drawing Programs
- Jamestown Audubon Society: Roadside Art
- Jamestown Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation: 2015 Summer Bandshell Concert Series
- Lily Dale Assembly: 2015 Summer Performance Series
- Patterson Library: Music Together at Patterson Library
- Village of Westfield Recreation Department: Concerts in Moore Park Series

In addition to funding for individual artists and smaller art projects through the Projects Pool Grants Program, the United Arts Appeal provides operating support for eight of the larger arts organizations in Chautauqua County. These include the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Community Music Project, 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Jamestown Concert Association, Lucille Ball Little Theatre of Jamestown, Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, and the Western New York Chamber Orchestra.

The United Arts Appeal is supported by Chautauqua County, local foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals throughout the county. For more information about the UAA, including performances offered by member organizations, visit www.UnitedArtsAppeal.org.

Tax-deductible contributions to support the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County can be mailed to 715 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

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