

## TEN LOCAL ARTISTS RECEIVE ART VENTURES GRANTS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Jacksonville, FL – November 14, 2014 – Ten area artists have received grants from The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)) to support their efforts to reach the next level of their professional development. Artists from the five county area (Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker and St. Johns) were invited to apply for the grants, which can be up to \$3,500, and ten were selected by a committee of The Community Foundation to receive awards.

“As we approach the 25th anniversary of Art Ventures, it’s gratifying to acknowledge the artistic wealth that we celebrate as a community with these grants,” said Amy Crane, program director for the Community Foundation. “These ten artists are part of a creative legacy in Northeast Florida that makes our region more vital and rich, and uniquely our own.”

Recipients of the 2014 Art Ventures individual artist’s awards include:

**Will Dickey** (Photography, Duval County)

\$3,300 to purchase a high resolution camera to create landscape portraits of Northeast Florida.

**Julianne French** (Visual Art, Duval County)

\$3,500 to complete a series of drawings which juxtapose ancient architecture and historic architecture in downtown Jacksonville and prepare the work for exhibition.

**Jenny Hager** (Sculpture, Duval County)

\$3,500 to create the next sculpture in her Chinese Zodiac series, “Second Line,” which will be part of a public performance and exhibition.

**Jeremiah Johnson** (Music Composition, Duval County)

\$3,500 to fund the purchase of equipment to produce sound recordings and original compositions.

**Joy Leverette** (Multimedia Installation, Duval County)

\$3,500 to fund a site specific installation of sculptural forms, performance art, and sound in the Springfield neighborhood.

**Gerald Lilliard** (Sculpture, Duval County)

\$3,500 to fund the completion of one bronze sculpture, and exhibit work in Atlanta, GA.

**Richard McMahan** (Visual Art, Duval County)

\$3,500 to purchase conservation materials and exhibition cases for the 1,100-piece mini-museum created by the artist.

**David Montgomery** (Film/Digital Media, Nassau County)

\$3,500 to create a series of time-lapse videos promoting the importance of native plant species that will propagate as artistic social media and serve as educational platforms for classroom students.



**Lisa O'Neil** (Visual Art, St. Johns County)

\$3,500 to complete a large scale oil painting interpreting the religious struggles of settlers in the New World which will be displayed at the St. Augustine Art Association during the City's 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Arvid Smith** (Music/Composition, Duval County)

\$3,500 to fund a professional recording and live performances of "Swara Soundscapes," in which the artist unites music and cultural languages.

The above grants to individual artists were made from the Art Ventures Fund, Independent Life Minority Arts Award Fund, J. Shepard, Jr. and Mary Ann Bryan Arts Endowment, and the Anne and Sallyn Pajcic Art Ventures Endowment.

The Art Ventures Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida also supports small arts organizations. Those grants were announced earlier this fall.

For more information about arts funding at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, go to [www.jaxcf.org/the-arts](http://www.jaxcf.org/the-arts).

#### **About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)) is Florida's oldest and largest community foundation. The Foundation works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community – helping donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helping nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helping people come together to make the community a better place. The Foundation has nearly \$297 million in assets and has made grants in excess of \$278 million since 1964.

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