



ST. JOHNS COUNTY RECEIVES MORE THAN \$90,000 IN GRANTS IN 2016

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida Provides Support for The Arts and Aging Adults

JACKSONVILLE, Florida--August 11, 2016--The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida has made ten grants in St. Johns County, including a \$40,000 grant to the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum to support an artist-in-residency program. These awards are made possible by generous donors who entrust The Community Foundation with funding decisions that most benefit the community.

Six of the ten grants stem from the Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert Fund at The Community Foundation. As established by the donor, this fund's purpose is to support visual art and arts education in St. Augustine. The following grants were awarded in July:

- **\$40,000 (\$20,000 a year for 2 years) to Flagler College, Crisp-Ellert Art Museum (CEAM)**
To develop and fund an artist residency program in collaboration with Flagler College's Department of Art and Design. Each academic year, CEAM will host one to three residencies. Artists will be selected based on their ability to collaborate with broader fields of study within the college.
- **\$7,000 The Lightner Museum**
To fund professional restoration of five significant pieces from the permanent collection, and return them to public display. The pieces will be featured as part of the "Dressing Downton" Exhibition (based on the PBS series Downton Abbey) which will open in October 2017.
- **\$10,000 St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum**
To create a year-long series of Maritime Folk Art Workshops, to be held in view of the museum's 200,000+ annual visitors. Focusing on folk traditions recognized by the State of Florida, the workshops will be open to the public and will feature selected artists practicing Menorcan fishnet making, palm frond weaving, traditional boatbuilding, rope making, and more.
- **\$5,000 tag! Children's Museum of St. Augustine**
To present 24 Beautiful Mind Educational Workshops connecting art with science and nature. All workshops will take place next to the San Sebastian River, and classes can accommodate a total of 250 students, ages PreK-14.

The following Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert grants were awarded earlier in 2016:

- **\$2,500 St. Johns County Cultural Council**
To fund publication and distribution of 20,000 brochures featuring the member galleries of the Art Galleries of St. Augustine (AGOSA).
- **\$10,000 St. Johns County Cultural Council**
To support the 2016 Plein Air event in celebration of the Centennial Celebration for the National Park Service, and the subsequent exhibit of the work at the Lightner Museum.

Two competitive grants were made through The Community Foundation's Art Ventures Field of Interest Fund. The purpose of the Art Ventures Field of Interest is to stimulate vitality and quality in the regional arts community by channeling career development assistance to individual artists, and by increasing the administrative capacity of small arts organizations.

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- **\$3,500 Sara Pedigo**

An associate professor of painting at Flagler College, Sara Pedigo will use her grant to fund camera equipment to improve her ability to portray the quality of her paintings, as well as fund supplies and a small stipend for time to paint.

- **\$3,800 Limelight Theatre**

To fund two staff members' attendance at the Theatre Communications Group Conference in audience development as the theatre approaches its 25th Anniversary season, and Nonprofit Center membership.

The Community Foundation made the following Presidential grant:

- **\$5,000 St. Augustine Music Festival**

To contract with a consultant to create fund-raising materials and work with the board to identify donors.

The area of Aging Adults is a Field of Interest at The Community Foundation, and its recent focus has been to improve the capacity of lead service agencies in the region:

- **\$4,877 St John County Council on Aging (SJCOA):**

This grant focuses on building capacity for communication effectiveness and helping with the agency's Integrated Memory Program.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 52nd year, the Foundation has assets of \$313 million and has made grants of nearly \$369 million since 1964.

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