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## Local artists receive pandemic relief funds

More than 600 artists across Oregon – including 11 in Clatsop County – will receive pandemic relief grants through the Oregon Arts Commission.

The commission received 1,158 eligible applications reporting more than \$18 million in lost revenue.

"Artists are the creative core of our communities and help define who we are," said Brian Rogers, executive director of the arts commission. "They inspire us to innovate, to learn and grow. We are thankful to be able to provide support as our artists continue to suffer great losses due to the pandemic."

Requests for funding far exceeded available funds, he said.

Panelists from around the state served on five discipline-based panels that eval-



Kirista Trask works on a project at Astoria Visual Arts.

uated applications based on artistic practice, impact of cancellations and loss of revenue, and access to resources.

The awarded artists represent a wide array of artistic

disciplines including literature, dance, music, theater, folk and traditional arts, visual arts, design arts and media arts.

Local artists receiving awards: Julie Adams of Cannon Beach Music, \$1,000; James Crowe of Warrenton Visual Arts, \$2,100; Jen Crowe of Warrenton Visual Arts, \$3,600; Oscar Demsi of Astoria Visual Arts, \$1,700; Audrey Long of Astoria Folklife/Traditional Arts, \$2,600; Gabrielle Macrae of Astoria Music, \$2,500; Lisa Sofia Robinson of Seaside Visual Arts, \$1,000; Kirista Trask of Astoria Visual Arts, \$3,900; Myshkin Warbler of Astoria Music, \$1,200; Susan Curington of Deer Island Visual Arts, \$1,000; and Timothy Van Cleave of Scappoose Music, \$2,300.

### Upcoming events

#### Mask give-away is Thursday

Free KN95 masks will be given away through drive-up events throughout the county on Thursday, Jan. 28.

All the giveaways are from 2 to 4 p.m. When recipients reach the front of the line, they should put their car in park, hold up fingers to show how many face coverings are needed, roll down the window the receive the bag of masks.

**Warrenton:** Fire station, 225 S. Main Ave.

**Gearhart:** Fire station, 670 Pacific Way.

**Astoria:** Aquatic Center, 1997 Marine Drive.

**Lewis & Clark:** Fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

**Seaside:** Fire station, 150 S. Lincoln.

**Cannon Beach:** City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

**Knappa:** Fire station, 43114 Hillcrest Loop.

**Elsie:** Fire station, 42644 Loyd Lane.

#### Chamber banquet will be different

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

Although it will be held virtually, the chamber is working to make sure it doesn't feel virtual.

Participants will be placed at a random table where they can chat with others or click open seats at tables around the virtual room. Those who attend can use their computer's camera and mic to video chat with others at the table and there's a text-based chat feature to address the entire group of attendees.

The initial social time will be followed by an interactive

cocktail demonstration, a raffle, live presentations by chamber staff and sponsors, plus an awards ceremony for top volunteers in Astoria (George Award) and Warrenton (Richard Ford award).

Tickets are \$25 for access to the live stream and one raffle ticket, a \$45 ticket adds on an individual party box including a drink kit and \$10 coupon to a local restaurant, and \$75 adds dessert, event swag and delivery of the items. Additional raffle tickets in packs of 5, 12, and 25 are \$5, \$10, and \$20. There's also an option to purchase bottles of wine that won awards at the 2020 Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival.

Tickets and more information are available from the chamber's website, [old-oregon.com](http://old-oregon.com), or call event coordinator Bayly Lay at 503-325-6311.