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Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association

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## **Island Potters Receive Cultural Arts Association Grant to Build Kiln**

### Island Potters Fired Up

The Board of Directors of the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association have awarded a \$1000 Mini-Grant to the “Potters of Beaver Island,” board chair Frank D’Andraia announced today.”

“Potters of Beaver Island” organizer, Larissa McGinnity, said the funds are to be used to build a Raku style kiln. McGinnity added, “Once built the kiln will be available for use by Island potters and provides an opportunity for non-potters to learn about ceramics and pottery, as well as the art of Raku “glazing and firing.” Raku is a traditional Japanese technique that has been rediscovered and modified by modern potters who appreciate its unique beauty and metallic luster and intense colors. The Mini-Grant is expected to cover a portion of the costs associated with building the kiln.

As in past years,” D’Andraia observed, “the Association received multiple applicants vying for a limited amount of grant dollars.” He added, “The selection process is never easy and the nine member BICAA Board is delighted to continue the Association’s ongoing effort to support and promote Island awareness of the cultural arts.”

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association’s Mini-Grant Award program is a competitive process. In its 9 years of awarding Mini-Grants, the BICAA has invested more than \$8000 to assist Island groups to bring all forms of the arts to a wide and diverse audience. Past grants have supported a variety of locally based proposals, including theatrical and comedy groups, as well as programs and workshops featuring choral, jewelry, recorder, and watercolor instruction.

The mission of the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association, a 501-c-3 corporation, is “To serve the Beaver Island community by promoting and supporting the cultural arts, including the annual Baroque on Beaver Festival.” For more information about BICAA and the BICAA Mini-grants program, call (888) 511-5189 or consult <http://bicaa.org/>.