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EASTERN N.C. ARTS COUNCILS SEEK APPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL ARTIST PROJECT GRANTS *Artists in 29 counties are eligible for the regional awards*

July 15, 2017 — The Perquimans Arts League is seeking applications for the 2017–2018 Regional Artist Project Grants. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 8, 2017. Complete funding guidelines and applications are available online at <http://pittcountyarts.org/artists/grants/regional-artist-project-grants>.

There will be three regional workshops in eastern North Carolina. The dates and locations are yet to be determined. Any resident of eastern North Carolina may attend the workshops. These are all free. Please email holly@pittcountyarts.org to RSVP for any of the workshops.

The Regional Artist Project program is managed through a partnership with the North Carolina Arts Council and 29 local arts councils throughout eastern North Carolina working as a consortium. Counties include Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson counties.

Residents in these counties are eligible to apply for grants that provide financial support to artists in all disciplines, such as visual art/craft, music composition, film/video, literature/playwriting and choreography/dance, and at any stage of their career. Types of fundable projects include the creation of new work, purchase of equipment and materials and professional development workshops. Complete funding guidelines and applications are available online at <http://pittcountyarts.org/artists/grants/regional-artist-project-grants>.

Since 1985, the state Arts Council has provided funds for the Regional Artist Project program to support professional artists. The regional consortium of eastern North Carolina arts councils matches the N.C. Arts Council to create a pool of funds for the artists. In the East, grant awards to artists generally range from \$500 to \$1,000, and follow a competitive application and review process.

Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge serves as administrative arts council for the Eastern North Carolina Regional Consortium and manages the application and review process. Application forms and grant guidelines are available on their website at <http://pittcountyarts.org/artists/grants/regional-artist-project-grants>. Applications must be received no later than Friday, September 8, 2017 to the Pitt County Arts Council, located at 404 S. Evans St., Greenville, NC 27858 or can also be delivered to your local arts council, Perquimans Arts League, 109 N. Church St., Hertford, NC 27944, by their closing time.

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