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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Several Winthrop University faculty, staff and alumni will explore their artistic interests further thanks to Arts & Science Council of Charlotte grants.

Each year, the council, along with fellow councils in six North Carolina counties and York County, the North Carolina Arts Council and **Blumenthal Endowment**, awards project grants to artists throughout the region.

This year, four in the Winthrop community received grants:

• Chris O'Neill '98, '10: \$1,907 to purchase a MacBook Pro for multimedia creation and integrated show control. O'Neill is the facilities management/technical director for the Department of Music and head of Shakespeare Carolina.

• Professor of Fine Arts Shaun Cassidy: \$2,000 to purchase sheets of metal to create a new sculpture series.

• Holly Glasscock '86: \$800 to attend the 2015 Plein Air Convention and Expo. The expo offers instruction, painting demonstrations, mentorship and more with international artists.

• Betsy Birkner '97: \$2,000 to purchase a laptop. Birkner is an artist-in-residence at the McColl Center for Art + Innovation.

For more information, visit the council website.

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