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**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS THREE "HIGHLAND HAS ART" GRANTS**

The Highland Community Foundation closed out its current grant cycle by approving three additional "Highland Has Art" grants.

Earlier this year, HCF awarded Highland artist, Liz Mares, a \$550 grant for printing an art book as part of her "Suburban Seas" multi-media art project scheduled to be completed this Fall. When the project is completed, it will be on display at Highland's Promise You Art House.

Recently, HCF also awarded Highland Main Street Bureau a \$500 grant to purchase a sculpture, currently located on the south side of Highway Avenue, west of Kennedy Avenue, in Downtown Highland. The sculpture, which is the work of Northwest Indiana sculptor Randy Simko, was on loan but the Town, through its Highland Main Street Bureau, decided to purchase the sculpture outright and continue to have it on display at its current location.

Finally, the Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,058 to the School Town of Highland Band Department, to purchase a bass clarinet, mouthpiece and ligature for the Middle School Band.

These grants conclude the current "Highland Has Art" grant cycle. While additional funding may be available at a later date, the Highland Community Foundation will be beginning a project to re-vamp its current website, as well as launching a fundraising campaign to Highland businesses. Plans are also underway to organize a Highland Arts Council and begin a new partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation for a Fall tree replacement project for Highland residents.

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