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## **Arts Fund supports professional development**

WHITEHORSE—Four Yukon arts groups are receiving funding for professional development workshops through the latest intake of the Arts Fund.

"The arts instill a sense of pride in Yukoners," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "Professional development workshops help artists at every stage in their careers, from young and emerging artists to the most advanced professionals."

There are four learning opportunities being supported out of a total of 13 Arts Fund recipients from the September 2014 intake. Funding will be used as follows:

- **Liard Aboriginal Women's Society (LAWS)** – \$17,000 – Unmasking the Kaska Artist, a series of carving workshops.
- **North Klondyke Highway Music Society** – \$15,000 – North Klondyke Highway Music School.
- **Yukon Woodcutters Collective** – \$4,900 – Hand tool woodworking course.
- **Kluane Quilters Guild** – \$3,000 – Innovative textile art workshops and lecture.

"This arts funding is supporting the Liard Aboriginal Women's Society in hosting a series of carving workshops," LAWS executive director Ann Maje Raider said. "Unmasking the Kaska Artist is an opportunity for community members to not only develop traditional Kaska carving skills but to also build confidence and pride that come with learning a traditional skill."

The Arts Fund is available to art collectives, organizations, industry associations and other eligible groups for projects related to the literary, visual or performing arts. There are four application intake deadlines per year: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15.

A complete list of recipients is available on the Arts Fund homepage.

Learn more: Arts Fund

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