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Two local artists were honored Saturday during a reception at The Bristol Bazaar as the first recipients of the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund, an endowment created to support artists in the greater Bristol area.

Marlo Marrero and Nigel Wynter each received a \$5,000 grant from the fund, which was established at the Main Street Community Foundation through a bequest following DeMars' passing in January 2023. More than 40 guests attended the event, which celebrated the artists' achievements and DeMars' enduring impact on the arts community.

"Louise was a visionary and strong advocate for the arts and I know she would love to see the growing arts and culture community in our region," said Susan D. Sadecki, President & CEO of Main Street Community Foundation. "With Louise's establishment of this permanent endowment, Main Street Community Foundation will continue her legacy and honor the contributions she made throughout our state."

Marrero, a Bristol-based multimedia artist and co-owner of Creative Jam Art Co., plans to use the grant to enhance her skills in water marbling through specialized workshops.

"These workshops will allow me to explore old techniques and challenge my approach to abstract watercolors. I'm excited to experiment with traditional methods and perspectives, literally and figuratively turning my art upside down," she said.

Wynter, a fine artist and illustrator who works in watercolor, acrylic and oil, used the funds to participate in the Created to Thrive Mentoring Program, a professional development initiative.

"It is truly an honor for me to be one of the first recipients of this grant award," Nigel reflected. "Being a lifelong learner, I believe that there are many more paths for me to explore and be inspired as I seek to expand my network within the creative community."

The Bristol Bazaar, an indoor maker's market that promotes local artists, served as a symbolic venue for the reception and grant debut.

The next grant cycle for the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund opens Oct. 1. Eligible applicants must be established artists working in fine or graphic arts and residing in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott. More information is available at www.mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant or by contacting Kate Kerchaert, director of grants and programs, at kate@mainstreetfoundation.org.



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