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Recipient of the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund Nigel Winter. | Main Street Community Foundation

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Bristol-area artists seeking to further advance in their genre, explore their talent or expand their learning may apply for grants from the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund through the Main Street Community Foundation (MSCF), the foundation announced yesterday.

Grant awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and will be made to individual artists who have resided in the towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott for a minimum of two years. Grant applications are due on Oct. 31, at 4 p.m.

Last year, local artists, Marlo Marrero and Nigel Wynter, were each awarded \$5,000. Marrero is a trained artist in multiple mediums and is the co-owner of Creative Jam Art Co. in Bristol. She used the grant funds to improve her water marbling technique through participation in workshops, according to the release.

Wynter is an artist dedicated to fine art and illustration who

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The Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund was established through a bequest from DeMars's estate after she passed away on Jan. 9, 2023. DeMars's contributions to the museum industry as well as the arts and culture community were expansive.

Most notably in the greater Bristol community, her 28-year tenure as the Executive Director of The Carousel Museum established the museum as a national tourist destination. DeMars was a valued member of many organizations and associations over the course of her career. This fund continues her legacy, joy, and passion for the arts while inspiring future artists.

MSCF will be accepting applications for proposals limited to fine arts and graphic arts. To learn more about the application process, guidelines, and eligibility criteria, visit www.mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant or contact Kate Kerchaert, director of grants & programs, at kate@mainstreetfoundation.org or (860)583-6363.

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