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### **Caldwell County Sculptor Awarded Artist Support Grant**

The Caldwell Arts Council is proud to announce that Caldwell County artist Joseph Bigley of Lenoir was recently awarded a 2024 Artist Support Grant. The funding will be used to purchase equipment that will increase production time and the quality of mixed metal sculpture.

This highly competitive grant program provides professional and artistic development for emerging and established artists who spend a significant portion of their time creating art in all genres. Funding covers projects that take the artists to the next professional level to create work, improve business operations, and/or bring work to new audiences.

Sponsored by a six-county consortium of arts councils and organizations, the Artist Support Grants are funded through the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Additional funds are contributed by the Caldwell Arts Council, United Arts Council of Catawba County, Burke Arts Council and Rock School Foundation in Burke County, Hiddenite Center in Alexander County, Iredell Arts Council, and the McDowell Arts Council Association. Grant awards are based on recommendations submitted by artist peer panelists from each of the six member counties.

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