Moab Arts Council grants $7,000 to local nonprofits

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The Moab Arts Council (MAC) recently granted $7,000 to various local organizations and events to support the arts in Moab. Ten organizations and events were awarded funding for 2016 during a brief award ceremony at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center on Wednesday, Dec. 9, according to a news release from the MAC.

Recipients of this year’s Moab Arts Council grants include:

• BEACON After School Program, for arts-based clubs, which include fine and performing arts classes and enrichment;

• Gallery Moab, to provide for year-round experiential classes for adults;

• The Canyon Ceili event, to provide funds to local musicians for a day of music making in the park;

• Moab Arts and Recreation Center, for Plein Air Moab, an open air painting event;

• Moab Artwalk, to introduce new punch cards at events so art lovers can attend each venue, receive a punch and have the potential to receive giveaways;

• Moab Community Dance Band, to bring internationally known contra dance musician, Jeremiah McLane to work with the dance band and take part in the fall, 2016, Moab contra dance;

• Moab Music Festival, for its new Winter Concert Series and education outreach in early March;
• Moab Starving Artists Collective, for a mural along the Mill Creek bikeway under the Main Street bridge;

• Moab Valley Multicultural Center, to purchase art supplies for its growing educational and outreach programs; and

• Upcycled Social Space, for an upcycled bench at the Utah State University ecological garden on campus. Tim McAllister will build the bench from upcycled materials including bicycle rims and salvaged barn wood.

The MAC currently acts as an arts advocacy, leadership and granting organization and also offers “umbrella” not-for-profit 501(c)3 status for groups or individuals seeking grants. Under the grants program, the MAC manages and redistributes funds that the Moab City Council annually allocates for community arts projects.

The MAC’s mission is “to promote and support the arts in Southeastern Utah with the belief and understanding that arts activities, events and education provide for general community well-being while contributing to economic diversity.”