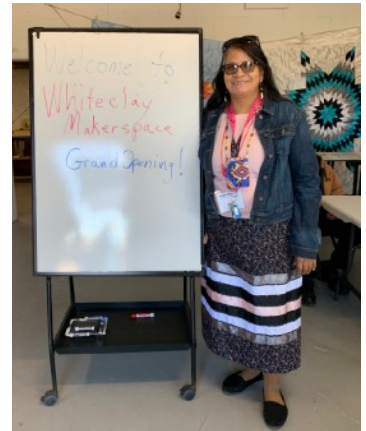


Whiteclay Arts Makerspace Rotary Global Grant Project News Report for District 5610 - November, 2021



GRAND OPENING RECAP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Over 50 people attended on a beautiful fall day, full of fellowship, tours and interaction! Food, snacks and refreshments were served all day. Artists sold hand-crafted items under the new canopy entrance. During the afternoon presentation, we awarded 4 toolboxes to artists present. PDG Ina Winter awarded Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow to Jon Ruybalid, owner of the Makerspace project. Rotary Foundation Coordinator for our zones, Art Zeitler and Carol were on hand to inspect the grant process. The star quilt raffle earned \$925 for the artists at the Makerspace. Nadine awarded the quilt to Braniff Smith, businessman from Hot Springs, SD and he was in the audience! He was thrilled. Watch the NewsCenter1 interview: <https://www.newscenter1.tv/whiteclay-welcomes-makerspace-and-newfound-hope-for-local-artists/>



Workday: The next work day for volunteers will be **December 1, 2021**, 10-3 pm, during the bazaar, to help facilitate the space, paint, organize the equipment in workshop, and other duties. The coffee pot will be on!

What is next?

Christmas Bazaar by the local artists, is set for Wednesday, December 1, 1-6 PM. Public is welcome! Donate Christmas decor items to make the event festive! Event flyer to come.

Where are we today with the Rotary grant project?

Rotary District 5610 is assisting Whiteclay Makerspace, the non-profit organization delivering the project. The building owner, Jon Ruybalid, is handling the remodeling and management of the facility while Rotary is equipping the makerspace with needed equipment and supplies. Nadine Morrison is the current onsite manager. Working hours for the artists are Wednesday thru Friday, 11-4 PM.

Ongoing Goals: stock supplies, final equipment purchases, business education and craft training for artists.

What can you do? Support this project as economic development for the Native American community!

Thank the volunteers! Thank the businesses who have been very generous with discounting equipment and supplies. Be a volunteer! See the list of needed items if you would like to donate!

Follow Whiteclay Makerspace on Facebook and the website www.whiteclayredo.com

Check out the hand made items for sale at <https://whiteclay-makerspace.myshopify.com/collections/all>

Items needed:

fabric for quilting in yardage lengths

airbrush tools

beading tools

art canvases, brushes, paints, canvas stretcher

wood for frames, wood chisel hand tools set

leather tooling punches, stamps, awls, mallets

carpentry tape measures, angles, saws, misc. hand tools

lawn tractor, mowing accessory, snowblower

washer and dryer

lockers

Donations of cash or in-kind items are welcomed. A donation form is available for download on the rotary5610.org website. Please contact the committee members if you have an item to donate.

We are making this economic development project possible with a Rotary Foundation Global Grant!

The project Rotarians are PDG Ina Winter (Hot Springs), PDG Linda Peterson and former Peace Corps Tom Katus (Rapid City Rushmore) worked for over a year to assess local artists, gather equipment costs, supplies list, and secure the training element. We added international Rotary partners with India, Australia, Greece and Mexico, and US Districts in Vermont and Texas, plus our DDF to make a \$57,575 global grant from The Rotary Foundation, approved August 2020. The first year's progress report has been submitted to Rotary Foundation.

What does the grant include?

Equip the Artists and Craftspeople to directly impact these beneficiaries by supplying needed tools and equipment to produce their art. Five centers situated inside the building include: Quilting & Beading, Painting & Drawing, Photography, Leather Working, and a Conference room. A Gallery of art will be in the front and supply store areas. A separate building on the property has been purchased by Whiteclay Makerspace for the Workshop and Silk Screen equipment. Much of the larger power tools have been donated.

Stand up a Supply Store to provide an initial stock of the type of supplies used by local artists. Paints, canvas, bolts of cloth, batting, and a large inventory of beads have been purchased with the grant. The artists, residents and general public may buy supplies, which sustains the project.

Provide Training to help artists succeed in developing their small businesses of art production with business practices, financial matters, online marketing, computer skills, and professional development. First Peoples Fund is providing two Native trainers to lead business classes, to be held in-person late 2022.

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