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WHO: **Freeport Art Museum**
WHAT: **GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ARTISTS**
WHEN: Immediately-December
Deadline December 20, 2013

Community Arts Access Grants Now Available for Artists and Arts Organizations

FREEPORT, Illinois – The Freeport Art Museum is honored to have been awarded \$4,150 through the Illinois Arts Council’s Community Arts Access regranting program. The Museum adds a cash match to the award creating a total amount available for grants near \$5000. **These funds are designated to support artists and not-for-profit organizations presenting arts programming** in Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle and Lee counties. All eligible grant proposals are reviewed by a peer panel comprised of representatives from the five counties.

Community Arts Access grants are available for visual, musical, performing, literary and inter-disciplinary arts projects that provide community-based programming. Projects should employ artists from the northwest Illinois area. Projects or programs must make an effort to serve diverse and/or underserved audiences. Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from a variety of sources. Eligible projects are those taking place between January 1, 2014 and August 31, 2014.

For assistance with completing a grant application, please contact the Freeport Art Museum and ask for Director Jessica J. Caddell. Assistance is available to all who need it. Grant applications and guidelines are available for download from the Freeport Art Museum website at www.freeportartmuseum.org or can be requested by calling the museum at 815-235-9755. Completed proposals are due no later than 4 PM on December 20, 2013. Questions about the Community Arts Access grants may be directed to the staff of the Freeport Art Museum at 815-235-9755.

Previous recipients include Freeport Area Church Cooperative’s Hip Hop Writer’s Workshops, The Next Picture Show’s Viva! Arts Education program (Dixon), the Mighty Richland Players Dinner Theater and the 2012 Fields Project bringing public art to the Oregon Sculpture Trail.

About the Freeport Art Museum

Established in 1975, the Freeport Art Museum shares the visual and performing arts with the people of northwest Illinois. FAM’s mission is to promote an understanding of art and culture through our collections, exhibitions and education. The museum’s collection contains nearly 4,000 artifacts from all continents and all time periods including ethnographic objects from Egypt, Southeast Asia, and Papua New Guinea; Pre-Columbian and Native American baskets and pottery; excellent 15th to 19th century European painting, prints and sculpture; and a significant collection of contemporary American prints, paintings, and sculpture. The Freeport Art Museum is located at 121 North Harlem Avenue, and is open Tuesday through Friday 10 am to 5:00 pm., and Saturday from 12:00- 5:00. Tours may be scheduled by calling 815-235-9755. Admission to the Museum is FREE however, donations are gratefully appreciated.