

## Morehead women among Art Meets Activism grant recipients

The Kentucky Foundation for Women has awarded 36 Art Meets Activism Grants totaling \$100,000 to feminist artists and social justice organizations from across Kentucky. These artists and organizations received grants to advance social justice through feminist-led, arts-based activities in communities throughout the state.

The Art Meets Activism program supports a wide variety of individual artists and organizations committed to using the power of art to increase awareness about feminist issues, alter perceptions, stimulate dialogue, open new spaces for civic participation and imagine new ways to create a more just and equitable Kentucky. The grants are for projects and activities that are artist driven and include the direct participation of individuals and communities.

The foundation awarded six grants in eastern Kentucky totaling \$20,500 in support of feminist art that strengthens communities. Among the artists and arts organization that received funding are:

Shirley Bee (Elkhorn City): \$1,000 to conduct

interviews, write stories, and create a book highlighting strong Appalachian women.

Joy L. Gritton and Gloria Stepp (Morehead): \$3,000 for the Eastern Kentucky Arts Project to record oral histories of diverse generations of eastern KY women artists, share the oral histories on a website, and establish an online community of women artists interested in social change in this region. The project will help alleviate isolation of women artists and will foster a cyber network that empowers the featured artists as well as other women artists to become agents of social change.

KFW staff will present a participatory Artist Enrichment Grant Workshop at Carter Caves State Park Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshop is open to all who wish to discuss feminist art and social change in Kentucky and learn more about KFW resources and programs. The workshop is free, but participants are asked to register in advance by calling 1-866-654-7564. Healthy snacks will be provided to those attending.