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SCHOOLS GET GRANTS FROM ARTS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

Delaware, Ohio—The Delaware Arts Festival Association (DAFA) recently awarded nearly \$6,000 to county schools to make art-related purchases.

The amount of available grant money varies annually, depending on the success of the previous year's festival. "We're very pleased with the results of last year's arts festival," said DAFA President Tom King, "because it means we can help out our schools in a big way this year."

According to MaryEllen Kelly, chair of DAFA's grants committee, eight county schools were awarded grants varying from \$500 to \$1,350 for everything from paper, art books and DVDs to cameras, photo printers and glass kilns.

Schools receiving DAFA grants were: Delaware Arts Academy; Conger, Smith, Carlisle and Buckeye Valley West elementary schools; Willis and Buckeye Valley middle schools; and Buckeye Valley High School.

"I am thrilled that Buckeye Valley High School (BVHS) has received a grant and feel that it could not come at a better time," said Sophie Halliday, art teacher at BVHS. "With all of the budget concerns, it is quite refreshing to see an organization in such support of education, and especially the arts. With the grant money for a glass kiln, my students will be able to work with a material that has never been available before at our school."

In addition to grants, money generated by the Delaware Arts Festival funds scholarships given annually to high school students who intend to pursue an art-related major in college.