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Brenda Brousseau Awarded Full Funding by Minnesota Art Board to Create Four Beaded Headdresses.

Minneapolis, MN, February 1, 2009 – Beaded artwork is an art form not typically revered in art communities. However, the Minnesota State Art Board has recognized bead artist Brenda Brousseau by awarding her a 2009 Visual Art grant.

The Minnesota State Arts Board awards grants annually, recognizing Minnesota artists in an effort to grow the creative environment in Minnesota. Brenda Brousseau's \$6,000 grant will be used to create a collection of headdresses inspired by traditional American Indian beading and costume. Brenda will create four headdresses, one for each of the four elements (air, earth, fire, and water). Brenda's first headdress, Tatiana's Crown, was inspired by William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Nights Dream* which won first place at the Beads of Whimsy exhibit at the Textile Center of Minnesota in 2008.

Plans to exhibit the headdress collection in 2010 at galleries around the country are underway.

For additional information on beaded artwork by Luna C Bede, contact presscontact@lunacbede.us or visit www.lunacbede.us.

ABOUT Luna C Bede – Owned by Minneapolis artist Brenda Brousseau, Luna C Bede specializes in freeform, sculptural, and embroidery beading. Jewelry pieces are available through www.lunacbede.us as well as at various retail locations. Art pieces are exhibited in shows and competitions throughout the country. Commissions are also accepted.

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