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[Gift from Clabough Foundation supports cultural and arts outreach at Appalachian](#)

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BOONE—A \$15,650 award from the Helen M. Clabough Charitable Foundation will support programming and outreach offered by Appalachian State University’s Hughlene Bostian Frank Visiting Writers Series and the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts.

The Visiting Writers Series program will receive \$2,500 and the Turchin Center will receive \$13,150.

The Clabough Foundation was established in 2001 in memory of Helen M. Clabough, who moved to Blowing Rock in 1981 with her husband, Tom.

The foundation seeks to preserve and enhance the environmental and cultural resources of the High Country.

“We are very grateful for the award from the Clabough Foundation, which will help support the 2007-08 Hughlene Bostian Frank Visiting Writers Series,” said co-director Susan Weinberg.

She said the funds will help support visits by poet and editor Sydney Lea, performance poet Doris Davenport, playwright Jo Carson, and memoirist and novelist Karen McElmurray, among others.

“The rising cost of travel for visiting authors makes this gift particularly timely,” Weinberg said. “We appreciate the endorsement of our program by a community-based foundation.”

Funding earmarked for the Turchin Center will be used to support the center’s Community Art School, according to director Hank Foreman. The Community Art School conducts visual arts workshops for pre-kindergarten students through grade 12, as well as adults, at-risk youth and those with disabilities.

“It is so important to have a local foundation that understands the diverse needs of a community and makes such an effort to support programs making the arts available to the greater Appalachian community,” Foreman said.

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