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Prairie Star Award
Nomination Form
July 01, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Directions for Applicant Nominators: Submit a TYPED and signed original. Keep a copy for your own reference.

Name of Nominee First Name: Tamara MI: _____ Last Name: Tisfeld
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Type in the spaces below or attach a narrative addressing the following questions:

1. What is it about this person's career as an artist in the SMAC Region that makes you feel they merit this recognition?
See attached sheet.

2. Why do you feel this artist's body of work has made a significant contribution to the arts over an extended period of time?
See attached sheet.

Attach support materials— letters in support of the person you are nominating.

1.

I Have known of Tamara Isfeld's reputation as an artist for many years; as a teacher and as a community member. As an art teacher in the public schools of Granite Falls and Renville, she had had an influence on many young people over the years.

As an organizer of the Granite Area Arts Council, she has had a large presence in our community teaching art lessons and leading art camps.

Because of her activities with the Arts Council and her teaching lessons there has begun to be a greater appreciation for the arts among community members as they begin to look at creativity differently.

Through the scholarship program with the Arts council and her personal giving, there have been persons who have been able to take classes who might other wise not been able to take part.

I recommend Tamara Isfeld for the Prairie Star Award having worked with her on the Granite Area Arts Council as well as having taken a number of her classes.

2.

Over a period of years, Tamara has been approached to do commission work for churches, private homes, and hospitals. She designed the mosaic on the front of the K.K. Berge Building in Granite Falls as well as a mosaic on the front of one of the dental offices in town. She also included community members of all generations in the production of those mosaics. She has helped with several background settings for school and community productions over the years.

Over an extended period of time her work has been appreciated and experienced across all intergenerational lines.

Tamara is a positive, energetic and easy person with whom to work.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beverly Tetlow". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.