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Plum Creek Awards \$2,000 to Flambeau Valley Arts Association

HAYWARD, Wis. – The Plum Creek Foundation recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Flambeau Valley Arts Association to help fund Artrain, a nationally renowned traveling art museum.

Artrain is a traveling art display that will pull into Northwestern Wisconsin via railroad in September for a 5-day festival of the arts. Artrain provides Rusk County residents access to world-class art exhibitions, art education programs and more. The event coincides with Rusk County's "Leaf It to Rusk" celebration and will provide a family activity for the community members of Rusk County.

"This generous Plum Creek Foundation grant will go a long way to help bring a cultural and artistic experience to rural Wisconsin," said Kevin Smith, treasurer of the Flambeau Valley Arts Association. "Artrain is unique because it presents art in an interesting way and travels to rural communities that in most cases don't have access to such things."

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company's operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek's Web site at www.plumcreek.com to download an application.

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