

# Local artists receive grants



**Pictured from left are award winners Monica Topping, Sunni Scrivner and Joan Gold.**

Humboldt Area Foundation — Contributed

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Local artists Monica Topping, Joan Gold and Sunni Scrivner are recipients of the 2016 Victor Thomas Jacoby Award. Each artist was recognized for her innovative ideas and awarded \$10,000 to advance her individual work.

Topping was recognized for her use of recycled materials to create artwork. She will use the money to make colored glass beads out of recycled glass liquor and beer bottles by using a lamp work method. Her work is primrily wearable art.

Painter Gold is a second time recipient of the Victor Thomas Jacoby Award. “My obsessive love of painting is as strong as ever,” she said. “I would like to have resources to enable me to do everything I can with everything I am.” Gold will use the money to stock her studio with supplies.

Scrivner will use the funding to travel to Scotland and the Shetland Islands to visit with knitters, wool producers and textile artists. The funding will give her the time to learn and explore the rich traditions of the Fair Isle and Shetland lace knitting and to use the new knowledge to create her own designs. She is also a small business owner and plans to share what she learns with the local knitting community.

Victor Jacoby, an internationally recognized Eureka visual artist whose chosen medium was French tapestry, established the Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund with Humboldt Area Foundation before his death in 1997 at age 52. This trust fund is dedicated to supporting Humboldt County visual artists and craftspeople and to encourage the exploration of new ideas, materials, techniques and mediums. The fund distributes annual cash awards to artists or craftspeople selected by a review panel of leading arts representatives. An additional contribution to the fund was given by Rosaland Novick, allowing for a grant of \$10,000 each to three individuals.