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*Anonymous Was A Woman*  
**Ten Women Artists Receive \$25,000 Grants**

*“Amazing: just when you think nothing is secret any more, something comes along that is.” - Judith H. Dobrzynski, Real Clear Arts*

Anonymous Was A Woman announced today the ten artists selected to receive the Foundation’s seventeenth annual awards. The “no strings” grant of \$25,000 enables women, over 45 years of age and at a significant juncture in their lives or careers, to continue to grow and pursue their work. This year’s winners include artists working in painting, photography, video, sculpture and performance art.

2012 Award Winners

**Ann Agee**  
**Uta Barth**  
**Andrea Fraser**  
**Jane Hammond**  
**Mary Kelly**  
**Jae Ko**  
**Judy Pfaff**  
**Betye Saar**  
**Lorna Simpson**  
**Jessica Stockholder**

Lauren Katzowitz Shenfield, director of the program, explained, “Anonymous Was A Woman Awards provide important recognition in artists’ personal and artistic development. The financial gift helps artists buy time, space, materials, and equipment, often at early stages of a new project, as well as important emotional support. In itself, the Award helps artists feel recognized and honored by other distinguished women who seek no credit for the role they play.”



The name of the grant program, Anonymous Was A Woman, refers to a line in Virginia Wolf's *A Room of One's Own*. As the name implies, the nominators and those associated with the program are unnamed.

To date, 171 women have received the award. Each year, an outstanding group of distinguished women – art historians, curators, writers and previous winners – serve as nominators. “The experience of having their work publicly validated – recognized by peers and the art community at large—is a huge boost to our winners,” Shenfield said. “In an increasingly global and bifurcated art market, driven by events and fairs, the Award offers an opportunity for women artists of inordinate talent and accomplishment to achieve greater recognition.”

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