Local artist Sarah Tule is donating a portion of her proceeds for the sale of her artwork during the 2019 calendar year to local organizations centered around nature conservancy. Much of the artwork Tule creates is inspired by her walks in the woods and trips to the lakeshore. [IMAGES COURTESY/SARAH TULE]

Local artist selling work for conservation effort

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Local artist Sarah Tule is donating a portion of the sales of her artwork to local conservation organizations each month of 2019 to help organizations with work they do to protect the environment.

Tule is donating 25 percent of the funds generated from selling her artwork to the different organizations, choosing a new cause each month.

"This month, I'm donating for Sturgeon for Tomorrow-Black River Chapter," said Tule.

In 2019, Tule thought she would try and raise awareness for the local conservation groups in Northern Michigan. "I'd love to be able to donate lots of money and time to them all, but I just can't afford to do so," she said. "So, I thought maybe with my art career, I could help out in a different way, feature a different conservancy each month, donate 25 percent of every sale I make."

Tule hopes that the donations she makes will start to add up and also bring each conservancy she donates to

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back into the eye of the public.

"The trails and preserves are used so often, but rarely do we think about the people who work to make sure we have those beautiful natural places preserved for future enjoyment," she said. "Through educational programs and public outreach, having taught herself most of the techniques she does to capture the beauty of nature. She finds her inspiration for her pieces on walks in nature and trips to the lakeshore.

Over the course of this year, Tule intends on donating to the Little Traverse Conservancy, Huron-Pines Conservancy, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Top of Michigan Trails Council, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conser-