

Who are we..... Pekin Days Art Show committee was formed in 1993. After repeated successful art exhibitions during the annual Pekin Days celebration and a growing interest from Nelson County residents, the committee applied for and received a 501c3 non-profit status under the name of Nelson County Arts Council (NCAC) in 1999. NCAC continues to operate out of the Pekin Auditorium. The Board is a true “working board” that relies upon volunteers, sponsors, grants, and membership to continue providing opportunities for artists and area residents, keeping Art a valued part of everyday life in our rural communities.

NCAC produces one of the largest judged art shows and sales in North Dakota. 2026 projects include continuing NCAC Events & completing more building repairs. Fine Arts Youth Camp is a long standing, multi-day annual event for grades 2-12, to be held at Stump Lake Village. NCAC also hosts One Act Plays where local high schools perform for the public, a judged Student Art Show, and Winter Art Auction. The Council also received an Art For Life Grant that provides art programs in area Nursing Homes.

In 2025, NCAC hosted a Rural Art Display which will continue in 2026. Gene Gunhus Scholarship is completed as 3 scholarships were awarded. Our newest project is Art Redux/Art for Life Display. Donated, preowned original art will be auctioned to the public at this Fall 2026 event with proceeds helping with building repairs.

NCAC structure includes 7 Board Members and 2 Student member, one part time Administrative Assistant (approx. 35 hrs./month). Coordinators are contracted for Art for Life, Fine Arts Youth Camp, Social Media/Website Coordinator and accounting.

Implementation of all other events (Art Auction, Student Art Show, Rummage Sale, Art Show, Art Redux, Mobile Art Display, Raffle Ticket Sale and One Act Plays) are completed by unpaid NCAC Board members. Board members also write grants, continuing the array of community events.

NCAC Board Members

- Barry Sundeen - President
- Linda Parks - Vice President
- Valerie Berg - Sec./Treasurer
- Laurie Miller
- Denise Uriell
- Jillian Ross - Jr. Bd.
- Hayley Rosewarren - Jr. Bd.
- Carlos Peech—Photography/consultant

Want to help us?

- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Become a Board Member
- ◆ Purchase an NCAC Membership
- ◆ Make a Donation
- ◆ Share Events on Social Media
- ◆ Attend NCAC Events
- ◆ Donate Art for the Art Redux



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2025

Annual Report



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2026 EVENTS

Art for Life: September 2026 - June 2027

Monthly Art Program for Nelson County Nursing Home Residents. Funded by grants and local fund.

NCAC Winter Art Auction: March 15, 2026

Auctioned Art Submissions. Event includes and Irish themed lunch & beverages.

Student Art Show: April 29 - 30, 2026

Nelson County students in grades 7-12 enter exhibits to be judged and viewed by the public,

Rummage Sale: May 23-24, 2026

Large group sale. Final hours, all items are free.

NCAC Art Show:

Artist Reception: & Art Show June 25-28, 2026

Judging and sale of art submissions. Tickets sold for premier exhibition with an early purchase opportunity that includes beverages and hors-d'oeuvres. The 2026 show includes Jr. High/High School entries.

NCAC Fine Arts Youth Camp: July 27- 31, 2026

Week-long Day Camp for area students grades 2-12 held at Stump Lake Village. Culminates with a drama presentation and student art display,

Art Redux /Art For Life Display: Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026

Auction sale of donated original art from prior purchasers & Senior Art for Life Display.

Rural Arts Mobile Display: October 5-13, 2026

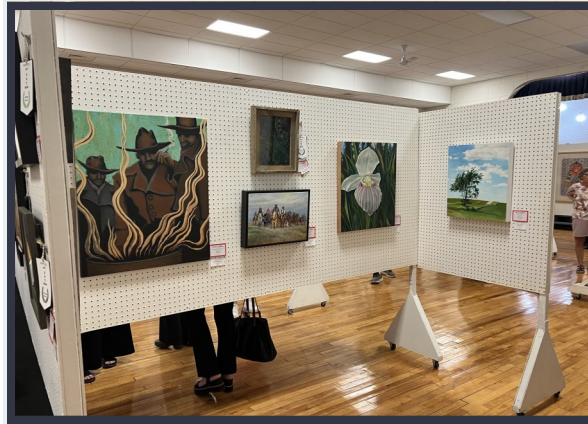
Weeklong display of commissioned art with ND perspective.

Raffle Tickets: First drawing: October 4, 2026

Limited # of \$20 tickets for cash drawings.

One Act Play: October 31 2026

Area High Schools Drama Department presentations.



Art for Life - Nursing Home Art Program
70 sessions/average 15 residents per session

One Act Play Student Actors	
2 Schools/25 actors	
Student Art Show	
# of Students	# of Art Pieces
74	171
Fine Arts Youth Camp	
47 Students	



2025	Adults	Kids
Public Attendance	1112	173
Participating Artists	169	147
# of Art Pieces	897	262

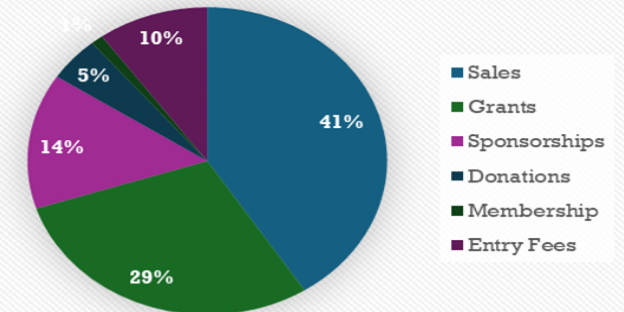
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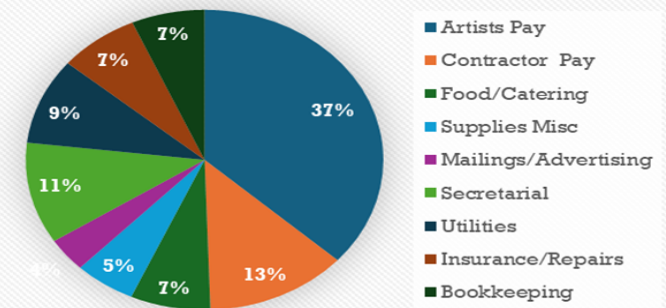


2025 NCAC Volunteers		
# of Volunteers	Hours	Value of Volunteer Hours/Travel
111	2426	\$50,309.00
In-Kind Donations		
\$17,924.53		

2025 NCAC Income



2025 NCAC Expenses



2025 Finances	
Total Income	Total Expenses
\$79,861.88	\$78,959.93