

Spring/Summer 2026

NCAC News

Newsletter of the Nelson County Arts Council



Art for Life



Art for Life continues in Nelson County's three nursing home facilities. David and Amy Jo Paukert's creativity encourages participants to use skills and participate in the bi-monthly themed activity. Art for Life is funded by a grant from the ND Art Council and administered by NCAC.

Winter Art Auction

"Going once, going twice.....Bidder 18, I know you want this piece..." Auctioneer Donovan (Duff) Diseth coaxed, humored and teased bidders, helping the NCAC Winter Art Auction raise funds to support the 2026 Fine Arts Youth Camp. With a nod to Saint Patrick and Saint Urho (a fictional Finnish icon), 31 Artists submitted 59 entries sold to the highest bidder. Complete with Irish stew, Finish bread & beer, this event was a hoot!



33rd ANNUAL

ART SHOW

JUNE 25-28, 2026

**PEKIN AUDITORIUM
MAIN STREET • PEKIN, ND**

Artist's Reception

Thursday, June 25, 2026
6:00pm VIP Admission (\$55)
7:00 - 9:00pm (\$35)
(Includes Beverages and Hors-d'oeuvres catered by Silver Sisters.)

Public Art Show

Friday - Saturday, June 26-27
10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday, June 28, 2026
10:00am - 3:00pm

NEW THIS YEAR



Fiber Arts Category
Includes quilts, knitting, macramé & more.



Expanded Cash & Carry
Artists may now enter up to 15 items under \$75 each.



NEW Youth Division
Encouraging area youth to enter their art.



Visit Artist's Guide & Entry Forms at
www.nelsoncountyarts.com



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Text us via Facebook & Instagram

NCAC Encourages Student Artists

Committed to supporting student artists, NCAC holds several events to recognize and encourage future youth artists. The most recent, Student Art Show, was judged and included students in grades 7-12 from Dakota Prairie, Lakota & Midkota. 84 students exhibited 175 pieces and their work was impressive. A full listing of award winners is posted @ www.nelsoncountyarts.com. Congratulations to all our student artists!!!

Upcoming events for area youth:

NCAC Art: Show: June 25-28, 2026. Entry deadline: June 4, 2026 Artist's Guide and Forms are available @ www.nelsoncountyarts.com

Fine Arts Youth Camp - Stump Lake Village: July 27-31, 2026. This weeklong day camp is for grades 2-12 and includes Art Classes & Drama sessions, culminating in an Art Display and Drama Performance of "The Lion King Kids". Registration deadline is July 6, 2026 and scholarships are available, More information is available @ www.nelsoncountyarts.com



**Best in Show Grades 9-12:
Lily Donohue "Untitled"**



**Best in Show Grades 7-8:
Kendra Kulp "Eye"**

Artist of the Month

Check out our Facebook page to find the Artist's recognized for their contributions to NCAC.

April: Donna Chalimonczyk

May: Judi Koehmstedt

Congratulations Donna, Judi and our future Artists of the Month



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP and DONATION FORM

DATE ____/____/____

Annual membership renewal is due July 1st.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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_____\$20/ INDIVIDUAL or ____\$30/ COUPLE Membership (*includes annual newsletter*)

I have enclosed a donation of \$ _____. (Please include this form with your donation.)

_____ I would like to be on the volunteer list.

Please mail to: Nelson County Arts Council, PO Box 83, Pekin, ND 58361



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DONATE
Original
Pre-owned Art
for the
2026
ART REDUX
AUCTION

Drop off by Sept. 10, 2026
(Proceeds support NCAC events.)

Upcoming Events and Dates

All events held at Pekin unless stated otherwise.

2026 - 2027 NCAC EVENTS

MAY 23–24, 2026 RUMMAGE SALE

Fundraiser for the general operations.
Volunteers chair and run the event.

JUNE 25-28, 2026 NCAC ART SHOW

- Thursday, June 25, 2026 Artist Reception & Ticket holder sales. Includes beverages & hors-d'oeuvres.
- June 26–28, 2026 Public Art Show and Sale

JULY 27-31, 2026 FINE ARTS YOUTH CAMP

Day Camp for grades 2-12 @ Stump Lake Village with professional artists. The camp culminates on Friday, July 31 -5:30pm with the Drama Presentation "The Lion King Kids".

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 ART REDUX

An auction of previously owned original artwork. Event includes lunch. Art donations are accepted until Sept. 10, 2026. Proceeds go toward NCAC Operations.

OCTOBER 2026 RURAL ARTS DISPLAY

ND Museum of Art's Rural Arts Initiative includes Re-arming Language: Post-Graffiti Artists. Watch for more details.

OCTOBER 31, 2026 ONE-ACT PLAY

Dakota Prairie and Midkota perform their competitive one-act plays for the public.

JANUARY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027 ART FOR LIFE

An 18-month program, supported by the ND Council on the Arts, working with the elderly in Nelson County nursing homes.

MARCH 14, 2027 WINTER ART AUCTION

Area Artists provide art pieces that auctioned to the public. This event includes lunch and beverages. Proceeds go to the Fine Arts Youth Camp.

APRIL 28-29, 2027 STUDENT ART SHOW

Judged art show for students from Lakota, Dakota Prairie & Midkota.



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Da Vinci - >\$1,500.00 (Recognition on NCAC Website, Auditorium Poster & Event Programs)

Rembrandt - \$500.00 to \$1,499.00 (Recognition on Website & Auditorium Poster)

Van Gogh - < \$499.00 (Recognition on Website)

INDICATE HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR DONATION USED

- ☐ Use donation where needed.
- ☐ Use for Art for Life-Nursing Home Art Program (non-grant expenses), Art Shows, Art Auctions, Art Redux, Other Art Displays & Events.
- ☐ Use for Youth Programs: One Act Plays, Youth Art Shows, Fine Arts Youth Camps, Other Youth Events.

More information available @ www.nelsoncountyarts.com

2026 DaVinci Level Donors: McVile American Legion; Pekin Elevator & matching funds; Tolna American Legion; Lakota American Legion; anonymous

Prior DaVinci Level Donors: McVile American Legion, State Bank of Lakota, Lyle & Ellie Pederson

"Giraffe" by Lauren Vasichek
1st Place Fiber Arts Category - 7-8 Grade Division
2026 NCAC Student Art Show