

NCACNews

*Newsletter of the Nelson County Arts Council
Pekin, North Dakota*

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Winter Art Auction

In-Person and Online Bidding Options!

Plan to attend the auction at Pekin or bid online. All auction proceeds go to support NCAC's Fine Arts Youth Camp, held at Stump Lake Park. Check the NCAC Website and Facebook page for photos of artwork and listing of artists!

The 2022 Winter Art Auction will be held **Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 pm.** All proceeds from the auction help to fund the Stump Lake Fine Arts Youth Camp. This camp provides professionally led visual art and theater classes in a rural area. The NCAC Fine Arts Youth Camp is a highlight of the summer for many young people.

The camp, which usually takes place in early August, provides experiences to learn and take part in art activities that are otherwise unavailable to many students.

Because of health restrictions, the 2021 Auction was held live online and was a great success. The 2022 Auction will be held in-person as well as live online. The in-person auction will be held at the NCAC Auditorium in Pekin.

Patrons who wish to attend the auction online: Contact the NCAC office through email or message



"Woodland Carpet" by
Donna Chalimonczyk



"Mountain Lion" by
Patricia Hoff

through FaceBook Messenger to register and receive a link to the online auction. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for all bidders. Online bidders may mail a check or send payment via Paypal. In-person bidders may register and receive a bidding number at the event. Each piece of art will be shown individually and auctioned off to all in attendance and online.

Auditorium doors will open at 2 p.m. for bidders to view artwork and enjoy special music, appetizers, and beverages.

THANK YOU to State Bank of Lakota for sponsoring the 2022 auction.

2021 Pekin Days Art Show

Everyone was excited for the return of the Pekin Days Art Show after its cancellation in 2020. The art was phenomenal, the audience was inspired, and the sales were outstanding! The NCAC Board was excited to host this event again. The show opened on Wednesday evening, June 23, with the Artists Reception, held for the first time at the Pekin Fire Hall meeting room. The new venue was beautifully decorated by volunteers, Ranae Oxtan and Mary Gleason, and was very well received. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were prepared by Silver Sisters Catering. Wine and other beverages were served by NCAC board members.

Eighty artists from all across the country entered art in the show, and approximately 500 people attended throughout the 5 days of the show. The show was judged by Pirjo Berg, professional artist from Grand Forks. Award winners may be viewed on the NCAC website: **nelsoncountyarts.com**.

The 2022 Pekin Days Art Show will be held June 23-26 with the Artists Reception the evening of the 22nd. This will be the 28th show! Mark your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there!



THANK YOU to the 2021 Purchase Award Participants

Jim & Amy Vasichek
Leading Edge Equipment

Bruce & Lori Anderson
State Bank of Lakota

John Thompson

Bruce Gjovig

John & Brenda Swenseth

Madelyn Camerud

Nancy Marquart

Deb Hensrud

John & Darlene Kelly

Greg & Ann Dye

Brenda Erickson

Bob & Vicky Engen

Mark & Nancy Lunde

Elonda Nord
Lake Region State College

Jason & Jennifer Parker

Denise Uriell
Lakota Farm Services

Purchase Awards

Purchase Award Participants had the first view of the art at 6:00 pm and were able to purchase their favorites that evening. We want to thank them for their participation in the Purchase Award Program. The program required a \$400 payment for two tickets to the reception (\$50), and \$350 went toward their purchase of art. If you would like to be a Purchase Award Participant in 2022, please email ncac@gondtc.com or call 701-296-4410 and leave a message.

2021 Pekin Days Art Show

Included Music and Refreshments

The 2022 Pekin Days Art Show will be partnering with the Pekin Days Committee to coordinate art, food, and craft vendors, kids' activities, and entertainment.

The 2021 Art in the Park, held the Saturday of the Pekin Days Art Show, featured Penumbra, a trio from Grand Forks; a women's barbershop quartet, Fourte' from Fargo-Moorhead; and Chuck Suchy, singer/songwriter/storyteller from Mandan.

On Sunday, 8-yr-old Herloff Huso from Aneta entertained by singing and playing his guitar. Artists had booths in the park as well.

Kirby Berg demonstrated his glass blowing techniques for onlookers.



Fourte' (left) and Chuck Suchy (above) entertain the audience Saturday afternoon at the 2021 Pekin Days Art Show.

NCAC now has a liquor license. For the first time, beer and wine were offered for sale. Liquor will be available for purchase at some of our events in the future.



Pekin Days Art Show Chalk Art Contest



A Kids' Chalk Art Contest is held on Saturday during the Pekin Days Art Show. Judging this year's contest was Savannah Huso. Winners in each age group were awarded art supplies and an original glass creation by Kirby Berg.



Volunteers are key to sustaining the Nelson County Arts Council! By contributing your time and skills to Council activities and events, you help to keep up a vibrant and connected arts and cultural community. Volunteers are always welcome!

Would you be interested in helping fill the following roles? The show can't go on without you!

- Art Show Attendants
- Check-in & Check-out Art for Auctions and Shows
- Help Prepare Mailings
- Hang Artwork for Shows
- Prepare Snacks for Events
- Arrange Food Trays for Events
- Assist with Decorating and Arranging Furniture for Events
- Organizing storage areas and cleaning before & after events
- Carpenters for Repairs and Updates
- Painters for Backdrops or Walls
- Photographers for Events
- Helpers for Youth Activities
- Assist Instructors at Fine Arts Youth Camp
- Helpers/Cashiers for Rummage Sales
- Tickets Sales
- Computer and Sound Techs

Please indicate on your membership form, or contact an NCAC Board Member if you would like to be added to the Volunteer List, email ncac@gondtc.com or call the office and leave a message. All help is greatly appreciated!

**NCAC
Wants
YOU!**

Meet the Newest NCAC Board Members

NCAC Board members work as a team to set policies and plan events, working towards the purposes and mission of the Nelson County Arts Council. Members also oversee the organization's financial management.

Members are elected to serve 3-year terms and are expected to attend monthly board meetings. Several of the meetings are held through ZOOM.

If you would like more information about being a board member, or if you have questions, please contact one of the officers listed on page 1, or leave a message on the office phone at 701-296-4410.



***Lauri Miller
McVille, ND***

Lauri grew up in Towner, ND and moved to McVille in 1991. She earned an associates degree in Occupational Therapy COTO and has worked as an Activities Director with the Good Samaritan Society in Lakota until she retired in 2021.



***Alma Sundeen
Brocket, ND***

Alma Sundeen is an ex-business woman who came to North Dakota and married a farmer. She describes her husband as amazing and she loves farming. Welcome Alma!

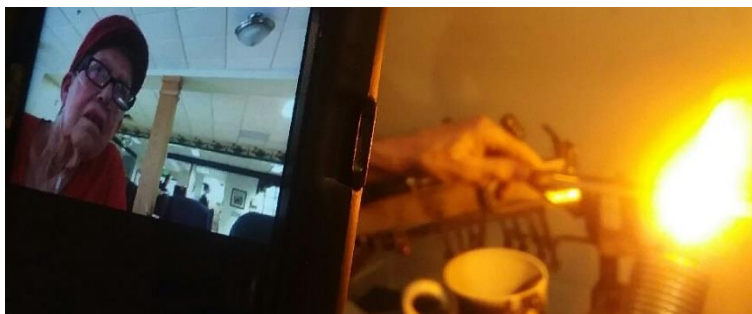


***Ann Dye
Fargo, ND & Lakota, ND***

Ann Dye and her husband, Greg, live in Fargo, ND. Ann was born and raised in Ramsey County, yet has a strong connection to Nelson County because of relatives on her mother's side of the family.

Ann is proud to be a "North Dakota" native, and she feels that serving on the NCAC Board is a positive way to keep arts alive in our region and for our state.

If you are searching for an avenue in life that will help others and encourage the arts, please consider being part of the team.



Art for Life by Kirby Berg

Art for Life is a grant-funded program that provides for Art Activities in elder care facilities. Because of the great impact the program is having across North Dakota, we plan to continue working with all three care facilities in Nelson County.

Our first workshop for 2022 started off in McVille at the Nelson County Health System with a Kirby's Glass Workshop. At this workshop residents become glass artists and create their own healing art.

Following are just a few of the stories from our workshop:

- ❖ Simon out of the early morning group. He started talking about his farm and his love for horses. His favorite breed the Arabian horse. While Kirby sculpted the glass horse with a steak knife, we learned from Simon that he had 17 horses at one time. Simon was amazed at his first time viewing of glass blowing and the detail magnified on the big TV screen in front of him.
- ❖ Shirley visited about her times at the lake with her husband. She spoke of many swans that would wake them up daily, singing songs for them to listen to. So we made a swan, sitting on its won clear pedestal for her.
- ❖ Bonnie surprised us with a request of a penguin, which was very fitting for the blizzard conditions outside of our windows. We learned that Bonnie and her husband, Larry, had lived in Antarctica. Larry was an electrician responsible for keeping the generators going, providing the power everyone needed. Bonnie planned to make a quick trip to see Larry in the the Arctic, but ended up staying for five months. She had to wait for the next airplane to come back! She kept busy helping deliver food and supplies to local camps surrounded by many penguins.
- ❖ Our navy hero vet, Joe, was excited to create a flying eagle pendant that he wanted to wear around his neck.
- ❖ NCAC's founder, Brenda Bjorlie created a llama. Llamas are her favorite animals to collect. She experienced glass blowing with a torch for the first time, in the very program she helped to bring to Nelson County care facilities.

Later in the afternoon, residents visited and planned their works of art. We created a blue cross, yellow lab, a purple tear drop pendant, a couple of heart pendants for Valentine's Day. Throughout the workshop, we witnessed the positive healing benefits that come from creating. The stories connected to the artwork are awesome.



A NOTE FROM BRENDA BJORLIE, NCAC FOUNDER

Brenda wishes to thank everyone who has helped with and has been a part of the Nelson County Arts Council and sends them her love!

On Valentine's Day, together Brenda and Kirby created a glass angel that they wish to donate to the upcoming NCAC Winter Art Auction. Be watching the NCAC Facebook Page and the NCAC Website for photos and more information on the auction.



MEMBERSHIP & DONATION FORM

Membership Year: June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Date _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS _____

Please specify months when this address is used: _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____



MEMBERSHIP TYPE: _____ \$20 / Individual or _____ \$30 / Couple

DONATIONS:

_____ \$100 / Gold Membership (Includes an original glass creation
by Kirby Berg)

_____ \$300 / Memorial Sculpture Membership

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

_____ \$1000+ / VIP Membership (Includes a set of blown glass heart stemmed champagne flutes sculpted by
our Executive Director, raffle tickets, dinners, and access to all NCAC events for two)



VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!

_____ YES! Please add me to the volunteer list! I would like to help with _____

I have enclosed \$_____.

Please include this membership form with your payment and mail to:

Nelson County Arts Council
PO Box 83
Pekin, ND 58361

Thank you for supporting the Nelson County Arts Council



2021 Fine Arts Youth Camp

The 2021 Stump Lake Fine Arts Youth Camp took place August 2nd-7th, hosted by our new camp directors Kirby & Shelli Berg. During the camp, the youth enjoyed scavenging the shores of Stump Lake for materials and inspiration for creative artistic projects. With the summer Olympics in the headlines, the kids decided to make a weight lifter like they had seen on TV the night before. Together they created a scene, made from driftwood, of the Olympics. Included in the scene was a super fan, cheering on the Olympian with the "cool guy" emoji face. They also made abstract painted sculptures out of more drift wood for the "Found Sculpture" class. This year, Kirby substituted for Adam Kemp, the legendary leader of the Found Sculpture Class. The Drawing Classes, instructed by Kirby, were held indoors and outdoors this year. Kids learned how to draw quick thumbnail sketches from Stump Lake nature scenes. Brenda Baumer's Acrylic Painting Classes focused on landscapes, with emphasis on objects becoming center points. She showed the students how to blend colors to create sunsets, sunrises and other skylines with mountains, lakes, and prairie grasses as landscape features.

Karla Nelson taught the ceramics classes, which had the children sculpting their very own garden totems out of clay. The kids painted glazes to color their art. Karla fired the pottery in kilns at Muddy Waters Clay Center in Grand Forks. The finished garden totems were then delivered to the students after camp. *Summer Arts Safari* from Grand Forks spent the week preparing the Performing Arts students with the skills needed for their "Frozen" kids' performance for our big show on Saturday. The production and childrens art show was a great success with many attending, filling the Old Settlers Pavillion.



The new Stump Lake Cafe served lunch and snacks daily keeping our artists, instructors, and volunteers well fed, giving them energy to create the amazing art all week. Thank you volunteers, artists who donated their work, art supporters who purchased the art work at our Winter Art Auction. A special "thank you" to those who provide direct scholarship funding & donations that ensure no child is ever turned away from the Stump Lake Fine Arts Youth Camp over money concerns. Planning has already begun for this year's camp!



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NCAC SpRING GaRaGE SaLe is coming in May. It's a big sale, with lots of great stuff. All proceeds go to NCAC. Watch your local paper, facebook, and our website for more details.



Upcoming Events and Dates

All events held at Pekin unless stated otherwise.

NCAC EVENTS – 2022

MARCH 13 Winter Art Auction (WAA)

Money raised goes to the Fine Arts Youth Camp.

APRIL 6-9 Student Art Show (SAS)

MAY Rummage Sale

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

JUNE 23-26 Pekin Days Art Show (PDAS)

Wednesday evening – Artists' Reception

Thursday-Sunday – Public Art Show and Sale

AUG 1-6 Fine Arts Youth Camp (FAYC)

Day Camp for grades 3-12 @ Stump Lake Resort
Kirby & Shelli Berg, Camp Directors

NOVEMBER One-Act Play Luncheon

Dakota Prairie and Lakota High Schools perform their competitive one-act plays for the public. NCAC serves a catered lunch.

JANUARY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023 Art for Life

An 18-month program, supported by the ND Council on the Arts, working with the elderly in Nelson County nursing homes. We rotate between Lakota Good Samaritan, Aneta Parkview Health Center and Nelson County Health System Care Center in McVile.

Kirby Berg is our NCAC representative in this 18-month cycle with Nelson County Health Systems.

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"Shine On" by Judi Koehmstedt

10" x 10" Framed Acrylic Painting

This painting, and many other works of art, will be auctioned to the highest bidder at the NCAC Winter Art Auction on March 13, 2022. For more information on the auction and to view other art pieces, visit:

www.nelsoncountyyarts.com

"Like" the NCAC Facebook Page to receive regular updates of auction items.



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