



A good first month!

by *Rose Heiser, Gallery Director*

The MAA Gallery opened on July 3rd, just in time for the Art in the Park event in Mandan. The Historical Society also opened their museum on that date with a display of World War II and had a ceremony for veterans on the 3rd. Both of these events brought thousands of people into the area and a great many toured our building. We received numerous compliments on the displays and also sold several pieces.

Since that date we have been open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon until 5:00. Several MAA members are volunteering to work in the gallery each month and have been bringing their art to work on while they are here. We've had a lot of visitors and shoppers, including some tourists who have seen our sign while stopping at the Five Nations Arts-Mandan Depot. I visited with the manager of the Five Nations Art Gallery to introduce our association and she has been very helpful in telling people about our new venture when they stop in.

All things considered we feel we had a very successful first month of operation. We're now gearing up for a Grand Opening reception during the first week of September. The date hasn't been finalized yet since we are working in conjunction with the Mandan Progress Organization and the Mandan Historical Society on the event. We are also finalizing dates for lessons which will be taught by local artists and an art history discussion which will cover the art of a famous artist. I'm looking forward to all the upcoming events and hope to see many of our members there.

IMPORTANT...

Our August meeting will be Aug. 13th at 7:00 pm in the Conference room at MAA Gallery, 411 West Main Street. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Members in the news:

MAA members **Melissa Gordon** and **Chip Liebel** participated in the BAGA Capital A'Fair sidewalk chalk drawing at the state capital grounds the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd.

Both members also had booths displaying and selling their work.



Chip Liebel at work at Capital A'Fair in early August.



Melissa Gordon's about half done on her sidewalk art.

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MAA member **Caroline Conrath** demonstrating rock painting while working as a volunteer at the new MAA Gallery.

Member artist **Sue B. Balcom** has resigned her position as editor of the *Mandan News* to begin a position as Marketing Specialist with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. Balcom started her new job Monday, Aug. 11, but will continue to write a weekly column for the newspaper.

Remember to send your news to the art association's e-mail at: mandanartassociation@yahoo.com. We like *MANDAN ART NEWS* to be about our association members whenever possible.

Bouquets

Thank you to **Jerry's Vacuum Service** for donating a vacuum to the Art Association for use in the gallery. We appreciate your generosity.

The Mandan Art Association recently received a grant of **\$500** from the **Mandan Progress Organization (MPO)** for operating costs for the new gallery. We thank them heartily.

Thank you also to MAA member **J.C. Balcom** for volunteering to help layout *MANDAN ART NEWS*. With his help we hope to publish our newsletter on a regular monthly basis.

Call on us

If you have questions or comments contact Rose Heiser at 751-0796 or e-mail us at mandanartassociation@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events:

Crocheting with wire class offered by Sue B. Balcom

Learn how to take those basic crocheting skills and create a wonderful work of art using wire and beads. The class will be held from **9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Oct. 18.**

Pre-registration is required. A supply list will be emailed to each participant upon registration. The class will be held in the new conference room at the Mandan Art Association at the east end of Dykshoorn Park on Main Street in Mandan.

Class fee is \$15 per person and limited to 10 students. For more information email spidersue@msn.com.

Art Discussion on Jackson Pollock

Join us at the Mandan Art Association Gallery, 411 West Main Street, Mandan for a discussion on the life and art of Jackson Pollock. The discussion will be facilitated by **Charlene Jones**, art instructor.

We will discuss the troubled life of Pollock and what drove him to create his own art form. We will also watch a short portion of the 2000 award winning film "Pollock" which starred Ed Harris, and perhaps try our hand at creating a "drip" painting in the style of Pollock.

The discussion will be held from **1:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2008.**

* For more information on these upcoming events, visit our website at www.mandanart.org.

Membership:

New member: **Josephine Eckman**

New gallery donor: **LaVerne Lee**

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