

Grand opening celebration!

The Mandan Art Association (MAA) will be celebrating the Grand Opening of our gallery and gift shop in the Mandan Heritage Plaza, 411 West Main Street, Mandan, ND, (the former Beanery building) directly west of the Mandan Depot/Five Nations Arts building and adjacent to Dykshorn Park.

We will be joining the other tenants of the building, the Mandan Progress Organization (MPO) and the Mandan Historical Society, for an open house which will be held on Friday, September 5th, from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Come and tour the building, enjoy the refreshments, and then place your bid in the silent auction of donated items offered by MAA. MPO will also have silent auction items along with door prizes.

Auction items will be on display beginning the week of August 26th. Bids will be accepted from August 26th through September 5th for those of you who will not be able to attend the open house.

Invitations were designed by MAA member Robin Engel and have been mailed to 380 individuals and businesses from the combined mailed lists of the art association, progress organization and historical society.

We hope to see all of our members along with their families and friends at this happy event.



Painting by Georgiana Borden offered in the Silent Auction.

An outdoor sign for our gallery.

We are working with the Mandan Progress Organization and the Historical Society in developing a sign to be placed near the Mandan Heritage Plaza building on Main Street. A preliminary design has been selected. We are now working with the City of Mandan as to the cost, size and placement. Also in the works is a sign to be placed on the exterior of the building. A temporary sign will be put in place for the grand opening event so that the public can find us. A permanent sign will be attached to the building as soon as the design is finalized.

MAA monthly meeting ...

September meeting will be held on September 10th, 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Gallery at 411 West Main. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2009 Spring Art Show Being Planned.

Yes, it's that time of year again! Our September meeting is the beginning of our planning season for our annual spring art show. During this preliminary meeting we discuss committees, duties and volunteers. If you are interested in helping to plan the show or working at the show, please attend the meeting. We also like to hear any new ideas and all comments about the show so that we can keep improving every year.

We are looking for members to chair and work on committees. If you have never chaired a committee at the show before, don't let that stop you from volunteering. We will supply training and any materials necessary for running a committee.

Several of our members have chaired many of the committees and are willing to help train or work with you on a committee. It takes many volunteers and hours of work to put on our show each year but I'm sure everyone agrees that the end result is well worth the work.

Membership:

Help us keep our gallery open by becoming a gallery donor:

Donors - \$100.00 to \$499.99

Silver Donors - \$500.00 to \$999.00

Gold Donors - \$1,000.00 and over

All donors will receive a framed certificate of appreciation suitable for hanging. All donations are tax deductible.

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.

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