



# Mandan Art Association

**January, February, March 2008**

## **A Home for MAA**

For those of you who are not familiar with the building in these pictures, this is the red brick building directly west of Five Nations Arts on Main Street. This building was formerly called the Beanery and is owned by the City of Mandan. The City is currently updating this building with paint, new carpet and repairs. When completed the Mandan Progress organization will be moving their office into this building along with the Mandan Historical Society museum and office. For the past two months we have had discussions with Del Wetsch from the Mandan Progress Organization about the possibility of MAA using part of this building as our gallery. The location would be ideal for us – right in the downtown area; next to Five Nations Arts; right on Dykshorn Park where the Art in the Park event is held each year; the park where the outdoor summer concerts are held and the Christmas lights are displayed each year. Also close to events like Buggies and Blues and the Christmas Hop and Shop evenings. We can't think of a more perfect place to have our gallery.

Several of us toured the building with Del before the December meeting. There are some problems which we consider minor. The area which we may be able to get is small – it would either be one medium sized room or two smaller rooms. It would not give us much room but with some creative use we believe it would work for us. Part of the walls are covered with historic green wall tile and heating ducts which would cut down on our display space but this is another problem we can overcome with creative design use. The main problem is that we do not have the support of all of the city commission. We have written letters to both Mayor LaMont and the city commissioners and



received a reply from the mayor supporting our efforts. We also have the support of Del Wetsch and the city manager. Currently we are waiting for final plans from Del as to space, rental fees and so on. We will keep all members informed of any and all progress in this project. We have a committee in place which will work on plans for the gallery if we do get the space.

Keep your fingers crossed, members!  
This may be our chance to get a small members gallery open in the heart of downtown Mandan!

**Please contact me if you have any comments or questions regarding this.**

### Update on our Spring 2008 Show:

Plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary show are well underway. We have entertainment signed for the Friday night "Meet the Artists" reception, judges lined up for both the student and adult judging, demonstrators ready for the Saturday and Sunday demonstrations.

The entry forms have been designed and printed and should be in the mail this week. A big "Thanks" to Barb Nechiporenko for doing this for MAA. It's a huge job and Barb does it extremely well. If you do not receive an entry form in the mail and would like to enter the show, please contact me by phone or e-mail and I will get a form to you. Forms will also be dropped off at all the galleries and frame shops in both Bismarck and Mandan and also at the Morton Mandan Library.

Bismarck State College has been contacted regarding the commercial art department designing our posters once again. This is great opportunity for us to work with the students at BSC. We get some outstanding poster designs and they get to use this as part of their class projects. Once again this year we will display all of the poster designs and ask the public to vote on the best design. The student winning this vote will receive a cash award from MAA.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 54 in Mandan have also been contacted regarding the set-up and take-down of our display panels. The Boy Scouts have been doing this for us for years. It gives us an opportunity to work with them and they use it for a patch project each year. We owe them a big "Thanks" since this is another project that takes a lot of manpower and time.

We will be having a special display at this years' show which will feature all of the "Honoree's" from past shows. Each honoree will have their biography from the catalog displayed along with a piece or two of their work if they were an artist. We will also be displaying all of the show catalogs for our 50 years plus the scrapbooks of memories. This display will be in the room off the kitchen – the class room which is in front of the gym area.

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Make sure you stop and see this display when you are at the show. Caroline Conrath and I will be contacting past honorees or their families to arrange for display of their work.

Thanks to Chip Leibel and Charlene Jones for hauling and repairing some of our display standards. We purchased some new display panels last fall which were in need of paint also. Thanks to the work of these members we should be in good shape for the show.

### Memberships:

**Lois Schmidt, renewal**

### Your MAA contacts:

**Rose Heiser, president (newsletter)**  
[h] 751-0796, or send email to [mandanartassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:mandanartassociation@yahoo.com)

**If you would like to volunteer to work at the show or help with any of the committees, please contact Shirley or Charlene.**

**Shirley Olgeirson, vice president and show co-director -** [h] 224-9253 or [c] 220-4066 or send email to [dietdoctorpepper@hotmail.com](mailto:dietdoctorpepper@hotmail.com)

**Charlene Jones, second vice president and show co-director -** [h] 222-4798 or [w] 667-1473, or send email to [chardenj@bis.midco.net](mailto:chardenj@bis.midco.net)

### Jan, Feb, March Meetings:

**Wednesday, January 9**

**Wednesday, February 13**

**Wednesday, March 12**

**Starion Room**

**Morton Mandan Public Library**

**7:00 pm**

**All members are encouraged to attend the meetings.**