



# Mandan Art Association Newsletter

May, 2008 – Annual show edition

## WOW!! What a show!

We made it through another year – another show. From all the positive comments we heard, this show was the best yet.

The theme of the show was “Celebrating Memories” and featured a historical display of our 50 years of existence along with art work from past show honorees. We received many comments from the show attendees who loved the exhibit and the fact that we were honoring all the past members.

The judges, Jeannine L. Saabye, and Peggy Harzinski, did an outstanding job of selecting the artwork to receive awards. First Lady Mikey Hoeven and her assistant attended and selected several pieces to receive the Governor’s Ribbon. The comments on the art work from the judges and people who attended the show can be summed up in one phrase “Outstanding Talent”!

The “Meet the Artist” reception on Friday night was very well attended. The musical group Trio Apollo put on a wonderful performance.

The Creative Corner was a big hit as always. We ended up adding an extra table because of the number of children who participated. The Dakota Wood Turners had someone demonstrating throughout the show and handed out turned miniature “tops” to the many children who watched them work. The BSC Clay group had people not only watching constantly but actually working with the clay. For those of you who did not play in the clay – you missed a fun time! Local artist, Leon Basler had several people who watched his demonstrations and asked questions about his work.

The artists Quick Draw was terrific this year. We had 12 artists participating – including two students. There was quite an audience watching the event and bidding for the silent auction pieces was brisk. This event just keeps on getting better.

Voter participation in the People’s Choice was better than ever this year. Everyone really enjoys voting for their favorites in each category.

We will be reviewing the show at our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting – going over what worked, what didn’t,

and how we can improve for next year. If you have any comments or suggestions about this year’s show, attend the meeting and let us hear from you. We welcome everyone’s input. If you can’t make the meeting but would like to share your ideas, please e-mail them to me (Rose Heiser) at [mandanartassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:mandanartassociation@yahoo.com).

**And now for a big “Thank You” to everyone who helped put on the show. From the artists who entered, the volunteers who manned the tables, the volunteers who helped with various aspects of getting the show up and running, the demonstrators, to the participants in the various events – **THANK YOU!** Also a personal “Thank You” from our refreshments chairperson, LaVerne Lee, to all of the members who generously brought cookies for the show.**

**Thank You from the MAA president personally to all of the committee chairperson’s who not only ran their committees very well but also contacted numerous volunteers to help with the show. Without the help and dedication of all these people we would not have this show. Anyone who has worked with the show knows that it is a huge undertaking and could not take place without hundreds of willing hands.**

## Quick Draw Event

(Photos by JoAnn Zahursky-Klein)





**MAA has finally found a home!**

At the regular meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Mandan City Commission approved the Mandan Progress Organization's proposal to rent the Beanery Building and sub-lease portions to the Mandan Historical Society and the Mandan Art Association. We are now waiting for the lease papers from the MPO. Once the papers are signed our Gallery committee will begin making plans for the future displays and events. We will be contacting all members as soon as we have the criteria for the gallery in place.

We'd like to thank all the people who donated to our gallery fund during the spring show. Thank you for your generosity.

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We welcome your comments or suggestions about the newsletter.

Contact Rose Heiser, editor at 751-0796 or e-mail me at: [mandanartassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:mandanartassociation@yahoo.com)

**Annual Election**

Our annual election of officers will be held at the meeting on May 14, 2008 at the Morton Mandan Public Library. We currently have three positions up for re-election and one position up for election due to a retirement from that post.

The positions open are:

- President (2 year term)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and show co-director (1 year term)
- Secretary (2 year term)
- Treasurer (to fill the remaining term of one year)

All members may attend the meeting and vote for the posted positions. If you are interested in running for office please contact us by calling 751-0796 or e-mailing us at: [mandanartassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:mandanartassociation@yahoo.com),

**Membership:**

- Renewals:**
- Susan Beehler
  - Barbara Bruce
  - Beverly L Haas
  - Charlene Jones
  - Richard Jorgensen
  - Evie Kiser
  - Loretta Landeis
  - Char McLaughlin
  - Margy Pearson
  - Carol Samuelson
  - Connie Serhienko

- New Members**
- Kathleen Fettig
  - Kip Hurley
  - Kay Solberg Link

- Show Sponsors**
- Carol Samuelson
  - Kathleen Fettig

- Gallery Donors**
- Rose Heiser
  - Charlene Jones

- Lifetime Member:**
- Caroline Conrath

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