



2010 Spring Art Show

Native American History

Plans are well underway for our 52nd annual spring art show. Chairpersons have been selected for all of the committees, however we are always looking for volunteers to assist with the committees and at the show. If you would like to volunteer to help with the show contact one of the show co-directors—Charlene Jones at 222-4798 or Shirley Olgeirson at 224-9253.

Dates of the show are April 9, 10, and 11th, 2010 at the Mandan Community Center, 910 W Division Street, Mandan, ND. We will post more information on our website as it becomes available.

Christmas at the Gallery

We have some special things going on at the gallery for the Christmas season. We have several “red tagged” items which are priced at a 10% discount. We also have a large Christmas tree in our gallery hung with hand made and hand painted ornaments ranging from small decoupage items to Polyclay items to wood turned ornaments and leaded glass ornaments. Come take a look! Do your Christmas shopping here! Remember—MAA members always receive a 5% discount on all purchases at the gallery.

The gallery hosted another of our Art Discussions on November 21st. This one covered the Native American Medicine Wheel and the symbolism behind each feature. Those attending created a prayer rattle out of clay which was then fired in a kiln by our instructor. Even though attendance was small it was an enjoyable day. If you have not attended one of these events you should consider coming to the next one. The instructor, Charlene Jones, always make the subject very interesting and always has a hands-on project for us to do. Admission is free and open to the public.

Consider bringing a friend with you and participating in this fun event.

MAA Members Meeting:

We will not have a meeting in January. Our next meeting will be February 10th, 2010.

If you have any ideas or suggestions of events you would like to see at the gallery please let us know.

Stop at the gallery or contact Rose at 751-4331. You can also email me at mandanartassociation@yahoo.com.

We are always looking for new, interesting and fun things to do with our new space and would welcome your suggestions.

If you haven't stopped to see our new area yet come and visit us. You'll be surprised at the new space and look of the gallery.

Future events at the Gallery

Some events are currently in the planning stage for the gallery.

A spring event for Mother's Day—a fancy tea with a "Hat" style show by "The Hat Lady", Jeanette Holm.

We don't want to leave out father's day so are looking for an event for this occasion also. Ideas are welcome!

More Art History Discussions—possibly a "movie night" discussing a famous artist, then viewing a film about the artist.

A possible "studio" evening once a month where artists can get together to socialize and create. Let me know if you'd be interested in attending a "studio" evening and which evening you feel would be best.

Lessons, Lessons, Lessons!

Interested in taking art lessons at the gallery? Tell us what medium you are interested in and we'll try to get one scheduled.

Members:

Renewals:

Linda Christmann
Susan Beehler
Dakota Woodturners
Melissa Gordon
Bill Horton

Members Gallery:

Below: A lovely pastel painting by well known Bismarck artist, Barb Nechiporenko.

This piece titled "Wicker Chair" is 16" x 17" and is on sale for \$ 160.00. To see this and more art by Barb stop at the gallery.



Below: A stunning earring and necklace set made with Fire Polished Beads by Mandan artist, Robin Engel. This set is on sale at



the gallery for \$ 19.50. To see more pieces by Robin, stop at the gallery.



Above: A fantastic wooden trunk by Bismarck artist Bill Horton. This trunk is 38" long, 20" wide, 14" deep and comes with it's own log stand. Priced at \$400.00—this is a great piece!

Members in the news:

Congratulations to Jescia Hoffman who was recently awarded an "Artist in Residence" grant to teach art at Mandan High School for one week. Way to go, Jescia!

Congratulations to Caroline Conrath who recently won the President's Award at the First Presbyterian Art Show. !

Rose's notes:

Since this is our last newsletter for 2009 I thought I would share some of my thoughts with our members.

It's been another eventful year for the association. We had a successful show in April of 2009 and are planning another for 2010. Unfortunately due to the Community Center being sold to the Mandan School Board this show will be our last one at the community center. The future of our big spring show is uncertain at this time. Finding a location big enough for us and priced for our budget is proving to be impossible. We are also facing what many organizations are seeing—a short -age of members and volunteers willing to put on a big show. We've been busy discussing possibilities for future shows and will keep our members informed.

Our new venture—our members gallery—has been very successful so far. Even though it took us a long time to get a sign on our building, which made us a little hard to find, we had many people visit our gallery since we opened. Purchases started out fairly well, then slowed considerably this year. We attribute a lot of this slow down to the economy since we're not the only shop suffering. However we have great hopes for the future of our gallery and gift shop. We are getting more and more notice from the public and intend to keep increasing awareness of our shop location and inventory.

We've sponsored several events at the gallery since we opened, including our open house, special displays featuring individual artists, displays featuring the Capitol and North Dakota, lessons in jewelry making, colored pencil, pencil portraiture, and art history discussions. We recently co-sponsored our second annual Wine and Cheese event with the Mandan Progress Organization. These have been very popular with the public and we hope to continue these each year. We're also looking to expand our events at the gallery as we move into the future.

In November, 2009 we traded spaces with the Mandan Historical Society and moved into the large west room of the building. This move increased our space from approximately 350 sq ft in 3 smaller rooms, to approximately 830 sq ft in one room. It was a great move for us. We now have all our displays in one room plus we have room for our office and a special area for our meetings and lessons. If you haven't seen our new space yet stop in and visit. The coffee's always on and we'd love to see you.

I've enjoyed working with all our members this past year. If we continue to work together so well we can make our gallery a true success. Here's wishing all of you a Happy Holiday season and many good things in the new year! I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Rose Heiser, President, MAA

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Gallery: 411 West Main Street, Mandan, ND

Gallery hours are Tues, Wed, Thursday— noon to 5:00

Friday and Saturday—1:00 to 4:00

Closed Sunday and Monday

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*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year*