



Nelson County Arts Council, PO Box 83, Pekin, ND 58361

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Executive Director's Note

Art Builds Communities!

Since our last newsletter Nelson County Arts Council has been busy. We've had our annual meeting in October 2015, Veterans Art Exhibit November 2015, 1 Act Dinner Theater November 2015, SoundFest January 2016, and Community Theater February 2016. All these events were successful.

Providing opportunities for artists to express themselves with their art forms is a very important part of our rural community art center. In order to continue, we rely on grants and support from our state legislature. I would encourage you to contact your representatives in Bismarck, and ask for their continued support for the arts. A great place to start is www.artsnorthdakota.com
 ~Jennifer Parker, NCAC E.D.

March 6th \$100 Raffle Winner – Glenn Jensen of Tolna, ND



Morning Stars performing at SoundFest 2016



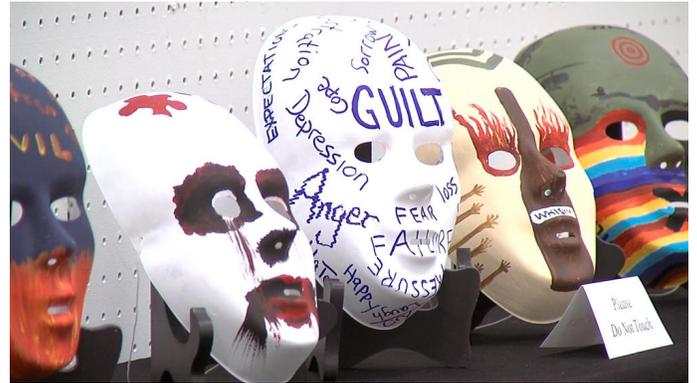
Floors to be Refinished

Thank you to all who have donated funds for the Pekin Auditorium floors to be refinished! With the donations received and a surprise gift from the Farmers Grow Communities Fund of \$2,500 (Thank you Diane Twete from Northwood, ND for suggesting NCAC) we are able to proceed with the floor project April 11th -May 11th . We'll still need volunteers to help with the floors. If interested contact ncac@gondtc.com.

Veterans Art Exhibit

Photo from WDAZ

November 2015 was the Veterans Art Exhibit. For a second year in a row the exhibit displayed homeless Veterans and area Veterans art works. Ellen McKinnon is a homeless Veterans advocate for North Dakota. A bus (Team Red, White and Blue) filled with Veterans from Grand Forks, ND came to see the exhibit. It was also covered by WDAZ. This November it will be a 3 day exhibit. Al and Leslie Gleason sponsored the event.



1 Act Dinner Theater

1 Act Dinner Theater November of 2015 presented drama students from Lakota High School with director Stephanie Nelson and Dakota Prairie with director Cassandra Hyde. Roughly 100 people were present. Dee Lillehaugen made a delicious meal for all to enjoy there. This event was sponsored by High Plains Equipment out of Devils Lake, ND.



SoundFest 2016

This years SoundFest entertainment was local band Morning Stars and a band from Hazen, ND, Tigirlily. We had a great time with this event. If you didn't go you sure missed out. Mary Rude got to sing on stage with Tigirlily and fan photos were taken afterwards. We had many sponsors for this event to happen:



Farmers Union Nelson County, North Dakota Farmers Union, Gleason Construction, NDTC, Modern Cuisine, KJ Ranch, Bjorlie Construction, Pekin Co-op Elevator, Hardware Hank, Aaker Funeral Home, Tri-County Petroleum, Manbeck Law Office

NCAC Community Theater

2016 Community Theater's performance was "Playboy of the Western World" by John Synge. It was themed with Irish Punk for a modern twist to an old 1900 play. Cast included: Michelle Locken, Kathy Breckheimer, Jay Breckheimer, Beau Locken, Haley Klefstad, John Kelly, Kennedy Gjovik, Kelland Klefstad, Colby Hovdness, Kaityn Altendorf, & Kelby Gjovik. Sponsors include Pekin Co-op Elevator, Melissa's Market, Tolna Cafe', Tattered Attic of Tolna, Oxtons Super Value, Tonia Rinhart Tax & Acct., McVile Cafe, McVile Library, D&M Service, Bonnies Hair Studio and KD Hoyt Inc.



Playboy of the Western World 2016



Donation and Membership

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Membership: \$15/person _____ \$25/couple _____ New _____ Renewal _____

I have enclosed a donation for: Building _____ Youth Programs _____ General _____

Memorial Sculpture: \$300 or more per space (brick) _____

In Memory of: _____

Yes _____ I would like to volunteer to help with events and programs.

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Upcoming Events:

March 20th - Annual Winter Art Auction - Funds go to support the Stump Lake Fine Arts Youth Camp

April 4th -9th - Annual Student Art Show - Many area schools display artwork

April 11th - May 11th - Floors being refinished

May 14th & 15th - Annual Rummage Sale - (Due to floors being refinished, we ask you hold onto large items til May 11th)

June 22 - Artist Reception - Limited tickets - Exclusive Buyers "in" - Meet artists

June 23rd -26th - PEKIN DAYS ART SHOW

Biggest event of the year!

August 1st -6th - Stump Lake Fine Arts Youth Camp

See www.nelsoncountyarts.com for more details.



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