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Lost Arts Series



YAA has started a new lecture series for 2009 "Lost Arts." The idea started with the

statement, "If you asked five different people what their definition of art is, you would get five different answers, everyone has a different idea of art." That got us thinking we should start a program series focusing on different interpretations of art.

The response we have received has been outstanding! Our programming Chairman, Audrea Hecht, has kept busy filling the schedule with topics and presenters for the year.

The series was kicked off on April 4th by Yankton Area Arts Board Member, Mike Miller, with a presentation on Wood Carving. Mike's work is exceptionally beautiful and it was fascinating to hear and see the process he uses to create his pieces. Mike's presentation was a perfect beginning to our series and we are looking forward to the other lectures in 2009.

Our next date is May 16th and the topic will be Wildlife Art as expressed through the

Membership Program 2009

For all new and renewed memberships issued during 2009, the YAA will be sending a 10% off coupon for a one time purchase. The coupon will be good during the 2009 calendar year and redeemable at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery. If you are a new member or have recently renewed your membership, keep an eye out for your coupon in the mail! To become a member go to our website or stop in at G.A.R. Hall for an application.

Federal Duck Stamp Program and SD Game Fish & Parks presented by Douglas Sall. The free program will begin at 11:00a.m. at G.A.R. Hall.

Please check the calendar of events for the rest of the series. If you have any topic requests or if you practice a unique art and would like to share it with the community; let us know; we are looking for you!



Tablescapes June 14th

For those of you who love to support the arts, spend time with friends, and appreciate dishes; plan to attend Tablescapes on Sunday, June 14th, from 1:00 to 4:00 at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery. Tickets will be \$10.

Tablescapes is a fundraising event and promises to be a fun afternoon. Eighteen hosts will embellish tables using their favorite collection of dishes, stemware, flatware, place mats, centerpieces, favors, and imagination. This year there will be a twist to the event, some our hosts may not be using their "best" dishes. Participants have been asked to use their most creative table settings, the sky is the limit on table themes.

The event will include a "Peoples Choice" Award, the attendees will be asked to vote for their favorite Tablescape. Once the votes are tallied we will announce the winner in the Art Forms Column. Please mark June 14th on your calendar! If you would like to host a table please call YAA at 665.9754 to register.

WANTED: Kid's Art Fest Volunteers



Yankton Area Arts will host the 18th annual Kid's Art Fest, Tuesday, June 2, 4-8 pm at Riverside Park, in conjunction with Yankton Chamber of Commerce's Customer Appreciation Picnic. We are looking for volunteers to provide a craft activity for the children.

Between 150-200 children with their parents enjoy the evening filled with fun and hands-on art activities provided by groups and individuals who love sharing the experience of art. The event will take place in the picnic shelter west of the ball park at Riverside Park. Tables will be provided.

We are indebted to volunteers, like you, who make this day special for the children. This event would not be possible without the generous support of the community

For a registration form please go to YanktonAreaArts.org, please complete the form and returned by May 1, 2009. I look forward to hearing from you. If you know of other groups or individuals that might enjoy organizing an activity, please share this information with them.

Please contact YAA at 605.665.9754 for any questions.

J. Laiten Weed

The 2009 J. Laiten Weed Scholarships will be awarded May 14th at the Annual Senior Honors Reception and Academic Awards Program held in the Yankton High School Theater.

An annual award of two \$500 scholarships will be granted to two graduating seniors of Yankton High School in memory of J. Laiten Weed. The scholarships were established in 1990 by Yankton Area Arts to encourage graduating Yankton High School seniors to continue to pursue their education in one of the art disciplines (i.e. dance, music, theater, visual arts, writing). The students must use the scholarship money to continue their education during summer school or the regular year following graduation.

J. Laiten Weed was one of the first professional string instrument teachers in South Dakota and was director of the Yankton College Conservatory of Music. He was instrumental in forming the SD Honors Orchestra and was one of the first members of Yankton Area Arts.

Promise to Purchase Award

The promise to purchase award continues this summer. If you would you like to own photographic art, receive free publicity and claim a tax deduction, while knowing you have also helped support the arts in your community, we have a wonderful opportunity for you.

Yankton Area Arts offers these opportunities to the person, practice or firm that agrees to acquire a Promise-To-Purchase Award from the annual, juried, *Mighty Mo Photo Show* to be held this summer at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery.

How it works:

- ◆ The patron agrees to make a purchase worth no less than \$100 for the photograph of his/her choice.
- ◆ Mention of the award purchaser will be made during the show opening and be noted throughout the exhibit.
- ◆ The patron will be featured in the *Yankton Press & Dakotan*.
- ◆ The patron will also receive an invitation to the YAA Arts Advocacy Breakfast held in June.
- ◆ A portion of the purchase price will be tax deductible.
- ◆ Best of all, the patron will gain a worthy addition to his/her art collection and play a major role in advancing an annual event.

This is not a plea for contributions! This offer is meant to be YOUR GAIN! For more details please call the YAA Office at 605.665.9754.

Calendar of Events

April 4- May 13 Stitches and Glass Exhibit

Featuring Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild Quilts and Blown Glass Art work by Art Ciccotti Free to the public, open weekdays, 1:00-5:00 pm, Saturdays, 1:00 -3:00 pm, G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery.

May 16 - Lost Arts: Wildlife Art

Lecture by Doug Sall at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery 11:00 -12:00pm. Free to the public.

June 2 - Kids Art Fest
Tuesday, 4:30 - 8:00 pm,
Riverside Park, picnic shelter.

June 2 - Summer Band Concert

8:00 pm, Riverside Park, Amphitheatre.

June 6 - Lost Arts: Porcelain Dolls

Lecture by Kathie Gerstner at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery 1:00—2:00pm. Free to the public.

June 14 - Tablescapes
Theme based table settings from 1:00 - 4:00pm at G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery. YAA fundraiser, \$10 per ticket.

YAA summer classes will be listed in the next issue of Art Lines. YAA members receive a 20% discount on YAA classes Call 605.665.9754 for more info. Or check our website at www.YanktonAreaArts.org

FOR THE ARTS *President's Letter by Dawn Stoner*

Spring is here and with it comes new birth. It has also been the theme of YAA. January started with the process of finding a new Executive Director. A committee was formed resumes were reviewed and interviews were held. From this process Pam Meylor was hired and started as the Executive Director at the Gallery on February 16, 2009.

It has been exciting working with Pam and incorporating her ideas into the calendar for the upcoming year. I have had the ultimate privilege of working and planning the inception of her ideas to broaden and explore the possibilities for the future of YAA. Pam brings to the organization visions from having worked in both Vermillion and Sioux City. YAA is therefore looking forward to expand our "area" to Vermillion and Sioux City while still nurturing our existing area.

One thing Pam has vast knowledge in is with the computer and more specifically the web. She is presently in the process of designing an exciting, all inclusive web page for YAA. Please watch for its start-up in the near future. With this web page you will be able to renew you membership by the click of the mouse. It will be available for you to jot a note to the gallery on things you would like to see or learn so each of you will have a voice in what we are offering. If you haven't yet met Pam please take the opportunity to meet her any afternoon Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 at the GAR Hall at 508 Douglas and while there enjoy the exhibit which is there for your enjoyment.

Committee members are working hard to bring more art and learning experiences to each of you. We are planning a fund raiser for June, educational speakers throughout the up coming year as well as opening up the lower level workshop for our members to come and join in the camaraderie of people with similar interests. We are also redesigning the rental use of our building for small meetings and reception to hopefully meet the needs of the Community.

I personally at this time would like to thank the YAA board for their work and dedication to the arts while we were in the process of hiring a new director. For those who wrote and submitted articles to the Press and Dakotan you did a smashing job and the reviews from the reading audience were phenomenal. If you YAA members don't know or haven't met the board please come and meet and greet them at any exhibit reception. They are outstanding leaders in our community.

We are grateful for the support of our state legislators and governor who saw fit to continue the SD Art Council so we can continue to move forward to promote the Arts in our area. In order to provide you with the beautiful Gallery and promote and develop the Arts we still depend on our memberships and corporate sponsorship to help fund these programs.

YAA Happenings *Executive Director, Pam Meylor*

In my short time here at Yankton Area Arts I have found the organization does not hesitate when it comes to trying something new. I am thrilled to be with a group that believes the sky is the limit. There are quite a few ideas we are working on and several of them we have successfully gotten up and running.

I am proud to announce we are launching our new website www.YanktonAreaArts.org. When you visit the site you will be able to see and read about the current exhibit. YAA wants you to know what is happening without having to leave the house. Of course we still want you to come visit us, we just want you to have a chance to see what we are doing before getting here!

We are also trying to cut back on paper; at the website you can sign up for email notifications to keep you informed on YAA happenings. You can request that we send our mailings straight to your email address instead mailing postcards. You can renew your membership on line, it is fast and safe to pay through PayPal and we will send you an electronic thank you for your records.

Yankton's Connecting Artists group will also be contributing at YanktonAreaArts.org. YAA wants to provide a forum for our local and area artists to promote their talents

and work. Please stop by the website and see what our area artists are doing.

Our Lost Arts Lecture series was my first opportunity to work with YAA programming and things here happen fast! Our slots for 2009 were scheduled in a matter of weeks! It is exciting to see the amount of interest we received and we are working on additional lectures and classes for the year. Information will be posted at our website as details are scheduled.

In March I was able to assist with the Summer Arts Festival jurying. It was fascinating to see the number of artists that submit festival applications and watch the judges evaluate and select the vendors. The 2009 Summer Arts Festival will be full of talented artists and vendors. Watch the summer newsletter for more information!

I recently had the pleasure to meet several YAA members at the Open House on March 31st, thank you to all that were able to stop in. If you have not had a chance to introduce yourself, please stop into the G.A.R. Hall and say hello! I am looking forward to meeting all of our members and assist in bringing the arts to you! Please feel free to contact me with any requests at 605.665.9754 or Pam@YanktonAreaArts.org.

Yankton Area Arts Mission Statement

Yankton Area Arts is the signature arts organization in the Yankton area with the responsibility to integrate the arts within the community and surrounding area.

G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery Rent it Today!

The art gallery, a historically preserved Civil War building, provides a charming setting for meetings, receptions, luncheons, showers and other functions on a rental basis with a fully-equipped kitchen and attractive table settings. There is also a classroom in the lower level. The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery is open M-F 1-5 pm and Saturday 1-3 pm. Admission is free. Tour groups welcome. Handi-cap accessible. (605)-665-9754 or www.YanktonAreaArts.org
508 Douglas, Yankton, SD, 57078.

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A Gift That Keeps on Giving...

Memorialize a loved one by sending a contribution in his/her name to Yankton Area Arts. The gift will be acknowledged to the family of the deceased and also in the YAA quarterly newsletter.

Honor a relative, neighbor or friend on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or other significant occasion with a gift to Yankton Area Arts. The gift will be acknowledged to the honoree and also in the YAA quarterly newsletter.

These memorial gifts will provide numerous cultural experiences to many individuals in the area and beyond that include: Music, Education, Visual Arts, Artist Support, Adult or Children Activities, Special Events and Public Awareness.

Because you believe in Yankton Area Arts, your memorial gifts are a good reason for giving.

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