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Congratulations

Linda Christman



Linda first became involved as a volunteer in the arts when her children became involved in Trollwood Performing Arts School in Fargo. Linda spent 15 years volunteering at Trollwood as House Manager. She moved on to become the marketing/touring director and executive director of the Red River Dance and Performing Company, a regional ballet, tap and jazz dance company headquartered in Fargo, founded by co-artistic directors Eddie and Kathy Gasper. Her involvement included fundraising, marketing, and organizing local, regional, national and international tours for the dance company. The highlight of which was a two-week tour with the dance company of the Soviet Union at the invitation of their government. She brought the passion of working with a non-profit organization with her when she became the director of the Bismarck Art and Galleries Association in Bismarck.

Linda served as the Executive Director of Bismarck Art & Galleries for 22 years. During her tenure at the gallery, she led many fundraisers to not only pay off the mortgage but to finance many enhancements and improvements to the gallery. Linda credits the BAGA Board of Directors for providing support to accomplish the improvements and the artists and volunteers who gave their time and talents to help with the many projects throughout her tenure. Linda was a serious devotee of showcasing the work of talented local, state and regional artists and providing them with an opportunity to grow and promote their work.

Linda is a devoted mother to James, Jaci and Lindsey and is married to Bob. All have been influenced in a positive way by the exposure to the arts because of Linda's involvement in various arts organizations over the past 40+ years.



The Fall Art Exhibition Mission

Bismarck Art & Galleries Association recognizes the contributions art makes to our society. In light of this, BAGA exists to promote art and specifically artists within North Dakota and the Bismarck-Mandan community. Our Fall Art Exhibition is a regional exhibit open to all artists over 18 years of age. Proceeds from the sale of art help fund the artists' efforts and the cost of the show. This is not a fundraising event, its purpose is to provide an annual opportunity for artists to show, share and sell their work.

Calendar of Events

October 10 – Opening Reception Opening Reception	
October 10-November 2, 2023 – Fall Art Show	
Gallery HoursTuesday-Friday10:00 am-5:00 pmSaturday10:00 am-1:00 pm	
November 3 & 4 – Pick-up Friday	

Exhibit Sponsor: Robert & Susan Wefald

This exhibit is sponsored in part by North Dakota Council on the Arts and The Tom & Frances Leach Foundation.



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PURCHASE AWARD SPONSORS

Purchase Award sponsors have made a commitment to select and purchase art work at the fall Art Show. We thank them for their commitment to and support of area artists.

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ARTIST AWARDS

Best of Show

Robert Matz, Plug Nickel

Juror's Choice Awards

Gretchen Bederman, Belle with Birds Pirjo Berg, Swim - Lake Scene Series Thomas J. Berger, Homage: The Peaceable Kingdom Judy Carlson, Pine Retro Vase Ellen Diederich, Heading for the Hills Taylor DeVries, Long Shadows Nicole Gagner, Nature Inspired Improvisation Jack Kline, Fall Harvest Shannon Kline, Gold Necklace Chris Kraft. Under the Surface Ali LaRock. Make a Little Birdhouse in Your Soul Sharon Linnehan, Heart Throb Steven J. Nelson, Pair of Avocets Paul Noot, Nosedive Brian Paulsen, She Herd Shelly Sayler, Leave Me Alone, I'm Healing Linda Schadewald, Morning Has Broken Steve Schilling, Refraction Judy Shaffer, In the Pink Sue Sorlie, The Days of Our Lives John Swanson, Broken #1 Peter Wax, Looking East

Honorable Mention

Doug Boyd, Atmosphere
Joy Flynn, What Lies Beneath
Cris Fulton, Summer Skylight
Sister Nancy Gunderson, Judah
Vicky Hammel, Fall 2023
Steve Holmes, Nature's Remains
Lori Ivy, Taco Joint at the End of the Galaxy
Deb Larson, Knots and Blue
Barb Nechiporenko, Ft. Lincoln Sunflowers
Anthony Nelson, Prairie Still
Mimi Smith, Blazing Bison 1
Kathleen Stromstad, Windswept
Eileen Zahakos, Dakota Prairie Dreaming



SPECIAL SELECTIONS

We are proud to have the following institutions display selected work by participants in the Fall Art Exhibition.

Elsa Forde Gallery, Bismarck State College Andrea Fagerstrom, Director

Thomas J. Berger, Homage: The Peaceable Kingdom Thomas J. Berger, Tree Frog in a Day Lily Joanne Drevlow, When Life Gives You Lemons Joy Flynn, What Lies Beneath Cris Fulton, Badlands Shadows Near Amidon Vicky Hammel, Fall 2023 Vicky Hammel, Leaves 2023 Deb Larson, Knots and Blue Cindi Lostritto, Apple Appeal Brian Paulsen, Watching Jay Rich, Origami and Ink Shelly Sayler, Play With Your Food Steve Schilling, Ledger Art: Buffalo Skull John Swanson, Broken #1 John Swanson, Study For 6 Tam Goodman Wisthoff, Jack's Early Morning Chores

Clairmont Center Gallery, University of Mary Marek Djos, Director

Pirjo Berg, Arctic Silence
Kortney Dillon, Season For Change
Karla Doll, Fall-Out
Karla Doll, Dreams
Steve Holmes, Water Thunder
Vicky Hammel, Flower 2023
Anita Lisko-Gaab, Tranquility Lake
Cindy Lostritto, New Beginning
Cheryl Neely, Turtles on a River
Steve Schilling, Refraction
Peter Wax, Looking East
Jonathan Wisthoff, Beauty in the Heartland
Tam Goodman Wisthoff, "For Everything God Created is Good"
Peter Woodrow, Photo Op
Doreen Yantzer, Relaxing Stream



JURIST



WALTER PIEHL

Walter Piehl, Jr., known for his vibrant, expressionistic Western theme paintings, captures the energy of a rodeo, especially of the horse and rider. His family was involved in rodeo production for 30 years. Piehl, a one-time rodeo rider himself, applies his painting in an Abstract Expressionist style. His drawing on the surface of the painting suggests the motion

and action of horse and rider. His work proudly portrays North Dakota's artistic and cultural heritage.

Piehl received his Bachelor's degree in art from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. He earned both an MA and an MFA from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Piehl has taught at the University of Minnesota, Mayville State College, as well as Valley City University. He is retired from his long career as an art professor at Minot State University where he taught from 1970 - 2017.

His paintings, which demonstrate a unique blend of Western and contemporary artistic styles, have been shown at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art, the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, the Museum of the American Cowboy, Boise State University Gallery, the Art Museum of Missoula and the Yellowstone Art Museum. Among his many honors and awards is the 2008 Enduring Visions Award for his creativity, connection to community and impressive body of work from the Bush Foundation, a private foundation serving Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Piehl was one of three people selected for the prestigious \$100,000 award and described it as the highlight of his art career.



Artist Statement

"I want [my paintings] to look like they were done in a frenzy of activity and that the paint was applied with great energy... I will always be a painter of Western Americana. The horse culture and the ranching culture were always so important to me-part of my everyday life."



2023 Main Entries

Enid Bachman Out East Watercolor \$105	Ellen Jean Diederich Heading for the Hills Acrylic \$2675
Gretchen Bederman Face to Face Encaustic\$300 Belle with Birds Ceramic\$500	Kortney Dillon Embrace Your Inner Glow Acrylic \$200 Season For Change Acrylic \$275
Pirjo Berg Arctic Silence Oil \$650 Swim – Lake Scene Series Oil \$650	Karla Doll Fall-Out Mixed Media \$149 Dreams Mixed Media \$189
Thomas J. Berger Tree Frog in a Day Lily Oil \$3000 Homage: The Peaceable Kingdom Watercolor Collage \$3000	Linda Donlin Rose Adagio Acrylic \$1750 The Magic of Medora Oil \$1050
Doug Boyd Atmosphere Oil	Joanne Drevlow When Life Gives You Lemons Oil\$350 Summer Bloom on the Missouri Oil\$375
Ceramic \$300 Pine Retro Vase Ceramic \$180	Jennifer Eaton Reflections Photography \$275 Osprey
Katrina Case Colors of the Morning Oil	Photography \$150 Kathy Fettig Fall Leaves Collage with Mulberry Paper \$260
Sandra Cofell Maine Island Beach Acrylic \$300 Blue Jay in the Garden Acrylic \$195	Joy Flynn
Eloi Cyril Jeweled Dream 3-D	Cris Fulton Badlands Shadows near Amidon Pencil\$825 Summer Skylight Pencil\$825



Nicole Gagner Improvised Florero Acrylic \$325 Scandinavian Composition Acrylic on wood & paper \$125	Lori lvy Steinbeck's Baby Acrylic \$200 Taco Joint at the End of the Galaxy Acrylic \$250 Jack Kline
Michele Walsh Gorres Let the Little Girls Ride Watercolor \$250	Fall Harvest Scratchboard\$250
Lone Bull Pen & Ink \$375	Shannon Kline Gold Necklace Mixed Media \$100
Madonna Guenthner Hot Mess Mixed Media \$275	Safety First Necklace Pin & Guitar String \$100
Sr. Nancy Gunderson	Cathi Eisenhauer Koenig The Messenger Watercolor & Acrylic \$185
Fabric \$500 Flower Power Fabric \$300	Chris Kraft Under the Surface Oil \$400
Bro Halff Three Mounds Near the Missouri River	Wild and Free Oil \$325
Watercolor \$800 Calm Sunset, Poipu, Kaua'i Watercolor \$800	Ali LaRock Make a Little Birdhouse in Your Soul Mixed Media \$500
Vicky Hammel Flower 2023	Deb Larson
Eco print \$175	Knots and Blue Macrame \$95
Leaves 2023 Eco print \$175	Macrame \$95 Bobbie Lee Square Butte Creek
Leaves 2023	Macrame \$95 Bobbie Lee Square Butte Creek Acrylic
Leaves 2023 Eco print \$175 Lynae Hanson Don't Mind Me – GNP	Macrame



Sharon Linnehan Heart Throb Monotype \$500 Love You to the Moon and Back Monotype \$500	
Anita Lisko-Gaab Swing With the Colors Acrylic \$250 Tranquility Lake Acrylic \$250	Anthony Nelson Missouri Shore II Gouache \$225 Adagio in Blue Acrylic \$300
Kristy Little Peek-A-Boo Pastel\$525 Cindi Lostritto Afternoon Delight Oil\$350 New Beginning	Greta Nelson You Are My Sunshine Mixed Media \$550 ND Prairie Rose Watercolor \$550 Steven J Nelson Pair of Avocets
Oil	Wood & Oil \$1200 Pair of Bufflehead Ducks Wood & Oil \$1000 Sherry Niesar Nature's Gifts Mixed Media \$135
Larry Maslowski Chevy For Sale Oil	Paul Noot The Ending Acrylic \$450 Celestial Path Acrylic \$500
Robert Matz Taking the Heights Gold Wax\$1075 Plug Nickel Mixed Media\$1150	Brian Paulsen She Herd Watercolor \$1200 Watching Watercolor \$1200
Gen Metcalf His Majesty Oil \$350 Desert Gold Oil \$100	By the Sea
Barb Nechiporenko Day's End Pastel	Jay Rich Origami & Ink Mixed Media \$250



Shelly Sayler Leave Me Alone, I'm Healing Stoneware, Wood & Wire	Jonathan Wisthoff Beauty in the Heartland Oil \$650 Vast Skies Oil \$750 Tam Wisthoff
Linda Schadewald Morning Has Broken Acrylic \$350 Steve Schilling	"For Everything God Created is Good" Oil \$350 Jack's Early Morning Chores Oil \$350
Refraction Mixed Media \$175 Homesteader's Cabin Acrylic \$175 Judy Shaffer	Peter Woodrow Photo Op Mixed Media \$500 Drowning in Woke Mixed Media \$150
In the Pink Watercolor \$125 A View From the Boat Watercolor \$75 Mimi Smith	Doreen Yantzer Beauty is There Pastel
Blazing Bison 1 Acrylic \$4000 Blazing Bison 2 Acrylic \$4000	Rebecca Young Norwegian Grandchild Oil \$175
Sue Sorlie The Days of Our Lives Acrylic	Eileen Zahakos Red River at Dusk in Grand Forks Photography \$125 Trees in a Park in Dickinson Photography \$125
Kathleen Stromstad Storm Ahead Oil	Donna ZanderPuppy Playing\$135Oil\$150
John Swanson Broken #1 Oil	
Peter Wax Looking East \$350 Oil	



2023 Miniature Entries

Mary Adams Birch Retreat Acrylic	Nicole Gagner Pinched Wild Chamomile Acrylic \$180 Nature Inspired Improvisation Acrylic \$180
Janis Butzier River View Watercolor	Michele Walsh Gorres Garbage Pail Kids Pen & Ink/Pastel \$95 Garden Bounty Colored Pencil \$95
Judy Carlson Anjou Raku \$65 Nebula	Madonna Guenthner <i>Lonely</i> Watercolor & Ink \$150
Raku \$75 Katrina Case	Vicky Hammel Fall 2023 Eco print \$150
Song of the Prairie Oil	Rose Heiser Arizona Desert Acrylic
Sunflower Fields Acrylic	Mary Ann (Singer) Hosick Crimson Pearls Porcelain & Wool \$300
Taylor DeVries Long Shadows Gouache \$100 Joanne Drevlow	Shannon Kline Sundown Acrylic
Hope Clay Sculpture\$185 Joy Clay Sculpture\$185 Jennifer Eaton	Cathi Eisenhauer Koenig WILD Pastel
Aurora Photography \$50 Sphere Photography \$50 Kathy Fettig	Chris Kraft Display of Modesty Oil
Fall Leaf – Red Acrylic Collage \$40 Fall Leaves Pair Acrylic Collage \$45	Bobbie Lee Autumn Still Life Acrylic



Anita Lisko-Gaab Buying Mama a Hat Colored Pencil & Pencil \$150 My First Scooter Colored Pencil & Pencil \$150	Sue Sorlie Winter Watercolor\$50 Donkey in the Sunflowers Watercolor\$50
Cindi Lostritto Rapt Attention Oil	Ruth Southerland Steve's Eggplant Mixed Media \$75 Driscoll Rainbow Mixed Media \$75
Linda Maize Heading for a Fall Pastel\$225 Water Under the Bridge Pastel\$20	Sally Storslee Waiting by the Window Acrylic
Barb Nechiporenko Ft. Lincoln Sunflowers Pastel\$175 Green Bench	Kathleen Stromstad Windswept Mixed Media \$75
Pastel\$175 Cheryl Neely Mom & Baby Prairie Dogs Pastel\$75 Bison Catching Some ZZZ Pastel\$75	John Swanson Within Boundaries #4 Oil
Anthony Nelson Arietta in Blue Acrylic \$120 Prairie Still	Lazy Afternoon Oil
Acrylic \$200 Greta Nelson My Passion Mixed Media \$225	Eileen Zahakos Chickadee Photography \$60 Dakota Prairie Dreaming in Turtle Mts
Paul Noot Purple Rain	Photography \$60 JoAnn Zahursky-Klein
Acrylic & Spray Paint \$250 Nosedive Acrylic \$410	Deep in the Woods Acrylic \$150 Snow is in the Air Acrylic
Steve Schilling Ledger Art: Buffalo Skull Acrylic \$75 Ledger Art: Spirit Wolf Acrylic \$75	Donna Zander Rufus Pencil \$35



2023 Volunteer of the Year

Clare Carlson

Clare lives in Bismarck with his wife Lisa and four pets including dogs Pegi and Ozzie and cats Felix and Oscar. He is a native of Crookston. MN and has a farming interest in Kittson County, MN. Clare graduated from Crookston Central High School, attended University of Minnesota-



Crookston, graduated from NDSU with an Ag Economics degree and University of Mary with a Masters-in-Management degree. His work life has been a combination of agriculture and government jobs.

He has been a BAGA board member since 2008 serving one term as president. He has emceed numerous BAGA events, assists with set up for Capital A'fair and other fundraisers. He and Lisa annually donate a Summer Southern BBQ and contribute financially as Rembrandt members. Clare was fundamental in getting legislative funding for the BAGA entrance in 2016.

Clare believes in the value of BAGA and its contribution to the greater Bismarck Mandan community. "It's been a great experience participating in BAGA activities," said Clare "I appreciate BAGA's support of local and regional artists. I'm not an artist in any way but I appreciate the artist's talent."





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Previous Volunteer of the Year Winners

The Volunteer of the Year award was created in 2001. It honors individuals who have generously donated their time for BAGA events throughout the year.

2001 - Peggy Puetz

2002 - Barb Nechiporenko

2003 - Donovan Slag

2004 – Linda Wrangham

2005 - Paige Pederson

2006 - Dwight Wrangham

2007 - Amy McNalley

2008 - Inez Baker & Irene Carter

2009 - Paul Noot

2010 - Kerry Horton

2011 - Jill Rosenow

2012 - Mel Gordon

2013 - Kathy Fettig

2014 - Carol Thompson

2015 - Dana & Madonna

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2016 - Kerry Horton

2017 - Ramona Dockter

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BAGA Upcoming Events

Don't miss the November exhibits featuring artists Rob Anderson and Roxanne Erickson. We'll hold the opening reception Tuesday, November 7, from 5 to 7 pm at the gallery, and the exhibits will remain up through **December 1**.

The gallery will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday – Thursday, November 23 through Monday, November 28.

This year's December exhibit features artworks by our Member Artists. We sent out a call for poetry about trees, selected three, and asked our artists to use those three poems as inspiration for their works to be featured in "The Artistry of Trees" exhibit. We'll hold the opening reception Tuesday, **December 5**, from 5 to 7 pm at the gallery, and the exhibit will remain up through Friday, **December 22**. However, since art makes such a great gift, the December show will be cash and carry, meaning you may take what you purchase, immediately.

Don't miss the infamous Cookie Walk Saturday, **December 9**! Doors open at 10 am and we'll close at 3 pm or earlier, depending on cookie supply.

Thank-You

Thanks so much to Barb Nechiporenko for assisting in hanging the exhibition.

Thanks to Dakota Awards for their plaque donation. We appreciate Chelly Ontis of Elegant Designs, for her assistance in designing the program.

Thank you to Peggy Puetz for coordinating the food, and to all volunteers who provided food and service during the reception.



Do all your holiday baking without stepping foot in the kitchen!



Select your cookies and shop for the perfect gift at the Members' Show hanging in the gallery.

Saturday, December 9 10 am to 3 pm

(or until all the goodies are gone)

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The Honor Citation Award has been presented to an outstanding artist or promoter of the arts in North Dakota since 1946. Bismarck Art and Galleries Association is proud to recognize these people who have made a real difference to the arts in our area.

1946-J. D. Allen, Mandan 1947-Paul E. Barr, Grand Forks 1948-Clell G. Gannon, Bismarck 1949-Zoe Bieler, Dickinson 1950-Frank Fisk, Fort Yates 1951-Laura Taylor, Wahpeton, Einor H. Olstad, Sentinel Butte & Isabel P. Snelgrove, Grand Forks 1952-Ruth Rudser, Bismarck 1953-Charles G. Grantier, Mandan 1954-Thelma Rudser, McKenzie 1955-Wanda Granot Cole, Bismarck 1956-Grace Sandness, Valley City & Julia E. Mattson, Grand Forks 1957-Henry Lorentzen, Washburn 1958-Gertrude Chaffee, Bismarck 1959-Ardyce Miller, Bismarck 1960-Nellie Solberg, Bismarck 1961-Alene Larson, Fargo 1962-George Schaumberg, Bismarck 1963-Aldeen Welsh, Bismarck 1964-Rosemary Landsberger, Bismarck 1965-James A. Kirkpatrick, Jamestown 1966-Sarah Leibole, Bismarck 1967-Elsa Hertel, Fargo 1968-Tollie Schaumberg, Bismarck 1969-James O'Rourke, Moorhead, MN 1970-Robert A. Nelson, Grand Forks 1971-Joyce Lusk, Jamestown 1972-Frank Sampson, Boulder, CO 1973-Belle Mehus, Bismarck 1974-Robert Alonzo Ritterbush, **Bismarck** 1975-Merton Uttgaard, Bottineau 1976-Verna Tjaden, Bismarck 1977-Ann Conrath, Mandan 1978-Annella Campbell, Bismarck 1979-Nevada Francis, Bismarck 1980-Florence Nelson, Bismarck 1981-Ida Prokop Lee, Bismarck 1982-LaVera Edick, Bismarck 1983-Inez Baker, Bismarck

1984-Betty Lindelow, Bismarck

1985-Phyllis Tarnasky, Bismarck 1986-Harold Schafer, Bismarck 1987-Jewel Hoffman, Bismarck 1988-Carol Fix, Bismarck 1989-Tom Baker, Bismarck 1990-Robert, Evelyn, Susan Lundberg & Stephanie Delmore, Bismarck 1991-Robert Miller, Bismarck 1992-Connie Sprynczynatyk, Bismarck 1993-Richard Weber, Bismarck 1994-Stan & Bonnie Rothenberger, Bismarck 1995-Marcia A. Meyers Olson, Bismarck 1996-Gary P. Miller, Bismarck 1997-Robert Saueressig, Bismarck 1998-Robert Frost Paris, Mandan 2000-Michelle Lindblom, Bismarck 2001-Shirlee Van Erem, Bismarck 2002-Paul Noot, Bismarck 2003-Caroline Conrath, Mandan & Fran Gronberg, Bismarck 2004-Vern Skaug, Minot 2005-Susanne Mattheis, Bismarck 2006-Vidette Freier, Bismarck 2007-Margaret Swift, Glen Ullin 2008-Barb Nechiporenko, Bismarck 2009 Robin Reynolds, Hebron 2010-Jan Webb, Bismarck 2011-Char McLaughlin 2012-Bevery Haas 2013-Rose Heiser 2014-Leon Basler 2015-Ali LaRock 2016-Melissa Gordon 2017-Walter Piehl 2018-Jack Kline 2019-Vida Klocke 2020-Sue Sorlie 2021-Larry Maslowski 2022-Nicole Gagner









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