



The Grain Bin

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The Year 2004

Our 9th annual All Dakota High School Art Festival opened 4/29/04. The planning committee was Renee McKiver and Janine Harry of Groton and Eric Carlsgaard of Frederick. *Many thanks to all the volunteers whose dedication to the Granary made this and all subsequent exhibits not only possible, but successful.*

Workshops were Raku pottery by Tony and Wanda Clarke; paper quilting by Kelly Face; mural painting by Ben Grote and Nick Fischer; watercolor by Lora Schaunaman. Key note speakers were Ben Victor and Rebecca Mulvaney. Judges were Alan Fisher, Madison SD and Gretchen Kottke, Cooperstown, ND. Traveling trophies winners were Fargo North HS and Clark HS, Clark, SD. Best of show won by Kim Mahert, Mitchell, SD.

One of the highlights of the All Dakota Art Festival, in June, was the dedication of the new air-conditioned entrance and gift shop. It was named for Robert Schuelke, a major contributor and prominent community leader. It allows the Granary to sell local art work.

The successful All Dakota Exhibition was followed by the second abstract exhibition in July, and a photography show in August and September.

Raku Workshop

The technique of Raku pottery is derived from the ancient Japanese tea ceremonies. Within minutes, the fire of the open kiln turned clay pots into bright works of art offering hand-on-experiences in decorating and firing. Some beautiful pieces were produced.

The Year 2005

FACT: OVER 1400 HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ALL DAKOTA ART FESTIVALS OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS.

The Granary's 10th year opened with the All Dakota High School Art Festival on April 28th and

29th. Over 170 high school art students from 24 schools in North and South Dakota participated. Dick Termes, Spearfish, SD, a world famous artist presented the keynote address and was also a workshop presenter. Several of his "Termespheres" hung from the ceiling of the Putney Hall stage. He demonstrated his 6 point perspective that he used on his spheres. Other workshop presenters were Lora Schaunaman, oil painting, Ben Grote and Nick Fischer, cooperative mural painting. Traveling trophies were won by Lisbon Public School, Lisbon, ND and to Aberdeen Central HS. Best of show was won by Aaron Carson, Aberdeen Central. Judges were Gail Pickus, Aberdeen and Terry Jelsin, Fargo, ND. Other winners were Sam Engebretson, painting and pastel. Drawing Aaron Carson, Printmaking Dana Droog, Mobridge SD and Jamie Horter, Groton. 3D Jamie Silkman, Clark SD, and Boyd Reimnitz, Mitchell, SD digital imagery.

The All Dakota Fine Arts Festival opened on June 11th and 12th. An exhibit of quilts were displayed in Putney Hall by Myra Hodson, Lori Holt, Deb Zimmerman and Nancy Ringgenber. Other workshops were by Carol Johnson. Native-American beadwork and traditional dancing. Ann E Taecker, Silkpainting. On Sunday a workshop was presented by the Stamp Ladies 2 and Scrapbook Nook on scrapbook making. The Dakota Heritage Barbershop Chorus performed. Peter Killian of the Art Department of Northern State University was the Judge. Best of show for the All Dakota Art Festival went to Brian Paulsen for his print, Hunting Memories.

The Third annual Abstract Exhibition opened July 21st. Best of Show was awarded to Beverly Schultz, Corona, SD. The judge for the show was Susan Luzier, Aberdeen painter.

The Granary closed its 10th year with the All Dakota Photography show. Jamie Horter, Bristol, SD was named best of show.

Walk with Dakota

The realization of the final stage, the placement of sculptures in the Walk with Dakota began in earnest during the Spring of 2005. Added to the Walk were symbolic paintings by Nick and Nicole Fischer which represent concepts for the permanent sculptures.

To launch a nationwide sculpture search, the Granary published a book, "One House, Many Skies" by Peter Carrels with cover painting and illustrations by Rebecca Mulvaney. The book is a compilation of conversations with 52 Dakotans who describe their love of the land, their concerns about its future, and the need for cooperation of Dakota people from diverse backgrounds. Its central theme is: "Respect for the Land and the People Who Live On it."

The book is to be used as an inspiration for the sculptors, students, artists and the general public.

On July 23rd the Granary held a booksigning for Peter Carrels' book, "One House, Many Skies". Among the guests of honor were Representative Stephanie Herseth who gave the keynote address. Others were Mayor Mike Levensen of Aberdeen, and Mayor Gerald Rix of Groton, and Lanniko Lee Native-American writer and teacher, Java, SD.

After the booksigning, 16 sculptors presented examples of their works. From this group several will be asked to present maquettes for the Walk with Dakota. The Granary is planning 4 sculptures, 2 with Native-American themes and 2 with pioneering themes.

They included:

- JANICE ALBRO of Bartlesville, OK Native-American enrolled Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux
- BAD RIVER ARTWORKS (Sherri Treeby and Lee Leuning) of Aberdeen. Work includes War Memorials in Pierre. Presidents in Rapid City.
- DAVID ALAN CLARK, Lander, WY. Large bronze sculptures
- DEE CLEMENTS, Loveland, CO. Native of Armour, SD. Many full-sized commissions.
- PEGGY DETMERS, Rapid City, SD. Work includes the "Tatanka Story of the Bison" at Deadwood, SD
- ALLAN FISHER, Madison SD. Professor of Art Dakota State University
- MATTHEW LANZ, Rosebud, SD worked with Tony Chytka and Peggy Detmers, emphasis on Native-American art

- JOHN LOPEZ, Piedmont, SD. Presidents in Rapid City's Presidents project, & several equestrian projects.
- TOM NEARY, Washburn, SD. Lewis and Clark, Fort Mandan
- CHARLES RECOONTRE, Lamy, NM. Grew up in rural South Dakota now working in New Mexico. Carver of Lakota ceremonial pipes. Full sized work include "White Buffalo Calf Woman".
- BEN VICTOR, Aberdeen, SD. War memorial Aberdeen Airport. Winnemucca Sculpture for the State of Nevada and the Statuary Hall in the Capitol, Washington, DC
- DARWIN WOLF, Sioux Falls. St. Therese life size bronze. St. Therese Catholic Church, Sioux Falls. Life size crucifix, Holy Name Church, Watertown, SD.

Granary Web site: www.granaryfinearts.org

Survey

As the Granary begins its second decade of service, we are looking for ways of expanding our programs. The Granary exists to meet the needs of this region and there are many ways it can be done. We need your ideas and input. Drop a letter or e-mail to the Granary.

Some of the possibilities are summer workshops, such as drawing, painting, writing, poetry, fiction, local and personal history, and workshops for teachers.

Workshops and programs could be conducted in almost any subject that would be of interest.

What kind of workshop would you be interested in?

How long should they run and when?

How much should they cost to be affordable?

Are there other programs that the Granary should develop?

In Memoriam

The Granary Family was saddened by the passing of two stalwart Granary supporters during 2004-2005.

Tom Morrow was a member of the Granary's board since the Granary's inception until his death in the Fall of 2004. His support, friendship, and advice will be greatly missed.

LaVerne Gerling passed away in the Spring of 2005. His support of the Granary is seen everywhere on the Granary campus. Among his contributions are the spiral stairway, The Staff of Life, and the Granary Logo.

Granary 2006

Renee McKiver and Nick Fischer Named to Granary Posts

Renee McKiver has been named Administrator and Artistic Director of the All Dakota High School Festival and Nick Fischer has been named Assistant Administrator and Artistic Director of the Prairie States Fine Arts Exhibition. Renee grew up in Columbia, SD and has a Commercial Art Degree from Northern State University. She has been active in the Granary programs including Outreach Coordinator and served on the High School Committee.

Nick Fischer, a native of Aberdeen, graduated from Northern State University with a BA in Fine Art. He is founding member of Artworks Cooperative Gallery in Aberdeen. He has won several awards at the Granary, and received the "Friends of the Arts" award from the Aberdeen Area Arts Council. He has conducted several mural painting workshops for the All Dakota High School Art Exhibitions.

Major Exhibitions at the Granary

All Dakota High School Fine Arts Exhibition

April 27th–May 14th

Student workshops and Judging April 27th and April 28th

Awards Ceremony

April 29th

Gallery Exhibition

April 29th–May 14th

Prairie States Fine Arts Exhibition

June 9th–July 11th

Demonstrations and other activities

June 9th and 11th

Gallery exhibition

June 9th–July 23rd

Large quilt exhibit by area quilters

June 10th–July 23rd

Check out the Web Site for updates.