



The Grain Bin

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The Scoop Shovel

Thanks for a Great Year!

As with other non-profits, The Granary staff continually works to find volunteers and funds to support activities. We make repeated requests to granting agencies, businesses and individuals. As soon as one event ends, we set our sights on preparation for the next.

However, we should pause and reflect on our successes this year. Not only did we present three outstanding fine arts programs, but we succeeded in refurbishing Putney Hall so it is now a three season, multi-use facility.

None of this would have been possible if it were not for the faith, hard work, and financial invest-

ments of our community. We not only have broad-based support from the artists in the Dakotas, but we have developed the expectation among our visitors that something wonderful happens here.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our members, contributors, program participants, and visitors. Our All Dakota Fine Arts events and the special Tornado! Exhibit were so successful this year that we are expanding our exhibit programs. Our Granary Memorial Gallery will be open from May 1 – Labor Day in 1998. Also, we plan to make our “Steak Fry” Raffle and Fundraiser an annual event.

The arts have found fertile ground here because of the generosity of all of you. We cannot thank you enough for believing in the mission of The Granary.

Rebecca Mulvaney, Granary Program Director

Dates Set for 1998 Fine Arts Events *Golden Harvest of Dakota Arts*

All Dakota High School Fine Arts Exhibition

This event features artwork by high school students from North and South Dakota. Artwork is judged both individually and as a school unit for awards in various media categories, traveling trophies, and scholarships. Hands-on workshops and a festival-style atmosphere brings students, teachers and the community together to develop and celebrate artistic achievement. Application fee: \$50.00 per school.

Deadline for Registration: March 20, 1998
Artwork due: April 27, 1998
Exhibition Activities: May 1–3, 1998
Extended Exhibit Viewing: May 5–10, 1998

South Dakota Artists Network Spring Retreat

This group of visual, literary, and performing artists meets twice a year in selected sites in South Dakota for a weekend of networking and artistic development.

Meeting: May 15–17, 1998
SDAN Exhibition Open: May 17–June 7, 1998

All Dakota Fine Arts Festival

Judged exhibit features amateur and professional artists in a showcase of superior original art. Sales, demonstrations and entertainment throughout the festival weekend. Exhibit fees: \$10 for one, \$15 for two and \$20 for three in nine media categories.

Entry Deadline: May 22, 1998
Artwork due: June 8, 1998
Festival Events: June 12–14, 1998
Extended Exhibit Viewing: June 16–21

Summer Fine Arts Program

The Granary features a series of short-term informal exhibitions by regional artists and artisans. Send letter of application and slides or photos of work to The Granary.

Application Deadline: June 1, 1998
Exhibition Dates: June 30 - September 7, 1998
Granary Hours and Admission Fees
 Tuesday – Sunday 1:00–5:00PM during regular exhibition season, May 2 – September 7, 1998. (Granary closed during exhibition set-up times. See festival schedules for special hours.) Admission to Granary - \$3.00 adult; \$2.00 students 6–18. Exhibitors and children 5 & under – free.

Putney Hall Update

Putney Hall Dedication and Fundraiser

July 19 & 20

With renovations nearly complete, The Granary hosted two days of celebrations in honor of Putney Hall. Fundraising activities were scheduled in conjunction with our Annual Membership meeting and the opening of the “Tornado! Exhibit”. Larry Ottenbacher, District Manager for Modern Woodmen of America Insurance Company, coordinated fundraising efforts with Granary Board President, John Sieh.

Featured speakers at the Dedication Ceremonies were Mary Swisher, longtime resident of Putney Township; Rick Schelle, President of the Groton Chamber of Commerce; Paul Fischbach, Board Member of Northern Electric Cooperative; Representative Steve Cutler; and Senator Jim Lawler. Celebrations continued with a “Silent Auction” and a country hoedown featuring western swing by the “The Backyard Boys”.

On Sunday evening, friends of The Granary gathered for a steak fry and raffle. Bill Schulke served as emcee, while Ed Fordham, Ottenbacher and Ken Fiedler manned the barbecue pit. Members of the Dakota Musicians Association, led by Mike Eisenbeisz had feet tapping with rousing polkas and

other tunes.

In August, Ottenbacher presented The Granary with a check for \$6,672.00, which included \$2,500.00 in matching funds from Modern Woodmen and \$4,172.00 in proceeds from the raffles and silent auctions. After deducting for food and beverage costs, we were able to apply over \$5,800.00 toward the cost of renovating Putney Hall.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the following for their donation of goods and services for our Silent Auction: Aberdeen Equipment, Academy Trophy and Engraving, L. Frank Baum Oz Festival, Blockbuster Video, CCS Sport Center, Cellular One, City Drug, Clayton’s Processing, Aberdeen Coca Cola, Cornwell’s Rexall Drug, D&D Paint and Frame, Aberdeen Dairy Queen, Dakota Press, Dakotah, Inc., Darrel’s Sinclair, Senator Tom Daschle, Day County Equipment, Day County Sales, Day County Tire, Economy Meat Market, Exhaust Pros’s, Flower Cart, Four Seasons, Carol Weber Green, Groton Veterinary Equipment, Hangin’ Around Gallery, Senator Tim Johnson, Tom Morrow, Northern Electric, Larry Ottenbacher, Paints ’N More, Priarieland, Aberdeen Ramkota, Dorothy Romain, Schatz Insurance, SD Wheat Growers, Thatzza Pizza, Trail Chevrolet & Olds, and White Horse Inn.

Construction and Remodeling Updates

1/1/97 – 10/24/97

Expenses

Restoration Putney Hall	
Rewiring, new electrical service	
Heat pump, ductwork, air conditioning	
Septic tank, drain field, new rest rooms	
Landscaping Putney Hall area	\$16,337.32
Outdoor Barbecue	
Materials for foundation, pit and roof	1,966.94
Filling Original Putney foundation as per Township request	890.00
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Total Construction Costs:	\$19,194.26

Income

Grants from Foundations and Individuals	
CC Lee Foundation	1,000.00
Gerald & Ann Rix	500.00
Northwest Bank	500.00
Modern Woodmen Ins.	
Match for Steak Fry Fundraiser	2,500.00
Good Neighbor Award for Barbecue Pit	500.00
East River Electric Foundation	500.00
New York Life Foundation	250.00
Roger Schuller Family	500.00
Other Bushels of Wheat Contributions	892.00
Proceeds from "Steak Fry" Fundraiser	3,354.70
Memorial Brick and Tile Sold	1,890.00
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Total Income	\$12,386.70

Additional amount needed for Putney Hall remodeling costs \$6,807.56

Donated Labor and Materials - Estimated Value of In-Kind Services

1/1/97 – 10/24/97

Labor @ \$5.00/hour estimated: \$3,380.00

Community Service workers: 500 hrs (painting, landscaping, mowing, insulation, constructing barbecue); Bob Groebblinghoff: 80 hrs (window repair, carpentry); Ed Haskell: 40 hrs (scraping, painting, Putney Hall Sign); Donley Construction: 30 hrs (shingling, vents); Alan DeBilzan: 16 hrs (painting); Kenneth Kriech: 10 hrs (shingling) and LaVerne Gerling: 10 hrs (welding barbecue grill)

Materials: estimated value: \$3,646.00

Paul Meyers, Tractor Salvage: \$1,500 (posts and shingles); William Sieh, United Plumbing: \$800 (fixtures for new rest rooms); Kathy Sieh Johnson: \$400 (paper and printing for fundraising); Don and LaVanda Henley: \$300 (used bricks); Herb Brosz and Charlean Erickson: \$200 (storm windows); Steve Jensen: \$150 (construction materials); Rex Sipple: \$150 (heating and landscaping supplies); S&S Lumber \$146 (roofing materials for barbecue pit.)

Total value of In-kind donations: \$7,026.00

Without the "helping hands" and generous support of these individuals and businesses, our dream of restoring Putney Hall would not have become a reality. Thanks.

Tornado! Exhibit a “Hit” at The Granary

Over 500 visitors to The Granary enjoyed a special exhibition on tornadoes and related weather phenomena, from July 19 – August 17, 1997. There was something for everyone, including displays on tornado lore prepared by Rebecca Mulvaney, paintings and pastels by Mary Groth and George Prisbe; photography by Dan Schwab, Martha Mehlhaff, Terri Wright Lapka and J P Morgan; a Fine Arts competition on tornado themes; a “working” tornado model by meteorologist Chris Broyles; and eyewitness videos of 1996 Aberdeen and Pierpont area tornadoes, provided by the National Weather Service.

Thirteen artists entered the competition on tornado themes, judged by Mary Groth. A \$100 award for “Best Way to Get to Oz” went to Donna Lee Huff Bartholow of Huron, SD. Steven R. Fink of Woonsocket, SD, won the award for “Most Awesome Weather Phenomenon”. In addition, visitors were asked to vote on a “People’s Choice Award” for favorite display. George Prisbe, Spearfish, SD, received the \$50.00 prize for his acrylics from the Tornado Alley Series.

Two workshop activities were held at The Granary in conjunction with the L. Frank Baum Oz Festival in Aberdeen. On August 8, thirty three children participated in the “Twister Craft” workshop in Putney Hall. Participants made a “tornado in a bottle”, “pipe cleaner funnel”, and “wooly storm collage”. Thanks to Nancy Flint of the Oz Festival Committee, and workshop assistants, Charlean Erickson and Kell Knispel.

On Sunday, August 10, Hector Guerrero and Chris Broyles of the National Weather Service in Aberdeen, presented a workshop on South Dakota’s Tornado Alley. The workshop included a mini-seminar on “storm spotting”, with videos and a slide show. Broyles demonstrated the “working” tornadic storm system, reminding the audience of the famous Wizard of Oz as a funnel cloud appeared within the model.

We are indebted to Hector Guerrero and Chris Broyles of the National Weather Service, Dacotah Prairie Museum, and Northern Electric Cooperative for providing technical data and material for displays; the Aberdeen Area Arts Council for a \$250 grant; Karelyn Farrand and Bea Premack of the L. Frank Baum Oz Festival for a \$500 grant and event assistance; the Aberdeen American News and KABY for great publicity; and all the participating artists and photographers who made this successful exhibit possible.

Advisory Committee Members Elected at Annual Meeting

July 19, 1997

Members of the Granary elected three candidates to the Advisory Committee at the Annual Meeting on July 19. Edward Haskell of Aberdeen; and Bob Groebblinghoff and Michael Weber of Groton were elected to two year terms. Haskell works in the Pediatrics Department of St. Lukes Midland; Groebblinghoff is a retired salesman for SD Wheat Growers and Weber is business manager for the Groton School System.

Patsy Brosz, Aberdeen; Alverde Daniel, Leola, SD; Charlean Erickson, Groton; and LaVerne Gering, Ellendale, ND continued with the second of two year terms. Outgoing committee members were Dennis Hagny, Aberdeen; and Carol Weber Green, Mellette, SD.

Advisory Committee members evaluate Granary programs and budgets and make recommendations to the Granary Board of Trustees and Fine Arts Planning Committees. Thanks to all these committee members for their dedication to the mission of The Granary.

Committee Reports

Board of Trustees

The Granary Board of Trustees met on August 31 to review operations. After reviewing financial statements, the board recommended improvements in the computer accounting program to keep better track of Granary activities. They directed the Granary Coordinator to investigate getting a credit card to facilitate purchasing of supplies. The Board also recommended that Granary Fine Arts Programs be expanded to provide continuous art exhibitions during the summer.

Current board members are: John Sieh, Groton SD, President; Rebecca Mulvaney, Aberdeen, SD, Vice President; David Sieh, Golden, CO, Secretary-Treasurer; Kathy Johnson, Groton, SD; Tom Morrow, Westport, SD and William Sieh, Everett, WA.

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee met on September 20 and November 8 to discuss Granary Programs. The committee selected Mike Weber as Chairperson and Patsy Brosz as Recording Secretary. At the November 8 meeting, Betty Artz was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Alverde Daniel. Alverde will continue to serve on the Fine Arts Planning Committee. Lori Ryman, Exec. Dir. of the Aberdeen Area Arts Council, was appointed as Consultant to the Board of Trustees.

The committee's main goal in the next few months will be to work on developing three aspects of program support – marketing, funding and staffing. The committee will be contacting members to work on subcommittees. Subcommittee chairs are: Patsy Brosz – Marketing; Tom Morrow – Funding; and Charlean Erickson – staffing.

The committee selected “Golden Harvest of Dakota Arts” as the theme for 1998 Fine Arts Programs. The application form for the High School Fine Arts Exhibition will be revised to better reflect event activities. Application fees of \$50 per school will be due by March 20, with a \$10 late fee charged after that date. The event planning committee will implement a large-scale quilt project as a workshop activity next year, with the “work-in-progress” to be used to market the program.

The committee also discussed improvements for the Granary Campus, including sound system, handicapped accessible entry and more chairs and tables for Putney Hall.

Membership Update

A total of 133 individuals, family and business members have joined The Granary since our membership program began in July 1996. Our members play an important role in supporting Granary activities. Membership dollars are used to underwrite our fine arts programs as well as the newsletter. In 1997, grants from outside agencies have provided less than 20% of our program and operating budgets.

We will be kicking off our 1998 Membership Campaign in January. Due to the rising cost of Granary activities, the Advisory Committee has increased the basic fees for individual and family membership. However, members will no longer be charged half-price to attend programs. **Changes in membership for 1998 include a free Season Pass to Granary events (deadline - May 1.) You will also receive invitations to special events and our Annual Meeting, 10% discount on purchases, and copies of all our newsletters. Business members receive special recognition in our program brochures.**

Members are also eligible to serve on the Granary Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee.

Our thanks to the following members who joined since June 30, 1997: Mrs. Stanley Dennert, Robert and Sally and Robert and Mary Thompson, Aberdeen, SD; Jerry Lock, Groton, SD.

Join now and receive full membership privileges through December 31, 1998. Looking for a gift for a friend? Give a lasting gift in support of the arts in your community – Granary Membership.

Brick and Tile Update

348 bricks and tiles have been sold for a total of \$8,765.00 since the fundraising campaign began in the fall of 1995. The following individuals purchased commemorative bricks or tiles since the last newsletter:

Ron Lidner Family (2); Alvin Anderson; Roger Schuller Family (4); Nick Yockim; Mrs. Robert Jensen (7); Ardis Sieh; Randy Knecht; Dennis Feikert; Merrill & Clara Rix (3); Martha Wienk; Ron & Ruth Angerhofer (5); Jerry Brick Family (4); and Tom & Margaret Morrow (4).

By the end of summer, 313 bricks or tiles have been received from the engraver. The bricks were installed this fall in the walkways at The Granary. Tile installation will be completed in the spring. The price of a commemorative brick remains at \$25. However, the price of a tile has been increased to \$30 to cover the additional costs of setting tiles in concrete.

Commemorative bricks or tiles make an excellent gift for the Holidays. Use the order form on this page.

Trees Dedicated on Granary Campus

A number of trees on the Granary Campus are still available for sponsorship at \$40 each. Three trees were dedicated this fall for the following individuals: Ron Boulais; Ron and Kathleen Lidner; and Kenny March in Memory of Art Wittler. Thanks for making our campus a beautiful place to visit.