



The Grain Bin

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Exhibition and event schedule for 2001

Rebecca Mulvaney, the Granary's artistic program director, has announced the schedule for the upcoming season. Events being planned include:

- **All Dakota High School Fine Arts Exhibition**
Friday, May 4: 10 AM – 4 PM
Workshop activities for students and teachers
Saturday, May 8: 11AM – 5PM
Workshops: 11 AM and 2:30PM
Awards ceremony: 1 PM
Sunday May 6: 11 AM – 5 PM
Entertainment: 1:30 PM
May 8 – 13: Gallery open 1 – 5 PM
- **“Wild Life” Exhibition**
May 8 – June 3: 1 – 5 PM
Gallery open Tuesday – Sunday
Sunday, June 3: Reception: 3 – 5 PM
- **All Dakota Fine Arts Festival**
Friday, June 8: 11 AM – 5 PM
Demonstrations: 11 AM and 2 PM
Saturday, June 9: 11 AM – 5 PM
Demonstrations: 11 AM and 2 PM
Awards ceremony: 1 PM
Sunday, June 10: 11 AM – 5 PM
Demonstrations: 11 AM and 3 PM
Entertainment: 1:30 PM
June 12 – 24: 1 PM – 5 PM
Gallery open Tuesday – Sunday
- **Sculpture Invitational – Indoor/Outdoor**
June 29 – July 29
Gallery open Tuesday – Sunday
Saturday, June 30: 7 PM
Annual meeting and reception
- **“Emerging Artists” Exhibition**
August 3 – September 3: 1 – 5 PM
Gallery open Tuesday – Sunday
Saturday, August 4: 1 – 4 PM
Artists Workshop

\$10,000 Challenge grant approved

The South Dakota Community Foundation's Board of Directors has approved a \$10,000 Challenge Grant to the Granary. The terms of the grant require that Granary supporters contribute \$44,000 to the Granary Advised Fund during the next four years. When that goal has been met, an additional \$10,000 will be added by the SDCF.

The Advised Fund has been set up to enable bequests and contributions to be made on behalf of individual donors to the Granary. These gifts, managed by the SDCF, will assure that the Granary and the “Walk with Dakota” interpretive sculpture garden will have perpetual care and that future generations may continue to be inspired by this project.

The Granary's “Walk with Dakota” will tell the story of Native American peoples that live in the Dakotas and the fortitude of the families that came later for free land and high hopes for the future. It will include a towering structure that will draw attention to the importance of reconciliation among Dakota people.

The story of “Walk with Dakota” will be told through the use of land forms and live vegetation, aided by magnificent life-sized figures along the paths. These works will be designed by Dakota sculptors and will be cast in many different art forms including – and not limited to – bronze, iron and stone carvings.

For more information on the Advised Fund, contact the Granary at 40161 128th St., Groton, SD (605) 397-4587, or email: granary@nvc.net, or Bernie Christianson, SDCF executive director, in Pierre at (800) 888-1842.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please complete and return the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Granary hires administrator

Hello and happy holidays!

My name is Vicki Schuster and I am the new administrator at the Granary. Some of you may have seen me at past Granary events, as I have done some

volunteer work or have served on planning committees. I am excited to take my love for the Granary and my desire to see the arts excel in the region on a full-time basis.

I have jokingly told many people that I am unable to draw a stick man successfully, however, I do have a minor in theater from South Dakota State University in Brookings. I possess a good working knowledge of desktop publishing and currently am a backup singer in a local 8-piece dance band. So, I guess you can say that my artistic abilities come in different forms.

In the past month, I have been fortunate enough to meet many Granary members, artists and volunteers – all of which have been instrumental in building a strong foundation for the Granary.

We have many fun things in the works for 2001. I hope to bring creativity to this year's events and I encourage you to contact me about any new idea that you may want to share. I can be reached at my home office at (605) 225-4355, the Granary office at (605) 397-4587, or by email at granary@nvc.net.

I hope you can join us for an exciting upcoming season!

2000 Granary program recap

- **All Dakota High School Fine Arts Exhibition “Technology and the Arts in the New Millenium”**

May 5 – 7, 9 – 14

Over 140 students and teachers from 20 schools in South and North Dakota came to the Granary for workshops, exhibition judging, and mentoring on May 5, 2000. Exhibitors competed for prizes in five media categories, working with judging mentors in the galleries. Traveling trophies were awarded to Simmons Junior High School in Aberdeen, SD, and Lisbon High School in Lisbon ND for best school exhibits. Workshop presentations were held on new software and tools for the artist, desktop publishing, using the Internet as a teaching tool, as well as hands-on mural project. The public was invited for festival-style activities from 11 AM – 5 PM, May 6 and 7. The exhibition continued through May 14.

- **“Local Color” Regional Women Artists May 19 – June 4**

“Local Color” was an invitational exhibition of work by 28 women artists living within 100 miles of the Granary. The exhibition featured work in a variety of media by artists who had shown at previous Granary All Dakota Fine

Arts Festivals. The artwork was on display from May 19 – June 4, with a closing reception from 3 – 5 PM on June 4.

- **All Dakota Fine Arts Festival June 9 - 11, 13 – 25**

The popular All Dakota Fine Arts Festival featured over 180 original artworks by 72 artists in the five Granary galleries. Festival activities and family-style entertainment took place during the first weekend of the event. Demonstrations included alabaster carving, watercolor painting, coiling and pit firing pottery and Japanese paper marbling. Over \$1,000 in awards were presented by exhibition judge Susan Morrissey, Valley City, ND. The exhibition continued from June 13 – 25.

- **“Harvesting a Ritual” by Jeffrey F. Morrison**

July 1 – 30

The “Harvesting a Ritual” exhibition consisted of a series of installations on agricultural themes. Mixed-media artist Jeffrey F. Morrison, St. Paul, MN, installed exhibits in five gallery rooms, including “Harvesting a Ritual”, a meditation on grain farming, and “D.O.A – Grab a Shovel,” an artistic exploration of the impact of United States Department of Agricultural policy and commodity pricing on farmers. Other rooms featured slide shows about farm life, and writings and drawings by 136 regional school children on the concept of “Where does my breakfast cereal come from?” Special activities that coincided with the exhibition included a Threshers Breakfast, and an Agricultural Issues Forum on the “Crisis in Family Farming” on July 8. Featured speakers and panelists: North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture Roger Johnson, South Dakota State Sen. Frank Kloucek; U.S. Sen Tim Johnson, and other ag policymakers. There were activities for children and entertainment during the day, and an artist's gallery talk.

- **“Risk Takers”**

August 4 – September 4

“Risk Takers” was an invitational exhibition showcasing twelve regional artists who explore innovative themes or media in their work. The centerpiece of the exhibition was “Circle of Hop” by Connie Herring, Larchwood IA. This multi-media installation contained eight 8 inch paper circles with positive messages

from around the world, accompanied by music and readings. Tina Blatter, Sioux Falls, presented a retrospective of her work that explored the challenges of being a visually impaired artist. Other works explored spiritual and social issues, and approach to new media or subject matter. The Granary sponsored an artists' forum entitled "The Artist's Work" from 3 – 5 PM on Labor Day, Monday September 4, featuring a dialogue by artists participating in the exhibit.

Walk with Dakota update

On Nov. 18, about 20 Granary members, volunteers and past/present committee members met at the Alexander Mitchell Library in Aberdeen for a "Walk with Dakota" strategic planning meeting facilitated by Pat Tollefson.

Tollefson started things out by showing the group a new promotional video about the Granary done by Kaleidoscope Productions of Aberdeen. Approximately nine minutes in length, the video showcases the annual All Dakota High School Fine Arts Exhibition and the All Dakota Fine Arts Exhibition. It also explains what purpose the Granary serves to the region and gave a short explanation of the "Walk with Dakota" sculpture project. About 60 copies of the video were made. They will be used to promote the high school event, as well as to serve as a general marketing tool for the Granary.

Next on the meeting's agenda came discussion for "Walk with Dakota".

The group reviewed and assessed the project. Several people who attended the meeting agreed that communication would be vital to the success of "Walk with Dakota". They felt it was important for everyone working on the project to convey the same message to the public as well as potential financial contributors.

The formation of a "Walk with Dakota" committee/focus group was discussed. The group said ideal candidates would be people who include (but not limited to):

- Community leaders
- Businesses (financial, legal, corporations, small businesses)
- Service organizations
- Educational institutions

Several people gave names of individuals and businesses who would be good resources for the project. Tollefson hopes these individuals could help

back "Walk with Dakota" and stir up excitement in the region about the project.

Individuals then volunteered to contact people whose names were submitted as possible resources/committee members. To make things easier, and to convey one central message. Tollefson said she would work on a script for anyone who was going to make these contacts. The script explains how to get potential resource/committee members informed about what "Walk with Dakota" is and why it's an important project for the region.

Last on the agenda for the meeting was the presentation of two design ideas from Richard Wiebe. Wiebe represented Prairie Partners, Inc. the architectural firm that is spearheading the design efforts for "Walk with Dakota". The concepts he introduced could fit in anywhere on the Dakota campus.

The Bush Foundation has provided funding for pre-planning for construction for the project. This planning includes money for architectural blueprints and other startup needs.

The first design he presented was a sphere encompassed by six objects. The objects could be made of many different material: adobe, iron, carved stone, bronze, etc. The height of the sculpture could be extremely tall, or could stand at eye-level.

The main purpose of this design was to symbolized six different objects coming together to support one central thing (the sphere).

For the second concept he introduced, Wiebe showed the group a design that incorporated the use coated, colored cables woven around and top of 12 poles in a symmetrical design. The poles themselves would not necessarily be in the ground, however; one central pole in the middle would support the structure. The poles could be slanted as their heights could be varied. Wiebe also discussed the possibility of using colored stones leading up to this web-like structure.

New signs debut, road fixed

Eight new brown highway signs, directing those who travel to the Granary, made their debut in the early part of the summer.

The markings, found along US Highway 12, state Highway 37, and Brown County roads 13 and 18, were a combined effort of the Granary, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department, Brown County highway officials and the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

In the interest of having a clean environment, the Granary Board of Trustees have voted to assume the responsibility of keeping the Granary Road clean from trash, including the fishing areas adjacent to

the James River and Highway 13, as it crosses the Putney Slough area.

Also, although no date has been given, it has been brought to the attention of the Granary that directional signs will be added eventually near the railroad crossing along Granary Road.

The Granary is also happy to inform everyone that Granary Road (Brown County Road 18) has now been repaved and sealed. Hopefully, this will make travel to and from the Granary a much easier and enjoyable experience as we head into the 2001 season.