



# ARTS IN HAND NEWS

Winter 2016

## Frederic Arts Hosts Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual meeting of Wisconsin Northwest Heritage Passage/Arts in Hand was held in Frederick on October 14, 2015. Attending members were treated to a tour of several artists' studios before the meeting. We toured metal artist Jon Michael Route's studio. He uses a variety of fine metals to create one of a kind works of art. His current project is a mural for Maple Grove Hospital in Maple Grove, Minnesota. We also toured his son Mike's studio. Mile works with iron to create furniture and sculpture. Both studios are in an old building that used to be a gas station/garage. The next studio we toured belonged to Win Herberg. Win is a potter creating lake trays, tiles and mosaics. In the winter she makes wool braided rugs.

The annual meeting took place at the Frederic Art Center. The meeting was hosted by Nancy Buley, president, and Jack Route, vice-president, of the center. A social hour with wonderful live music provided by Doug Crane preceded the meeting.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the decision to not reprint the Heritage book, but possibly have the information on a website. Other highlights included details of the new gallery/office, Arts in Hand, opened in Spooner after much hard work. Harriet Rice presented slides of the gallery transformation from old bar to beautiful art gallery. Board members were elected. There are still open positions on the board. A discussion of the organizations's mission and future was held. The board would appreciate feedback from its members on this issue.



The annual meeting was a success in part because of the hospitality of the members of Frederic Arts. Thank you for being such great hosts.

Board members Harriet Rice, Carmella Crandell and Ruth Skeie enjoyed the social hour before the meeting.



Doug Crane entertained with his beautiful music and singing at the annual meeting.

*Artist Profile:*  
Win Herberg of  
Winterboo Stoneware  
Pottery Studio



Win Herberg working on platter the beginning stages of a platter.

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In the heart of the small town of Frederic, Wisconsin is the home and studio of Win Herberg. After raising her family and teaching in Minnesota, Win moved to Frederic where she has pursued her life-long interest in art. Win has converted her basement into a fully equipped pottery studio where she creates unique works of art. Her techniques

incorporate daily household objects as well as found objects. One of her most popular creations is a platter with the shape of a local lake on it.

Her web site [poetrypottery.com](http://poetrypottery.com) pictures some of her beautiful art works including examples of the lake platters.



Ever the teacher, Win instructs Earl Duckett, a board member, on enhancing a project.

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*Arts in Hand Newsletter*

The WNHP Arts in Hand newsletter is published four times a year. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information concerning the WNHP organization, introduce artists from the 13 county area served by WNHP and announce events of interest. Your contributions and comments are always welcomed. Contact Pat Ginther at [paginther@hotmail.com](mailto:paginther@hotmail.com). The deadline for upcoming spring issue is March 25. Please send us your art news.



Jon Route stands in front of one of his wall art metal pieces. Also in the photo is a whimsical teapot he has created.

## *Artists profiles:* Route 35, Father and Son

On a corner on route Wisconsin 35 in Frederic sits a garage well past its gasoline selling days. One would never know; however, that inside houses the studios of two amazing artist metalworkers. Another interesting fact is that the two men are father and son. The father, Jon Route, is a nationally known metal artist. His specialty is wall art and teapots. His work is colorful, intricate and unique. Working 30 years as a metal artist he has become known for his

wall art that hangs in many healthcare facilities in the United States including St. John's Medical Center in Missouri, Southeast Missouri Cancer Center and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He also exhibits at many art shows around the country. he is also a teacher of his art giving workshops and teaching at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

On the other side of the garage is a huge room that houses the studio of Mike, Jon's son. Mike is an artist blacksmith who works on larger pieces of iron. He designs and creates one of a kind furniture and sculptures as well as other iron works. Mike also designs and makes his own tools for crafting his work. Learning from his father at an early age, Mike knew that working with metal was what he wanted to do.

Both are incredibly skilled artists. To see examples of their art, visit their web sites at [www.jonmichaelroute.com](http://www.jonmichaelroute.com) and [www.redironstudios.com](http://www.redironstudios.com). Be prepared to be amazed.

Thank you both for sharing your work at the Annual meeting.

Mike Route is using one of the tools he has created to bend a piece of iron into a delicate curve.





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***Wishing you a creative and successful 2016.***