



ARTS IN HAND NEWS

Fall 2015

Gallery Grand Opening a Huge Success

by Harriet Rice

It was two days of festivities in August celebrating the official opening of our Arts in Hand gallery, relocated in June from a hard-to-find space to a prime venue at the corner of State Highway 63 and Walnut Street in downtown Spooner.

Fitting that our gallery should be located on 63, as that was the original “Passage” defined in its name. The 1400-square-foot former bank/tavern is transformed, from the original tin ceiling to the hardwood floors and thick concrete walls.

“We are so thrilled to be in this wonderful space,” said Carmella Crandall, Passage vice-president. “It’s a high visibility site, and our customer traffic has increased – probably by 200 percent.”

More than a hundred customers visited the gallery Friday and Saturday the 21st and 22nd, viewing and purchasing the work of three dozen artists representing many of the 13 northwest Wisconsin counties served by WNHP. Comments included “beautiful space,” “didn’t know there were so many talented artists,” “wow, I love it!” Sales were brisk and steady.

Customers enjoyed sandwiches by Pillar’s, an Economart bakery beautifully decorated cake, coffee and wine (alcohol-free) furnished by the gallery. Everyone received a complimentary book-sized logo bag, into which some customers immediately loaded purchases.

The gallery is staffed by volunteers, many of them the artists whose work is shown. Classes and special events are planned throughout the year. The gallery is also a stop on the Fall Splendor Art Meander, September 23-25.

Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10 – 5, Saturday 10 – 4.



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Frederic Arts Hosts Annual Membership Meeting

A visit to three studios in Frederic highlights WNHP's annual membership meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, at 5 pm.

The meeting is open to all current and potential members interested in supporting the creative economy in 13 northwest Wisconsin counties.

Frederic Arts, Inc. is hosting this year's meeting. "We're looking forward to it," says Nancy Buley, program chair. Three studios right in Frederic will be open for tours starting at 3:45 pm.

Red Iron Studios (redironstudio.com) is home to Michael Route and Jon Michael Route (jonmichaelroute.com), father and son artists who work side by side forging iron and creating unique pieces of pewter and other metals.

Catty corner across the street is the Winterboo Stoneware Pottery Studio. Win Herberg (poetrypottery.com), is artist and owner.

The meeting itself will be held at 310 Lake Ave So., a few blocks from the studios. The agenda consists of an annual review, treasurer's report, nomination for officers and board members, and a presentation by Frederic Arts. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Meeting:

Wednesday, October 14 at 5:00 pm

310 Lake Avenue South

Frederic, Wisconsin

All members are invited.

Olive Branch Gallery, Chetek, Artist Janice Morris Honored

North Star Watermedia Society announced on July 21, 2015, the names of artists juried into its First Annual National Juried Exhibition. Janice Morris is one of 60 artists selected by Juror Jack Richeson. Janice's painting, "Bitter with the Sweet" will be displayed at the Hopkins Center for the Arts September 13 - October 18. The public is invited to a reception and awards ceremony Sunday, September 13, 2 - 4 p.m. Over \$6,500 in prizes will be awarded by Richeson, founder of Jack Richeson School of Art and Gallery. Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Main Street, Hopkins, Minnesota 55343. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 8 am - 8 pm, Saturday 10 am - 8 pm, Sunday 12 - 5 pm.

Great River Road: Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties

This part two of our tour of the 13 counties that make up the Northwest Wisconsin Passage. The four counties that make up the Great River Road section of the Northwest Wisconsin Heritage Passage, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix, actually border the Mississippi River and the St. Croix River. The nationally designated scenic drive is the Great River Road. The many small towns and farms in these counties have an abundance of art galleries, artists, and farms that sell produce. The following are just a small example of what is available.

Accola Gallery: 502 Second Ave E, Durand.

This gallery is in a craftsman-style building. The gallery has original paintings done with acrylic, oil, watercolor, and pastels.

www.accolagallery.com

Art Z Gallery: 208 N.Keller Ave., Amery.

This gallery is an artist collective that features watercolor, glass blowing, photography, pastels, metal work, jewelry and pottery from many artists.

It is a beautiful, large and airy gallery.

www.artzgallery.org

Seasons on St. Croix Gallery: 401 Second St., Hudson.

Seasons Gallery features 160 artists with a wide variety of art. Other artists' studios are in the same building.

www.seasonsonstcroix.com

T & C Latane: 412 Second St., Pepin.

This is a metal smith's shop with beautiful original work.

www.metalsmith.org

Color Crossing: 201 North Vine St., Roberts.

This store and gallery features fiber arts. Fiber and yarn, as well as classes, for weavers, knitters, and other types of fiber art.

www.colorcrossing.com

Please check out other artists and growers on www.heritagepassage.com website.

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. The deadline for upcoming winter issue is November 25. Please send us your art news.



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Upcoming Events:

September 25-27: Fall Splendor Art Meander, Spooner to Bloomer

www.art-meander.com

October 2-4: Fall Freshart Tour, Lake Pepin and Chippewa River Valley

www.freshart.org

October 10: BAAG Fall Fiber Art Show, Siren

November: Fall Salon Art Exhibition, Earth Arts of the Upper St. Croix Valley