



# ARTS IN HAND NEWS

Summer 2015

## New Gallery: Open for Business

The building was built around 1904 or 1905 after the great fire that destroyed many of the buildings on the main street of Spooner. It had been a bank until 1932, then it housed several businesses including a succession of taverns. This spring, 110 years later, the building has undergone a transformation into an art gallery.

After months of hard work the building has become a light, airy space while being true to its historical beginnings. The original tin ceiling is now a brilliant copper. The old wood floor has been sanded and refinished. The solid concrete walls which saved the building in the fire of 1947 are a bright white. The bank vault is still in the back where it served as the men's restroom in its bar days.

"I am thrilled with the renovation, especially the copper ceiling," remarked Carmella Crandell, Arts in Hand vice-president. Tony and Darin Baier, owners of the building, worked hard to bring it from a bar to an art gallery.



This is very exciting for the Arts in Hand/Heritage Passage organization. We have room for new artists to exhibit. We also have new work from the artists who have shown their work at the old gallery. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 10-4.

*"The space is a work of art." —  
Harriet Rice, Board member*

"I love the windows, display space and the location by the mural and park," Ruth Skeie, Treasurer and fiber artist.

## 2015 Arts in Hand

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## Summer Art Events:

June 30: Jordan Buck saga, Grantsburg library

July 4-5: Art and Craft Fair, Chetek

July 8-11: Spooner Rodeo, Spooner

July 24-26: Cabin Fever Pottery, Danburg; Pearson  
Artwork, Cozy Corner

August 7-9: CHARAC Art Crawl, Hayward

August 7-8: Art and Craft Fair @Jack Pine Savage days,  
Spooner

August 22-23: Festival in Pines Art and Craft Fair, Eau  
Claire

Summer, on going: In a New Light Gallery, nature  
photography, Webster

September 5-6: Blue Moon Art Tour, Drummond

September 26-27: Fall Splendor Art Meander, Bloomer to  
Spooner

September 26: Arts Alive on 35, Harvest Fest, Siren

Check our website for more information.

If you have events you would like to promote, email details to  
[paginther@hotmail.com](mailto:paginther@hotmail.com). Fall issue will be out first week in  
September.

## 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 deadlines for upcoming issues are the following: **August 26 and November 25**. Please send us your art news.

## ***Spotlight on Blue Hills and Farms: Barron, Dunn and Rusk Counties***

There is so much out there! The 13 counties that make up the Heritage Passage/ Arts in Hand organization are brimming with art galleries and studios, farmers markets, homemade goodies.

The next four issues of the newsletter will be featuring some of our members from these counties: Barron, Dunn and Rusk (Blue Hills and Farms); Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas (Great Lakes Country); Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn (Lakes and Pines); Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix (Great River Road).

The counties of the **Blue Hills and Farms** are featured here. Barron, Dunn and Rusk counties are home to many artists and artisans. We will feature just a few of our members. To see a larger list check out the Heritage passage web site [www.heritagepassage.com](http://www.heritagepassage.com).

### ***Barron County***

\*The Olive Branch Gallery and Framing Studio—

Features Janice Morris's watercolors and acrylic painting. She also does custom framing. Janice Morris, Cameron, 715-736-3487. Call ahead.

\*C.J. Conner Studio—

"My artwork is a product of an overactive imagine..." Her art is beautifully detailed and unique. Examples are on her website.

C.J. Conner, Chetek, 715-353-2418. [www.cjconner.com](http://www.cjconner.com)

### ***Dunn County***

\* Beth Peck—

Beth is an artist whose specialty is illustrating books. You can see her many illustrations and the books that inspired them on her website.

Beth Peck, Menomonie, [www.bethpeckillustrations.com](http://www.bethpeckillustrations.com)

\*Dunn County Pottery at Simple Dunn—

Simply Dunn, home of Dunn County Pottery is in a restored school house. The gift shop sells pottery as well as art work from area artists. The shop is open seven days a week from 10 am - 6 pm.

Downsville, [www.simply-dunn.com](http://www.simply-dunn.com)

### ***Rusk County***

\*Fine Arts Center and Gallery—

This is a nonprofit gallery showing works from artists in the region. They also sponsor events and offer classes. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am- 4 pm.

105 Miner Ave, Ladysmith, 715-403-1418. [www.facgallery.org](http://www.facgallery.org)

\*Rusk Area Arts Alliance (RAAA)—

The RAAA is a group of artists united to promote the arts in Rusk County. Art Along the Flambeau, June 26-27, is a tour of studios and also includes demonstrations and live performances. [www.ruskarts.org](http://www.ruskarts.org)



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Grand Opening:  
August 20-22, 2015  
210 Walnut Street  
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You are invited to come and  
check us out.

