



Arts in Hand

AUTUMN 2017

New Map for 2018 in the Works

Arts in Hand, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote art and artists in the 13 counties of northwest Wisconsin, is planning a second map of art galleries in our area.

The original map was published last year with 25 galleries on it. Arts in Hand would like to expand the 2018 map to include other venues of interest along with more art galleries for art lovers and visitors to our counties.

Our map is distributed all over northwest Wisconsin as well as Wisconsin Travel Centers. It will also be distributed at travel/sports shows this winter.

Our 2017 map was well received with much enthusiasm from owners of the art galleries and visitors to northwest Wisconsin.

For \$75 you can become a member of Arts in Hand as well as having your business a part of the 2018 map. Other benefits to being a member of Arts in Hand are receiving a quarterly newsletter to which you may submit events and information about your venue, publicity in other publications in the area, listing on our website with a link to member's website, a source to connect with other artists in the area, among other benefits.

Please consider this as an inexpensive way to advertise your business in a fun, colorful way.

Membership form may be received by contacting Arts in Hand at P.O. Box 454; Spooner, WI 54801; (715) 635-9303; artsinhand@centurytel.net

Art is unquestionably one of the purest and highest elements in human happiness. It trains the mind through the eye, and the eye through the mind. As the sun colors flowers, so does art color life.

—John Lubbock

News Shorts:

Seller Beware

A scam has been plaguing many artists and art galleries around the country. In fact, our own Arts in Hand Gallery in Spooner has had emails connected to this scam.

This is how the scam works: an "art collector" emails a gallery or an artist requesting to buy a piece of art. A cashier's check is sent for an amount above the art work's price with the buyer requesting the difference to be paid by the gallery or artist. The cashier's check turns out to be phony and the artist not only loses the art, but also the money.

For more information about this scam go www.artsyshark.com/2017/09/27/atish-vs-scammer .

Arts in Hand Gallery

The Arts in Hand Gallery, a very important part of our organization, had a successful summer. Sales have been steady which allows for new works of art and new artists to be added. Spooner where the gallery is located has many city-wide events during the summer and fall which brings many tourists into the gallery.

The gallery features the art of our members and as a member you are invited to show and sell your art there.

Come visit us if you are in the area. We are located on Walnut Street in Spooner.

Reader Sweepstakes

The winner of our Dick Blick gift certificate sweepstakes is Stacie Haus of Spooner. Congratulations, Stacie. Have fun spending your gift!

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A New Beginning

Summer is history and autumn has arrived. For many of us summer has been busy with places to go and things to do. Now autumn gives us time to reflect and set goals.

Forget New year's resolutions, autumn is the time for new beginnings. Autumn brings us more time and fewer distractions. With the cooler weather comes

the fire red color of the maples, the rich gold of the birch and the deep rust of the oaks set against the clear blue of the sky—breathtaking. We can visit parks, museums, and towns that are not so crowded now to look for inspiration. We can paint outside or just daydream.

For me autumn has always been a time to set goals and start anew. Some of my art goals are to organize and clean my studio (it needs it), work on an illustrated journal for 30 minutes a day, go on inspirational adventures, and write my legislators urging them to support arts funding.

For Arts in Hand our goals are to complete a bigger and better gallery map, to continue to support our members, to add new members to our board, and to offer classes in art.

Autumn is the new beginning. Go on adventures and set goals to inspire you.



Arts in Hand Newsletter

The Arts in Hand newsletter is published four times a year. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information concerning the Arts in Hand organization, introduce artists from the 13 county area served by Arts in Hand 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.

Board Member: Earl Duckett

I would describe myself as being interested in two things outside of family, the Arts and Conservation. After retiring from a career in Business and Finance, I spend most of my time pursuing interests in these areas.

I spend a great deal of my time working with the National Wild Turkey Federation where I serve on the Wisconsin State Board and as the Wisconsin State Treasurer. The National Wild Turkey Federation (The NWTF) is a conservation organization that is a leader in upland wildlife habitat conservation in North America. I also support the Aldo Leopold Foundation which is based out of the Baraboo, Wisconsin area.

I am a member of Earth Arts of Upper St Croix Valley, an organization which works to unite artists and artisans in the upper St. Croix valley to promote creativity, mutual support and awareness of the arts.

I am also a member of Arts in Hand and serve on their Board. Arts in Hand is an organization which strives to promote the arts in Northwest Wisconsin.

In 2010, I helped start the Artz Gallery Cooperative in Amery, Wisconsin. This co-op gallery features 15 member artists and numerous guest artists each year. I am actively involved in this gallery and believe it to be one of the finest small town galleries in Northwest Wisconsin.

Art is important to all of us, whether we appreciate it or not. Art, by its very nature, allows for the expression of the artists inner self. It is a manifestation of an individual's background, experiences, and feelings. When I see a piece that makes me really stop and look, I have a reaction that comes from my inner most core. Art is beauty, elegance and grace. It is something we all need in these days of social unrest and political chaos. It keeps us grounded, it makes us more humane, it keeps us centered.

I have always been an outdoor enthusiast. I grew up hunting and fishing and spent a lot of my time in the woods just being immersed in nature. I originally saw photography as a way to capture the beauty that was commonplace in those wild places. Photography provided me with the tools to share my experiences with family and friends. Now, many years later, I don't have the time or the energy to spend much time photographing nature. I still get out there, just not as often.

The inspiration to make beautiful, compelling photographs comes from the subjects I shoot. The wild things and the wild places are there waiting for someone to come along and capture their beauty. One just has to open their eyes and see; really see the beauty around us. That's why conservation is so important to

me. Preserving those wild places for future generations is critically important.

Learning photography is something I did on my own. I really didn't have a teacher or mentor help me, but I relied heavy on nature photography books by John Shaw and by the seminars put on by John and Babara Gerlach.

Opening a gallery in Northwest Wisconsin has helped me understand that we, as artists, need to promote ourselves. This part of the state is not heavily populated and the local population can't really support a thriving art community on their own. In order for the art community to thrive in this part of the state, we need to attract visitors who are interested in what we, as artists, have to offer. That's where Arts In Hand comes in. This organization has been trying to promote Northwest Wisconsin as an arts community for years.

If I had a whole day to do anything I want, I would spend the entire day hunting, fishing and/or doing photography, depending on the time of year, of course. The common theme there is spending the day outside, enjoying some of the wild places that are in this area.





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Please attend our annual meeting
October 11
5:00 meet and greet
6:00 meeting
210 Walnut Street, Spooner
For information call 715.635.9303
All are welcome