



# Arts in Hand

SPRING 2016

## *Spring Happenings*

### **Arts in Hand Gallery:**

The gallery in Spooner, which also serves as the headquarters for the WNHP, is doing well. Sales have gone up 75% since the move to the new location. Many visitors to the gallery comment on how exciting and beautiful it is. As of now there are 41 artists showing and selling their work at the gallery. The gallery is a showplace for our member artists.

### **Website:**

We are working on cleaning up the WNHP website. Old, out-of-date information will be eliminated as well as those entries that are no longer members of the organization. The new site will be more user friendly making it easier to navigate. Be on the lookout for the new site.

### **Map:**

We are also in the planning stages of printing a new map of galleries, open studios and performing arts venues. The new map will be in a smaller easier to handle format than the old map. It will include the 13 counties of the WNHP organizations and will be available at tourist locations. The timeline to complete this project is spring of 2017. This project is still in the planning stages so any input would be helpful and is encouraged. Please email any of the board members.

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### **Members in the News**



**EMBEDDED** *Is the title of a pottery exhibit that runs April 1-30*

A Capstone Exhibition by  
Northland College Studio  
Arts Major  
Charlotte E. Edminster starts  
with an Opening Reception

April 9, 4-6pm at Salmagundi Galley, 705 Main Street, Ashland, WI

You will remember Charlotte's work featured in the January 2015 issue of *Wisconsin Pottery*

### *Just a Friendly Reminder:*

Membership in our great organization is due. Your support allows us to spread the word about the great art being made in our northwest Wisconsin 13-county area. We are always grateful for the support of our present members and invite anyone who is interested in joining.

Please go to our website [www.heritagepassage.com](http://www.heritagepassage.com) for more information.

***Remember: Art is the answer.***

## 2015 Arts in Hand

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## Meet the Board: Ruth Skeie, Treasurer

Ruth Skeie is a long-time resident of Spooner. She has served as treasurer for several years.

Her knowledge of the community and hard work as enabled the Arts in Hand Gallery to be so successful. She is an important and driving force for our organization. This is a short interview to help you get to know her better.

I am a quilter and love fabric. All aspects of quilting from historical and learning about who made this quilt to modern day with the cutting tools and machines is fascinating. Too bad social media has taken some of that time away from actually working with the fibers.

1 - Why is art important to you?

Art gives me joy of something beautiful to look at. Wonderful to be surrounded by work like that at the gallery instead of the "electric gray walls of a corporate cubicle".

2- What attracted you to fiber arts?

My mother and ladies before me were quilters and sewers. Many times out of necessity. I was encouraged to sew before doing kitchen and gardening duties. I have always loved math. What better way than to use it in quilting. Also I was using geometry long before I knew what that word meant.

3- How is WNHP important to artists in our area?

WNHP is a way to connect artists to each other. Working in a studio can be lonely. Getting out there to shows and group meetings, one can learn from other artists.

4 - Where do you get your inspiration?

I love living in the woods with all the nature around and having it quiet with some beautiful instrumental music. Now the creative mind is ready as fabric speaks to me. When I shop for fabric, and we have so much to choose from; I can picture in my mind just how each piece should be used. There is so much fabric, but so little time.

5 - What advice would you give young artists?

Art projects can be very expensive and sometimes it seems we need to make what the public will purchase. Create from the heart! I have made the smaller pieces to sell. Seems like factory work when I make several items, just in different colors. When I have made a special piece and customer has told me that the piece conveys my love of quilting and color to them, that is better than the money they have paid.

## *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 summer issue is May 25. Please send us your art news.

# Lakes and Pines: Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn Counties

This is part three of our tour of the 13 counties that make up the Northwest Wisconsin Passage.

The three counties that make up the Lakes and Pines section of the Wisconsin Northwest Heritage Passage, Burnett, Sawyer and Washburn, has an abundance of beautiful, clear lakes. It is an area that has many cabin owners which makes it very busy in the summer. Many celebrations and festivals, some of which are world-class, make this a fun area to visit. The area abounds with art galleries, studios and performing arts venues. This is a small sample.

## **Burnett County:**

Burnett Dairy, Grantsburg. A must stop. [www.burnettdairy.com](http://www.burnettdairy.com)  
Cabin Fever Pottery, Danbury. [www.cabinfeverpottery.com](http://www.cabinfeverpottery.com)  
Burnett Area Arts Group, Siren. 715-349-5960  
Forts Folle Avoine. Danbury. [www.theforts.org](http://www.theforts.org)

## **Sawyer County:**

Art Beat. Hayward [artbeatofhayward.com](http://artbeatofhayward.com)  
Glassy Lady. Hayward. 715-934-2220  
Winter Greenhouse. Winter. [www.wintergreenhouse.com](http://www.wintergreenhouse.com)  
Park Theater. Hayward. [www.parktheaterproject.com](http://www.parktheaterproject.com)

## **Washburn County:**

Theatre in the Wood. Shell Lake. [www.titw.org](http://www.titw.org)  
Black Iris Gallery. Spooner. [www.blackirisframing.com](http://www.blackirisframing.com)  
Brickyard Pottery and Glassworks. south of She'll Lake. [www.brickyardpottery.com](http://www.brickyardpottery.com)  
Potter's Shed. Shell Lake. [www.shelllakehandmadepottery.com](http://www.shelllakehandmadepottery.com)  
Arts in Hand Gallery. Spooner. Our very own. [www.heritagepassage.com](http://www.heritagepassage.com)

Check these out on your visits to the area.

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## Art Fun for Everyone

Many of our member artists teach classes in artistic techniques. This class, "Drawing Flowers" is one of the classes Diana Randolph teaches through community education for Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. This class was held in Hayward. Other classes that Diana teaches are held in Cable. Her classes are very popular and always have a waiting list. So many people are interested in taking art classes because it inspires their creative side as well as motivates them to try something different. Many other classes are taught through galleries and studios in addition to community colleges. It promotes the arts by showcasing what is available to the public. So have some fun—teach a class or take a class.



Diana Randolph demonstrates a technique in her class "Drawing Flowers."



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210 Walnut Street  
Spooner, Wisconsin  
Member art is on display and for sale.

***Send us your happenings for this summer!***