



# Arts in Hand

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## Gallery Map 3rd Edition Changed to 2020

Arts in Hand members are excited about our Gallery Map. Two have been printed so far and has almost doubled in the amount of galleries. The board has decided to print the third edition of the map in 2020. We are looking for an organization that can handle gallery information as well as adding advertising to help pay for the map. Having ads for restaurants and other attractions will make an art road trip more exciting for the consumer. Gallery owners will be contacted this fall to be included on the new 2020 gallery map.

For questions contact Arts in Hand at [artsinhand@centurytel.net](mailto:artsinhand@centurytel.net) or 715-635-9303.

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## Arts in Hand Gallery

Plans are being made to promote new programs and artists at the Arts in Hand Gallery in Spooner. Special art shows such as student art and guest art shows are being developed.

Classes will also be an important part of the gallery. Spooner has several festivals, Fall Meander, Jack O' Lantern Festival, Ladies Night, Jack Frost Festival Washburn County Fair, the Rodeo, and Jack Pine Savage Days, that the gallery would like to be more a part of. Roger Nielson a board member, has been working on issues to promote our gallery as a part of the Arts in Hand organization.

*As a member of our organization you are invited to show your art at the gallery.*

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You are invited to our Annual Meeting  
October 11, 5:00  
at the Arts in Hand Gallery in Spooner  
Come to meet fellow artists and to share your art  
Refreshments will be served

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## President's Message: Earl Duckett



With this letter, I want to explore two subjects. First, a change to the 2019 map schedule and second to discuss opportunities to volunteer at the Arts In Hand gallery.

At a recent meeting, the Arts In Hand Board made a decision not to print the 2019 edition of the Gallery Map. What we found out by creating the 2017 and 2018 Gallery Map editions was that it takes a tremendous amount of volunteer hours to produce an edition of this map. We have to find an easier way to do this. We have been in negotiations with a couple companies that can take the enter process of selling advertisements and signing up galleries which is the lion's share of the work. Unfortunately, by the time we figured out that we could do this a different way, it was too late to get it done for 2019. Consequently, we decided to skip a year. We will continue to distribute the 2018 map thru calendar 2019. We have enough printed copies to do that.

The other thing we are working on is making improvements to the Arts In Hand gallery. The focus is on increasing sales and making the gallery more profitable. The questions are: How do we make the gallery more inviting? Can we spruce up the outside generating more interest for customers to explore what is on the inside? How do we make shopping easier? Can we change the layout, the lighting, add more fixtures and display stands? Can we be open more hours, more days, both during the tourist season as well as throughout the year? Can we make it easier to change out artwork, add artists or add artists work? Can we get more involved with the community, and how do we get more involved in the community? If you have any ideas on how to make improvements at the gallery, please let me know.

With the focus on the gallery and making improvements, there is a lot to do. We already have a great group of volunteers and a dedicated Gallery committee, but we need more help. If you are looking for the opportunity to get involved with a great group of people and become part of something greater than yourself, now is the time to volunteer. To make this gallery successful takes all of us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact LeAnn Johnson at the gallery.

### *Arts in Hand Newsletter*

The WNHP Arts in Hand newsletter is published two 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). Please send us your art news.



Artist: Rae Whalen



Pottery Bowl, Kris Haugen  
Salt and Pepper shakers, wood, David

Take a road trip to the **Arts in Hand Gallery** in Spooner. The gallery has paintings done in watercolors, oil, pastels; as well as, handmade jewelry, artistic woodworking, glass, pottery and many surprises. Examples of some of the art in the gallery are on this page. You will not be disappointed. And, remember, as a member you are invited to display and sell your art here.



Cabin in the Pines, Original oil  
Don Ruedy



Goldy, Original Chinese Watercolor  
Gail Threines



**Vision** - Wisconsin's Northwest Heritage Passage (Arts in Hand) is a regional advocate, catalyst and connector that builds and supports sustainable, vibrant communities through education, promotion, and celebration of creative arts, culture and heritage.

**Mission:**

- celebrate and showcase northwest Wisconsin's heritage and artisan products that are handmade and homegrown.
- educate the public about the contribution of the creative community to the quality of life in northwest Wisconsin.
- promote and foster growth in northwest Wisconsin's creative industry.



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## Events to Look Into:

### **Small Community Forum – Pepin**

#### **2018 Wisconsin Small Community Forums Are Coming To A Location Near You!**

Small communities have unique issues and needs that are often very different from those of larger communities. These regional forums are designed to bring together people involved and interested in promoting, enhancing and preserving Wisconsin's small communities. If you live in, work in, or help shape communities with populations of 2,500 or fewer, attend a session near you to learn through case studies, roundtables and discussion groups. Come with examples of local and regional success stories as well as challenges, and be prepared to share with and learn from colleagues and friends. Everyone in the community and region is invited!

**Who should attend?** Community leaders, elected officials, volunteers, business leaders, educators, and both local and regional economic development, civic, and planning.

#### **September 6, Pepin**

Pepin Village Hall  
508 2nd Street

### **Artist's North Woods Retreat at Forest Lodge on Lake Namakagon**

#### **September 26 to 28, 2018**

Join professional artists Diana Randolph and Jan Wise for this artist's retreat nestled among the old-growth trees at Forest Lodge on Lake Namakagon in Cable, Wisconsin. You'll observe, explore and interpret the pristine lake and forest environment of this unique north woods retreat using various drawing materials. We'll work outdoors and on the upstairs level of a beautiful boat house that juts out onto the lake.

With Diana you'll focus on the art elements of line, value, texture and space on the first day. You'll use pencil, black & white conte crayons, and water soluble (gray) pencils. On the second morning you'll explore the natural world of vibrant color using waterproof drawing pen and watercolor pencils.

On the second afternoon and third day, Jan will coach you to stretch your senses and imagination as you bridge your inner world to the outer, natural world as you create fun art projects. You'll connect with the wonders of nature in a unique way.

This workshop will include individual projects, guided exercises, onsite field art instruction and personal work time. **To register on-line please visit:** <https://www.northland.edu/event/artists-retreat/>  
For more information please phone: MaryJo Gingras at 715-682-1392.

### **Fall Meander—September 28-30**

Fall Splendor Art Meander is a self-guided tour of nineteen galleries and studios in eleven towns and villages during the fall color change. Cities and villages included are Spooner, Shell Lake, Sarona, Cumberland, Rice Lake, Cameron, Chetek, Turtle Lake and Dallas along and just off US Highways 63 and 53. Maps are available at participating venues and sponsors and online/facebook.

This event is in its 9th year with several artists giving demonstrations, tours of studios and living spaces and some of the retail sponsors will also host artists as well as poets and musicians who will be performing at select locations. The Art Meander gives visibility to some of the region's most experienced artists and introduces many emerging creatives to tourists and residents alike. The Fall Splendor Art Meander was established when a small band of accomplished artists combined their efforts and organized an art crawl during the beautiful autumn color change.