

Arts in Hand**President's Message****June 18, 2020**

This is a time of uncertainty for our country as it deals with unrest and the corona virus pandemic which has impacted many of us. Then resulting economic disruption has affected all our daily lives, including the closure of much of Spooner's main street, as well as the Arts In Hand Gallery. That is what we are all dealing with on a very personal level.

The good news is that on Friday, June 5th, the Arts In Hand Gallery re-opened. Currently, we are open on Friday and Saturday from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. We have made a few changes to protect our volunteers as well as our customers. We are following recommended guidelines for opening including the wearing of face masks, using gloves / hand sanitizer, cleaning high traffic areas periodically, the installation of a sneeze shield and limiting the number of customers in the gallery at any point in time.

The limiting factor is the number of volunteers willing to work in the gallery. If you are comfortable working, this would be a great time to volunteer. If you are interested in working in the Gallery, please contact Mike Threinen, (chair of the Gallery Management Committee) mthreinen@gmail.com for more information.

Since this is really a changing environment, we are monitoring information that is published daily to make sure that we can keep our volunteers safe as we continue to try to achieve our mission of showcasing the art of Northwest Wisconsin and connecting the artist and the consumer to a mutually satisfactory sale.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me, the Arts in Hand Board of Directors or the Gallery Management Committee members.

Stay Safe,
Earl Duckett, President
Arts in Hand

**Arts in Hand Gallery**

Arts in Hand Gallery located at 210 Walnut Street, Spooner, WI is an extension of the work done by the arts advocate group known originally as Wisconsin's NW Heritage Passage founded 20 years ago to serve a 13 county area in our part of the state. Now known as **Arts in Hand**, (not to be confused with the Northwest Passage Gallery of Webster) the 501(c)3 Non-Profit continues in the support of the creative economy by promoting the importance of art in our daily lives and providing the publication of maps and a guidebook of the area and art experiences such as Sheep to Shawl and Clay Day. Operated by volunteers, the Arts in Hand Gallery showcases the work of area artists and provides a storefront for the sale of their art.

Make Music Day Ramping Up in Northwest Wisconsin

Burnett and Polk Counties will be filled with the sound of music on the summer Solstice, Sunday, June 21, when musicians from the local area perform as part of Make Music Day Burnett/Polk, joining 13 other Wisconsin sites that are participating in this annual world-wide celebration of making music.

Make Music Day is sponsored by the non-profit Make Music Day Alliance. This is the first time Burnett and Polk Counties are participating. "Music is a healing agent that brings people together regardless of their backgrounds," said Studio Northwoods' Harriet Rice, who, along with Frederic Arts' Nancy Buley, is co-coordinating the one day program. "In this constant streaming of disturbing events, music and art serve as an island of respite."

All performances will be outdoors with public access, so social distancing won't be an issue. Venues can be front porches, parking lots, lawns, driveways and sidewalks. Use of acoustic instruments is preferable. Music can be played from sun-up to sundown.

Several local musicians have already signed up, including the ever-popular Dan Zimmer Band featuring music ranging from the 1930s to the 70s and the Brothers O'Shay who play Irish tunes. A schedule listing of who's playing when and where will be posted on the local Make Music Day website, makemusicday.org/burnettcounty, will be made available for posting on social media, and will be published in local newspapers the week prior to June 21.

To find out more about Make Music Day 2020 and see what other states, cities and countries around the world are doing, visit makemusicday.org. For local information, contact Harriet Rice, studioorthwds@gmail.com



Northwest Passage Gallery

The expansion is complete and the new Northwest Passage Gallery located at 7417 N Bass Lake Road, Webster, Wisconsin 54893 stands ready to create a more vibrant community through access to the arts. 2020 had plans of its own, however, and unfortunately, the gallery has yet to receive its first visitor. Keeping the safety of our residents, staff, and community foremost in our minds, we are in the process of determining the best way to open our doors.



We've been using the extra time to put the finishing touches on the space. Artwork by members of the Burnett Area Arts Group (BAAG) will be set up for display next week. Many people are working hard preparing this exciting new space for community members to CONNECT | CREATE | INSPIRE! Northwest Passage is dedicated to restoring hope through innovative mental health services for children and families.
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Arts in Hand is in need of a few good arts advocates to help carry on our mission of supporting the arts in NW Wisconsin. This is a mutually beneficial relationship with the arts community. New board members are always needed to revitalize and continue to develop organizations and their programs. As we reflect on the 20 years this group has existed we can see a number of efforts that have contributed to our community. Among them are publication of the Maps and Guidebook, Sheep to Shawl Event, Clay Day, and the Youth Art Program. Please consider joining us in our efforts to highlight the importance of art in all of our lives. Contact: Carmella Crandell 715-468-7859 ccrandell@me.com

Arts in Hand "10 Benefits of Being a Board Member"

1. Knowledge that you're serving your community
2. You're supporting the arts, artists and the creative economy
3. You have the opportunity to provide input to improve the organization, secure its future
4. Being a problem-solver
5. Share your experience and learn from others
6. Represent the arts constituency to state and congressional legislators
7. Have opportunities to give testimonials about the value of the arts in communities
8. Attend conferences and network with other arts, municipal, state, national organizations
9. If itemizing on taxes, track volunteer mileage
10. Add volunteer experience to your resume

Harriet Rice, December 10, 2019

Clay Day August 17, 2019

Potters in the Park/Clay Day was an educational experience provided for the public by Arts in Hand and partially funded with a grant provided by the Wisconsin Arts Board and the National Endowment for the Arts. Several hundred people attended in Centennial Park just outside Arts in Hand Gallery in Spooner. The weather was beautiful and many attendees were able to try their hand at "throwing a pot". Rich Meaux, a local artist made a valiant effort to break the Guinness World Record of "most pots thrown in an hour". He threw an amazing number of 164 pots under the watchful eyes of judges, timers and a large audience. When he first registered to do this the record was 154 but someone surpassed that at 193 pots.



Bill Bosak, a local artist from Frederic, with a young potter-in-training.