



# Association of Nebraska Art Clubs

Fall 2023–<https://nebraskaartclubs.org>

## Message From Your President



*Steph Mantooth*

Happy Fall! With the temperatures getting cooler, fall will be here before we know it. The conference in Columbus was awesome and what an AMAZING show! The workshops were wonderful and the connections with fellow artists were enjoyed by all. The college was so nice to work with and would love to have us back sometime. We will see what the future brings.

As incredible as the 2023 conference was in Columbus, I am already looking forward to the "State of the Arts" Conference in Fremont June 12-15, 2024. Keep on the lookout for details in the newsletter, on our Facebook member's page, and on the ANAC website at <https://nebraskaartclubs.org>.

Steph

## Message From Your Vice-President

Hello ANAC members!

It was so nice to attend the ANAC conference in Columbus this past June, and continue to meet great artists from all over the state! I greatly enjoyed viewing the exhibit, taking a workshop, and helping coordinate the conference by serving on the exhibit board. It was a humbling surprise to be elected vice-president.

I have been an ANAC member for several years, and have attended a few conferences. I am an abstract artist, and enjoy working with various media such as acrylic, oil, collage, pencil and mixed media. I am the director of the Mullen Arts Center, where we have art and artisanal items for sale, as

well as occasional workshops for youth and adults. I am also a mental health professional and art therapist. I work with people of all ages to improve their mental health, and several of my clients enjoy using art as part of the therapeutic process. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, reading and watching sports, as well as spending time with family and friends.

I hope to see you in Fremont this summer!

Nicole



*Nicole Hoffmann*



As usual, the art submitted to the 2023 ANAC conference was unique, creative, and stunning. There were two-hundred-eighty-one distinctive pieces, created using a variety of mediums, submitted by member ANAC art clubs. Fifty pieces received recognition with Duane Pieper's piece titled "Holy Cow" receiving the best of show award. Pieper's piece, a photo encaustic image, caught the attention of this year's featured artist and judge, Leslie Lambert. Lambert is a renowned watercolorist.

Twenty-four entries received an ANAC Award of Excellence. Those pieces can be seen in person as they travel around the state with the ANAC traveling show. In addition, twenty-five pieces received an honorable mention award. This year's entry statistics can be found on the chart to the right. Award winning art can also be viewed on the ANAC website.

ANAC Columbus Conference June 7-10, 2023				
Medium	Number of Entries	% of Entries	Awards in Medium	% of Awards
Photography	52	19.00%	5	10%
Acrylic	55	20.00%	4	8%
Mixed Media	34	12.00%	4	8%
Oil	36	13.00%	5	10%
Watercolor	25	9.00%	6	12%
Glass	4	1.00%	0	0%
Ink & Alcohol Ink	9	3.00%	0	0%
Pastel	16	6.00%	7	14%
3D (Clay, Metal, Wood)	23	8.00%	5	10%
Fiber/Batik/Textile	5	1.50%	2	4%
Pencil/Charcoal/Colored Pencil	16	6.00%	9	18%
Encaustic	4	1.00%	2	4%
Other	2	0.50%	1	2%
<b>Total Entries</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>



**BEST  
of  
SHOW**

**Holy Cow**

Duane Pieper  
Omaha Artists, Inc.  
Photo Encaustic



**Steller on Alert**

Karen Buck  
Cheyenne County Art Guild  
Pastel



**California Super Bloom**

Clarice Hynes  
Box Butte Art Society  
Watercolor



**Autumn Splendor #2**

Donna Dubsky  
Columbus Area Artists  
Watercolor Batik Mixed



**Pasture Gate**

Arlene Thietje  
Fremont Area Artists Association  
Watercolor





**Morning Elevator at Fremont**

Jim Davis  
Columbus Area Artists  
Oil



**Oh Deer**

Karla Johnson  
Art Society of Ogallala  
Encaustic



**Neon Fledgling**

Ron Nordyke  
Art Society of Ogallala  
Acrylic



**A Flying Saw-er**

Melody Chvatal  
Fremont Area Art Association  
Assemblage



**Flower Girls**

Patricia Coslor  
Arrow Artists  
Watercolor



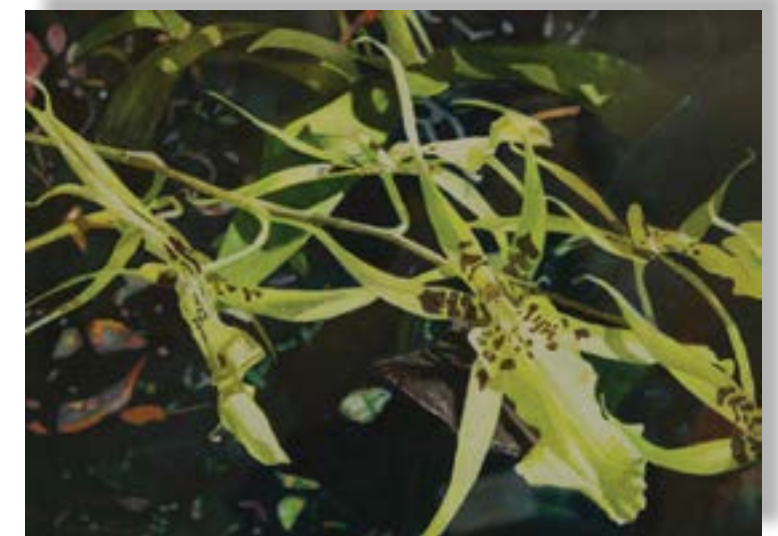
**Pineapple Party Dress**

Marilyn Tenney  
Logan County Artists  
Mixed Media



**Paradise**

Anne Kennedy  
Golden Plains Artists  
Watercolor & Colored Pencil



**Spider Orchid**

Lyman Anderson  
Cozad Art Club  
Watercolor





**Pat's Workshop**

Sue Perez  
North Platte Art Guild  
Colored Pencil



**Morning Roundup**

Chana Orton  
Sand Painters Art Club  
Pencil



**Working Hands**

Bridget K. Licking  
Thedford Art Guild  
Photography



**Reflections**

Lyman Anderson  
Cozad Art Club  
Colored Pencil



**New Racine**

Alan Haug  
McCook Art Guild  
Photo



**Green Colt**

David Dorsey  
Sand Painters Art Club  
Charcoal



**Decisions**

Ranell Otte  
Ranchland Art Group  
Watercolor



**Velma**

Audrey Powles  
Box Butte Art Society  
Photo





**Turkey Creek**  
Joan Swim  
Sand Painters Art Club  
Oil



**Black Sea Collection**  
Daniel T. Smith  
Arrow Artists  
Oil



**The Farm**  
Kim Roberts  
Logan Valley Artists  
Mixed Media



**Evening Finale**  
Pam Apley  
Lincoln Artist's Guild  
Fabric Mosaic

**General Meeting**

President Christi Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Friedhof Building in Columbus, NE. "Create and Connect" was the theme for the convention this year.

Roll call was taken indicating twenty-two clubs were represented at the meeting. The minutes from the previous general meeting in 2022 were unavailable.

Treasurer Steven Head reported approximately \$28,000 in the treasury, final current amount to be determined after convention bills are paid. Steven is resigning from his position as treasurer and the club indicated their appreciation of his years of service to the group.

The exhibit board chairperson, Donna Schimonitz, reported thirteen disqualifications from this year's judging due to improper framing, inadequate boxes, or hangers. It was again stressed to have club members review the exhibit rules to avoid disqualification.

Old Business—none reported.

New Business—

Election—Carlos Mazuka and Ranell Otte were nominated to serve on the exhibit board. It was moved nominations cease, seconded, and those two nominees were elected by the

members.

Vice President—Nicole Hoffmann and Diane Noonan were nominated to serve as vice-president. Diane offered to serve as treasurer and was elected, so Nicole was elected to serve as vice-president.

Judge Acquisition—This is an appointed position and members were asked to please consider volunteering.

Outgoing president Christi Lewis presented a gift to incoming president Steph Mantooth.

The 2024 conference will be held in Fremont and Karen Thurlow represented Fremont by inviting all members to attend. Some information will be in the fall newsletter.

Motion by Pam Hynek, second by Donna Schimonitz to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Tomasevicz, secretary

*59<sup>th</sup> Annual ANAC Conference*

**2024 ANAC Conference**  
**June 12-15**

The Fremont Area Art Association is excited to invite everyone to our fair city. Enjoy the full conference experience at several locations:

Exhibit, Registration, and Classes  
- Fremont Middle School, 540 Johnson Road

Opening Reception, Thursday Meal/Fun, and Classes  
- Gallery 92 West, 92 W 6<sup>th</sup> St

Friday Banquet  
- Historic Fremont Opera House - 541 N Broad St

Not-to-be-Missed Portrait Workshop: Suzann Beck, Judge from Minneapolis, MN

OTHER CLASSES NOW BEING FORMED – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: Mixed Media, Air Brush, Paper Quilling, Watercolor, Fabric Art, Jewelry, and More.

Watch the ANAC website for more class information and a list of motels. Word to the wise – The College World Series in Omaha starts June 13. Lodging in surrounding communities will be affected. Do not procrastinate making your reservations!

**History of ANAC Conference Judges**

2023 Columbus..... Leslie Lambert..... Watercolor	2006 Lincoln..... Betsy Dillard Stroud. Mixed Media
2022 Broken Bow... Mary Binford Miller.. Oil	2005 Valentine..... Davida Schulman/Sigrid Wonsil.. Watermedia
2021 ONLINE..... Tom Christopher..... Pastel/Oil	2004 Norfolk..... Gib Neal .....
2020 Fremont..... CANCELLED (Covid 19)	2003 Aurora..... Doug Dawson..... Pastel
2019 Albion..... Joan Fullerton..... Mixed Media	2002 Bellevue..... George "Papa" Tutt ... Watermedia
2018 Scottsbluff..... Larry Lombardo..... Watercolor	2001 North Platte.... Carl Dalio .....
2017 York..... Gregg Summers..... Oil (plein air)	2000 Beatrice..... Larry Blovits..... Oil/Pastel
2016 McCook..... Jennifer Stone..... Mixed Media	1999 Grand Island... Margaret Kessler..... Oil
2015 Columbus..... Lisa Ober..... Pastel/Oil (portrait)	1995 Valentine..... Paul Soldner..... Ceramic Sculpture
2014 McCook..... Robert O'Brien..... Watercolor	1994 Lincoln..... Zoltan Szabo..... Watercolor
2013 Alliance..... Desiree Hajny..... Wood carving	1993 Beatrice..... Judy Betts..... Watercolor
2012 Aurora..... Paul Leveille..... Oil/Pastel/Watercolor	1992 York..... Christopher Schink... Watercolor
2011 Columbus..... Don Andrews..... Watercolor	1989 Omaha..... Frank Webb..... Watercolor
2010 Fremont..... Bob Rohm..... Pastel/Oil	1985 Kearney..... Paul Soldner..... Clay
2009 Kearney..... Terry Isaac..... Acrylic (wildlife)	1984 Lincoln..... T.F. Poduska..... Acrylic
2008 Aurora..... Craig Srebnik..... Oil (portrait)	1983 Fremont..... Gerald Brommer..... Watercolor
2007 McCook..... Paul Jackson..... Watercolor	1982 McCook..... Don Coen..... Acrylic



# ANAC SIGNATURE AWARD WINNERS

Members Obtaining Five or More Certificates of Excellence During Their Years of Membership

Joan Anderson  
Duane Baker  
Roberta Barnes  
Ken Bassett  
Erna Beach  
Marilyn Belschner  
Dale Bergantzel  
Wava Best  
Donna Binfield  
Le Bloemker  
Wendy Mues Bonge  
Patricia Coslor  
Ann Covalciuc  
Leoda Davis  
Nancy Dee  
Don Dernovich  
Mary Beth Dodson  
David Dorsey  
Cynthia Duff  
Cindi Egging  
Carolyn Fairbanks  
Sherian Frey  
Dona Lee Golden  
Deb Goodenberger

Judy Greff  
Pat Grothe  
Dora Hagge  
Marilyn Evelo Hanson\*  
Susan Hart  
Ralph Hawkins  
Marie Hubbard  
Dianne Jeffrey  
Paul Jeske  
Howard Kaye  
Connie Kleckner  
Marjorie Kopf  
Raeford Lewis  
Kathleen Lohr  
Sammy Lynn  
Jude Martindale  
Laron McGinn  
Sandy Meyer  
Chari Mitchell  
Deb Monfelt  
Muschi Mues  
Diane Noonan  
Ron Nordyke\*  
Julia Noyes

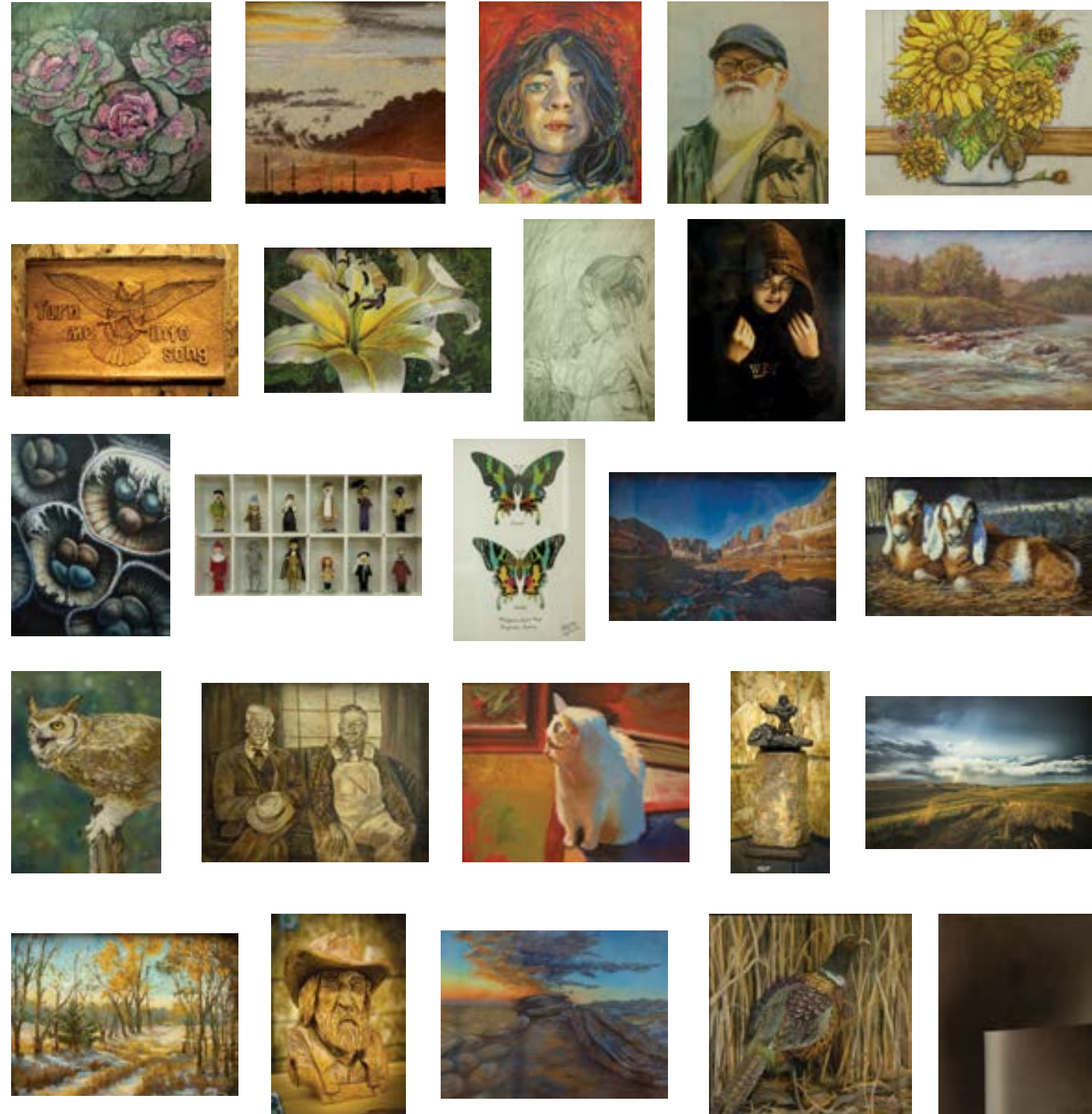
Chana Orton  
Missi Paul  
Leila Peden  
Sue Perez\*  
Larry Peterson  
Barb Pokorny  
Mary Ringenberg  
Amy Sadle  
Pat Schemmer  
Donna Schimonitz  
Ray Schultze  
Patsy Smith  
Lois Smith  
Charlotte Snyder  
Dee Spencer Rogers  
Ladell Stonecipher  
Lucky Stradley  
Sara Sumnick Wamsat  
Amy Tomasevicz  
Jana VanHousen  
Leroy Von Glan  
Jeal Welstead  
Jan Wiemers

\*Indicates recent Signature Award status

## IN MEMORIAM

Judy Herbst Brown..... Platter Painters Art Club  
Doris Hicks..... Columbus Area Artists  
Howard Kaye..... Lincoln Artist's Guild  
Paula Lewis..... Vissi d'Arte Club  
Beth Mares..... Beatrice Art Guild  
Margaret McCready..... Grand Island Art Club  
Dona Jean Nelson..... Logan Valley Area Artists  
Jana VanHousen..... Aurora Area Artisans, and  
Box Butte Art Society  
Ray Walter..... McCook Art Guild  
Judy Zimbelman..... Cozad Art Club

## 2023 Conference Honorable Mentions



Photos along with artist information of all award winning paintings can be viewed on our ANAC website  
<http://nebraskaartclubs.org/2023-2/award-winners-and-recap-of-conference-2023/>



The 2023 ANAC convention was held June 7-10 in Columbus, NE at Central Community College. The theme for this year's event was "Create and Connect." Seventy-nine participants registered for the event. The total guests who visited the art exhibit was not tracked.

The judge for this year was Leslie Lambert, a watercolorist from Washington. All thirty-five ANAC member clubs were represented with work entered in the state competition, which was held in the library on campus. Twenty-five winners were selected from 281 entries. A listing of winners is found elsewhere in this publication. Thirteen entries were disqualified due to improper framing, inadequate boxes for traveling or incorrect hangers.

Classes offered this year were watercolor; figure proportion; plein air painting; plasma cutting; mixed media; beaded jewelry; composition; printmaking; line, value, color; and gargoyles. Participants remarked on the excellent quality of instruction and the variety of classes.

Evening events included a member re-

ception with music and appetizers on Wednesday evening, an Italian buffet and art games on Thursday evening, and the annual awards banquet and general meeting on Friday evening.

Twenty-two clubs were represented at the general meeting where business from the year was discussed. Election of officers was also held. Nicole Hoffman will serve as

the new vice-president, Diane Noonan as treasurer, and Marcia Bauerle, Carlos Mazuka, and Ranelle Otte were elected to serve on the Exhibit Board committee. There was no MONA award this year, due to



their construction and renovation project, and no Nebraska Life award, due to lack of response from their contacts. The Gwen McKenzie scholarship was awarded to E. Elder from

Lincoln.

ANAC merchandise was sold through Wendy Bonge. Wendy again used her talents to design the logo for the shirts, aprons, and mugs.

At the end of the general meeting, representatives from Fremont invited all members to the 2024 ANAC convention to be held in Fremont, Nebraska on June 12-15.



Marcia Bauerle

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Sept 13-Oct 10	Bassett	Ki Slaymaker (402)340-3688	Chara Orton (402)244-5264
Oct 11-Nov 7	Valentine	Joan Swim (402)382-0083	David Dorsey (402)322-3680
Nov 8-Dec 5	Alliance	Kyren Gibson (308)760-7118	Steph Mantooth (308)760-1235
Dec 6-Jan 2	Mullen	Nicole Hoffmann (308)546-7016	Twila Phillips (308)546-0636
Jan 3-Jan 30	North Platte	Sue Perez (308)530-9488	Heather Horn (308)660-4189
Jan 31-Feb 27	McCook	Teresa Horlycutt (308)737-6559	Marlene Meitl (308)340-5757
Feb 28-Mar 27	Red Cloud	Gwen Lewis (785)389-2077	
Mar 28-Apr 24	Grand Island(Hastings)	Ken Bassett (308)382-4830	
Apr 25-May 22	Beatrice	Deb Monfelt (402)239-6768	Carlo Mazuka (402)239-8418
May 23-2024 Conference	Fremont	Karen Thurlow (402)628-2635	Katie Roberts (402)721-8224

ANAC 2023-2024 Travel Show Map and Schedule

### Oasis of Artistic Talent

At the crossroads of Nebraska Highways 83 and 2 is where you will find the small Nebraska sandhills treasure of a town, Thedford, Nebraska. Although the population is somewhat small the landscape is beautiful, and the artistic heart of the town is an oasis to nourish any artist's soul.

This oasis is where you will find the Thedford Art Guild (TAG), one of the oldest art guilds in central Nebraska. This artistic group has been a member group of ANAC since 1966 and can claim two best of show winners during that time. Florence Goehring won ANAC best of show in 1970 and Dawn Bryant won a few years ago.

The group came together when famed Nebraska artist, Thomas Talbot, needed two clubs to help sponsor the Autumn Art Workshop in the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey. Early members Martha Peters, Florence Goehring and Pat Johnston answered Talbot's call and the club was born. The group continued to be a part of the event for many years. These three pioneers officially formed a non-profit on February 11, 1974. The club's mission is "to foster, encourage, and develop public appreciation of art." Soon artists from Custer, Logan, Hooker, Cherry, and Thomas Counties joined the group.

In the early days of the club Talbot provided instruction to members. Without a permanent gallery site members often painted at homes or even abandoned buildings. The group began having shows which were held in the library. In 1976



Thedford Art Guild, Thedford, Nebraska

the group was able to purchase a small home. Members raised funds from bake sales and took out a loan which they proudly paid in full after only four years. The little house was renovated with the help of volunteers, artists, and their families.

Originally nineteen artists and their family members kept the gallery open five days a week from 10:00 to 5:00 and all day on Tuesdays when the Livestock Sale was in town during the winter months. The first competitive photography show was held in 1982. The show has evolved and is now an open art show receiving entries from all mediums. The show hangs the whole



Event honoring the founding mothers of TAG

to the need for volunteer staffing by members. However, current members try to open the gallery to visitors whenever possible. Terri Licking, the current TAG president is also happy to have the doors opened with 24-hour advance notice.

If you are ever in the sandhills it will be worth the time to visit this oasis of artistic talent nestled in the Nebraska hills of grass, sand, and fabulous art. 📍



Sculptures are from Gen Gier, Mullen rancher, who won Award of Excellence in ANAC



Best of Show "Holy Cow"



Member Clubs 2023

Club	Location	President
Ainsworth Art Guild	Ainsworth	Lynn Robertson
An Electio	Albion	Wendy Bonge
Arrow Artists	Broken Bow	Mary Smith
Art Society of Ogallala	Ogallala	Patricia Schulz
Artissimos	Ord	Don Christenson
Ash Hollow Art Club	Oshkosh	Myra Ring*
Aurora Area Artisans	Aurora	Desiree Christenson
Beatrice Art Guild	Beatrice	Deb Monfelt
Bellevue Artists Association	Bellevue	Jane Pullum
Box Butte Art Society	Alliance	Kyren Gibson
Cheyenne County Art Guild	Sidney	Evan Boesiger
Columbus Area Artists	Columbus	Donna Hoppe/Patrice Wielgus
Cozad Art Club	Cozad	Lyman Anderson
El Rio Art Club	Lincoln	Tita Hynes
Fremont Area Art Association	Fremont	Karen Thurlow
Golden Plains Artists	McCook	Anne Kennedy
Grand Island Art Club	Grand Island	Amy McIntosh
Kearney Artists Guild	Kearney	Alissa Harris
Lincoln Artists' Guild	Lincoln	Carmen Stineman
Logan Valley Artists	Bancroft	Rojane Beineke
McCook Art Guild	McCook	Teresa Honeycutt
Mullen Arts Center	Mullen	Nicole Hoffmann
North Platte Art Guild	North Platte	Sue Perez
Northeast Nebraska Art Association	Norfolk	Suzann Morfeld
Noyes Art Gallery	Lincoln	Janna Harsch
Omaha Artists, Inc.	Omaha	Sherry Reese
Pony Expressionist	Gothenburg	Donna Morris
Prairie 7	Halsey	Roberta Barnes
Ranchland Art Group	O'Neill	Kevin McNichols
Red Cloud Area Artists	Red Cloud	Gwen Lewis
Sand Painters Art Club	Valentine	Joan Swim
St. Paul Art Guild	St. Paul	Donna Schimonitz
The Art Connection	Hastings	Marilyn Reynolds
Thedford Art Guild	Thedford	Terri Licking
Vissi d'Arte Club	Comstock	Della Pulley

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