

WASECA ART CENTER

CREATIVE ARTS GUIDE
by the Waseca Arts Council

FRANK MEUSCHKE

CEDAR CREEK, PHOTOGRAPHY (2018-19)

"Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve is the preeminent site for ecological research and among its significant firsts, foremost is the site's genesis of modern ecological theory. Although Cedar Creek has its share of scenic beauty, my work questions this abstract principle and the binary of pure wilderness or anthropogenic despoliation by placing human activities into the landscape image. The site's unique purpose and its apparatus of experimentation further informed and ultimately changed how I construct landscape imagery. Walking the burnt savannas, experiencing the unexpected, indecipherable structures in wet meadows or forested glades induced a sense of the occult at which point the idea of enchantment with special places, of which Cedar Creek has come to be a contemporary example, became a current running through each image." Frank Meuschke

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Night-Light Sunset



Big Bio Fire

FRANK'S BIO For over thirty years Frank has supported his art making with a creative blend of gardening, carpentry, teaching, and more. Having left his role teaching drawing and fabrication to architecture students in NYC, he now lives near Maple Plain, MN. He is currently teaching photography, growing 8 varieties of garlic, and spends his free time learning all he can about growing the native plants in the wetlands and woods around his home. ///

PLEASE, JOIN US FOR THE OPENING RECEPTION
MAY 31ST 5-7PM

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MEET THE BOARD OF OUR ORGANIZATION

2019 PLRAC EMERGING ARTIST - GRANT RECIPIENT



the arts that has lasted a lifetime. It is for that reason, that I am so honored to serve as a board member in the Waseca Arts Council, and to have the opportunity to pay forward what I was given to the Waseca Area.

I am in awe of the quality of work that I see on exhibit, by artists in Waseca, and the surrounding area. We are truly blessed to have such a beautiful art facility in our community, and I look forward to see it grow in the future.

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PLEASE SEE SOME OF BRAD'S WORK
WHILE THE MEMBER SHOW IS UP!

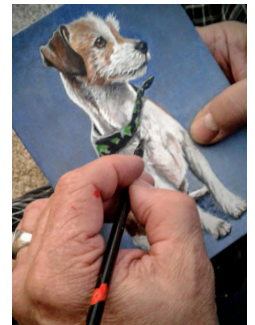
INSPIRED BY HERITAGE

by Brad Donner

I have always had a love for the natural world around me, so it was only natural for me to draw, and paint the wild places, and things that I love.

When I was young I was fortunate to live in an area where nature was right outside my door. I spent countless hours exploring the woods, rivers, and creeks near my home.

As long as I can remember, I have always had a pencil in my hand, drawing, and sketching even when it got me into trouble in school. Thankfully, I had a wonderful group of teachers who gave me instruction, and encouragement. My mother made sure that I was exposed to art, and enrolled me in many art classes at the Community Art Center in my hometown of New Ulm, Minnesota. There I was instructed in a variety of mediums, and techniques. I was so fortunate to grow up in a community with such a rich heritage, one that embraces the arts, and to have a great Community Art Center, to inspire, and teach me. It has fostered in me a great love and appreciation for



Completed and work in progress (WIP) paintings by Donner

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LOCAL ART BY OUR TALENTED MEMBERS!



PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING SOME ART

Clockwise starting from top left: Dawn Schwartz / Lights of Dusk [Acrylic and Watercolor on canvas paper], Deanna Bendix / Winnawissa Falls / Pipestone Creek [Acrylic]; Lauren O'Brien / Mountain Valley [Acrylic]; Mary Shemonek / Fall [dyed silk scarf]; Jess Stuckmayer / Untitled [Clay]

Clockwise starting from top: Ray Overland / Stylized Pheasant [Basswood carving]; Becky Carmody / Frida Kahlo II [Fabric]; Karen Krause / Jack of Hearts [Acrylic on Canvas]; Shirley Burdick / Going Home [Photograph]

FROM THE DIRECTOR



PHOTO BY POET MATTHEW GAHLER

Community

It's been an honor to share the mission of our organization while speaking at two local service organization meetings recently.

Instead of focusing on who we are – here's who we are not.

We are not an elite organization - we are an organization driven to empower our members and the community regardless of socioeconomic standing. The people building a bridge are just as important as the land on both sides, the buildings hugging it, and the people that cross it as a means to making life more simpler.

We are not judgmental – come as you are. Everyone has a right to express themselves. We will encourage and enhance dedicated talent while also providing a platform for art advocacy for everyone as our community evolves.

Community

Please, do not misinterpret the importance of travel and the experience of immersing yourself into another culture. It cannot be stressed enough how great of a gift it is to oneself to push your comfort level and experience any type of foreign travel - domestic or not. However, sometimes what we need to empower us is right in front of us. There are opportunities to perform service work in our back yard and there are businesses we can support that encourage our local economy to blossom; when we enrich the soil in an honest and sustainable way – more than just the vegetation thrives.

Engaging in reality is taken for granted the more virtually connected we become. When all of our senses experience a pleasant sensation and we perceive them in unison we are truly connected. That is what the arts have become, sensory stimulation that slows our perception of time and absorbs into each cell of our being.

Community

Service above self: thank you to all the volunteers that make the Waseca Art Center run smoothly, we couldn't do it without you. It's inspiring to see such wonderful people continue to give back to our community. There are plenty of things you could be doing with your time, you could be spending it with family and friends - it's an honor to share it with you.

To those of you that assist other causes by generously giving your time, thank you. Thank you for passing that quality onto your children. We seem to have crossed a threshold; technology that was supposed to connect us has segregated and tuned us out, it also gave us the ability to fill our daily schedules in 5-minute increments. We are stretched further and change happens quicker than each phone update.

Please, take some generous time and disconnect with your loved ones – spend some actual face time with them and make beautiful memories that embed in your DNA – pass on traditions or create some with whomever you enjoy spending time with. ///

ANDREW BRECK / INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

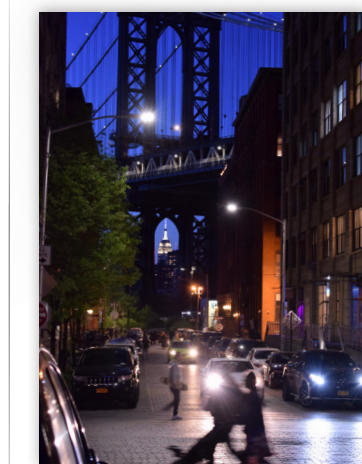
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200 State Street North
Waseca, MN 56093

Waseca Art Center | gallery hours:
T – F 11 am–5 pm Sat. 10 am–1 pm

Our Mission: To provide the people of the greater Waseca County Area opportunities to experience diverse creative arts experiences essential to a healthy community.

CURRENTLY IN OUR GALLERIES THROUGH MAY 24



OVER 75 EXHIBITED WORKS OF ART BY YOUR NEIGHBORS; OUR MEMBERS



Above: Liz O'Brien / Raveled
[Watercolor] \$350; Top Right:
Ray Overland / Honeysuckle
and Pipestone [Turned wood];
Right: Lauren O'Brein /



Bighorns in Winter, Montana
[Oil & acrylic] \$275

UPCOMING SHOWS & +RECEPTIONS

MAY 28 - JUNE 28
+MAY 31

Frank Meuschke
Andrew Judkins

JULY 2 - AUG 2
**+AUGUST 2
(CLOSING)**

Areala Kumaraea, Ann Price
Wednesday Group

AUG 6 - SEPT 6
+AUGUST 9

Alonso Sierralta
Acheiving Dreams

SEPT 10 - OCT 11
+SEPTEMBER 13

Robin Warburton
Anna Segner

OCT 15 - NOV 15
+OCTOBER 18

Amy Toscani
Chel Mattson

NOV 19 - DEC 20
+NOVEMBER 22

All School Show

JAN 8 - FEB 6, 2020
+JANUARY 12

PLRAC/McKnight Artist
Grantee Exhibition

200 State Street North
Waseca, MN 56093

SUMMER ART CAMP

INSTRUCTOR: KAREN KRAUSE



Grades 4-6 | Cost: \$50
Dates: Tuesday, June 18th - Friday, June 21st
9:30am-11:30am

The Waseca Art Center offers a yearly Summer Art Camp for local students. The camp covers a different topic each day and culminates with an art opening for our young artists and their families to enjoy. Topics for this year's Club Picasso camp are:

DONUT SCULPTURE - SPRINKLES OR NOT?

Students will construct papier-mâché Donuts without the calories!

AFRICAN MASKS

Exploring the history of African masks, class will create using Foil repose colored with sharpies.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Beat the holiday rush by creating a beautiful beaded snowflake to keep or give

GEODE STUDY

Using watercolors, inks, glitter, students will create a collage of beautiful geodes decorated with zentangles!

Grades K-3 | Cost: \$50
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PAINT LIKE POLLOCK

Group mural project using paint, string, markers and wild abandonment.

LIONS, TIGERS, AND BEARS, OH MY!

Students will create a zoo worthy assemblage of 3-D animals.

PICKLES, ONIONS, CHEESE..WHAT WILL IT BE?

Create your favorite pop art sandwich! Can't eat it, but it will be a feast for the eyes!

DREAM CATCHER

Learn about the history and create using yarn, beads and other objects in a wonderfully creative project!

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ARTISTS, PLEASE HELP US

WE ENCOURAGE THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE!

6X6 ARTWORK

Artists and non-artists, please donate your talent and ask others from all around the world to participate. WAC is asking for your assistance in creating small works of art that we may sell as an autumn fund-raiser. Each piece of artwork must be 6x6 square inches (15cm) or mounted to a 6x6 board, signed on the back only, and exhibited anonymously. All entries will be accepted and exhibited in our gallery.

Don't think you have talent? We beg to differ - anyone is welcome to participate and we encourage your entire family to submit up to 4 pieces each of any way one can think of adding something to a blank square / grandparents, parents, kids, students, crazy uncle Steve, and everyone in between. Use things you find around the house and leave your mark - a shoe print, spilled coffee, string, packaging material, or a drawn/painted masterpiece will be welcomed.

All works of art will be displayed and offered for sale to the public [for a reasonable price] to benefit programming at WAC. Please look for additional information on how and when to purchase the original artwork in our next newsletter.

Mail or deliver your artwork to:
Waseca Art Center
c/o 6x6
200 N State St
Waseca, MN 56093

**ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARD WAC PROGRAMMING**



Please, please, please tell your friends to submit work! All ages welcome; please encourage your budding artists. Inspired by roco6x6.org

COMING UP Friday June 7th / 6-8pm

Allen Eskens (right) is the bestselling author of *The Life We Bury*, *The Guise of Another*, *The Heavens May Fall*, *The Deep Dark Descending*, and *The Shadows We Hide*. He is the recipient of the Barry Award, Minnesota Book Award, Rosebud Award (Left Coast Crime), and Silver Falchion Award and has been a finalist for the Edgar® Award, Thriller Award, Anthony Award, and Audie Award. His books have been translated into 21 languages and his novel, *The Life We Bury* is in development for a feature film.

Allen has a journalism degree from the University of Minnesota and a law degree from Hamline University. After law school, he studied creative writing in the M.F.A. program at Minnesota State University-Mankato, as well as the Loft Literary Center and the Iowa Summer Writer's Festival. Allen grew up on the hills of central Missouri. He now lives with his wife, Joely, in greater Minnesota where he recently retired after practicing criminal law for 25 years.



**"...elegant but chilly prose,
like winter in the blood..."**

—New York Times Book Review

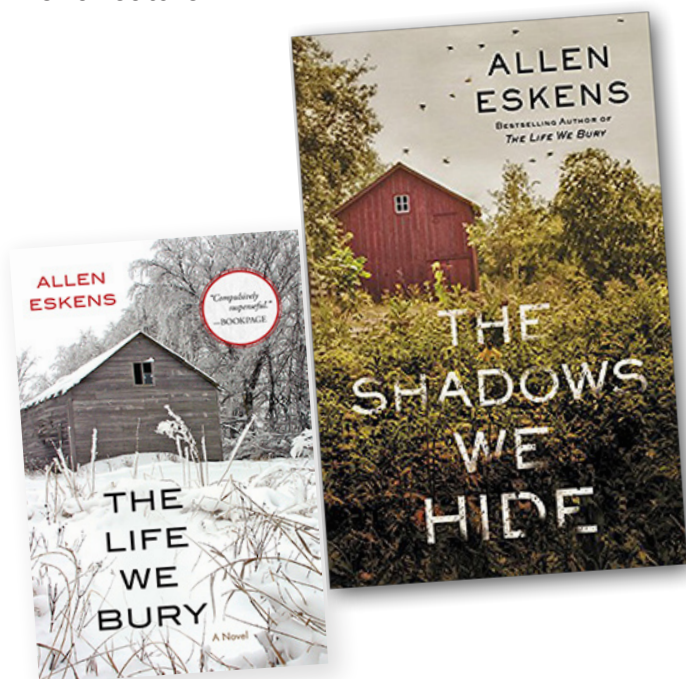
The Shadows We Hide

Joe Talbert, Jr. has never once met his namesake. Now out of college, a cub reporter for the Associated Press in Minneapolis, he stumbles across a story describing the murder of a man named Joseph Talbert in a small town in southern Minnesota.

Full of curiosity about whether this man might be his father, Joe is shocked to find that none of the town's residents have much to say about the dead man—other than that his death was long

overdue. Joe discovers that the dead man was a loathsome lowlife who cheated his neighbors, threatened his daughter, and squandered his wife's inheritance after she, too, passed away—an inheritance that may now be Joe's.

Mired in uncertainty and plagued by his own devastated relationship with his mother, who is seeking to get back into her son's life, Joe must put together the missing pieces of his family history—before his quest for discovery threatens to put him in a grave of his own. ///



**"Characters with layers
of suppressed memories
and emotions only add to
the suspenseful plot."**

—Library Reads

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from Brenda Byron
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THE WASECA ART COUNCIL WELCOMES OUR *NEW MEMBERS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR RENEWING 2019 WAC MEMBERS

WE SINCERELY THANK JACKIE ROSS FOR DONATING BI-WEEKLY CLEANING SERVICES

MANY THANKS FOR OUR SNOW REMOVAL, DONATED BY: **LENZ LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING, INC.**



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- * PORTABLE EXTERIOR 10' X 10' OR LARGER SHADE CANOPY WITH WEIGHT ANCHORS
- * TWO MATCHING 50" SMART TV'S W/ WALL MOUNTS
- * EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

THANK YOU TO WASECA FLORAL FOR LOANING BEAUTIFUL LIVE FLOWERS FOR OUR RECENT BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AND OPEN HOUSE.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE ANONYMOUS DONOR RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM RECENTLY ADDED TO THE KENT AND DIANE SCHULTZ AUDITORIUM. THANK YOU

GRANTS/SUPPORT

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Gallery exhibits and educational programming are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

ESS FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

50,000 REASONS TO CONTRIBUTE

GOING UP

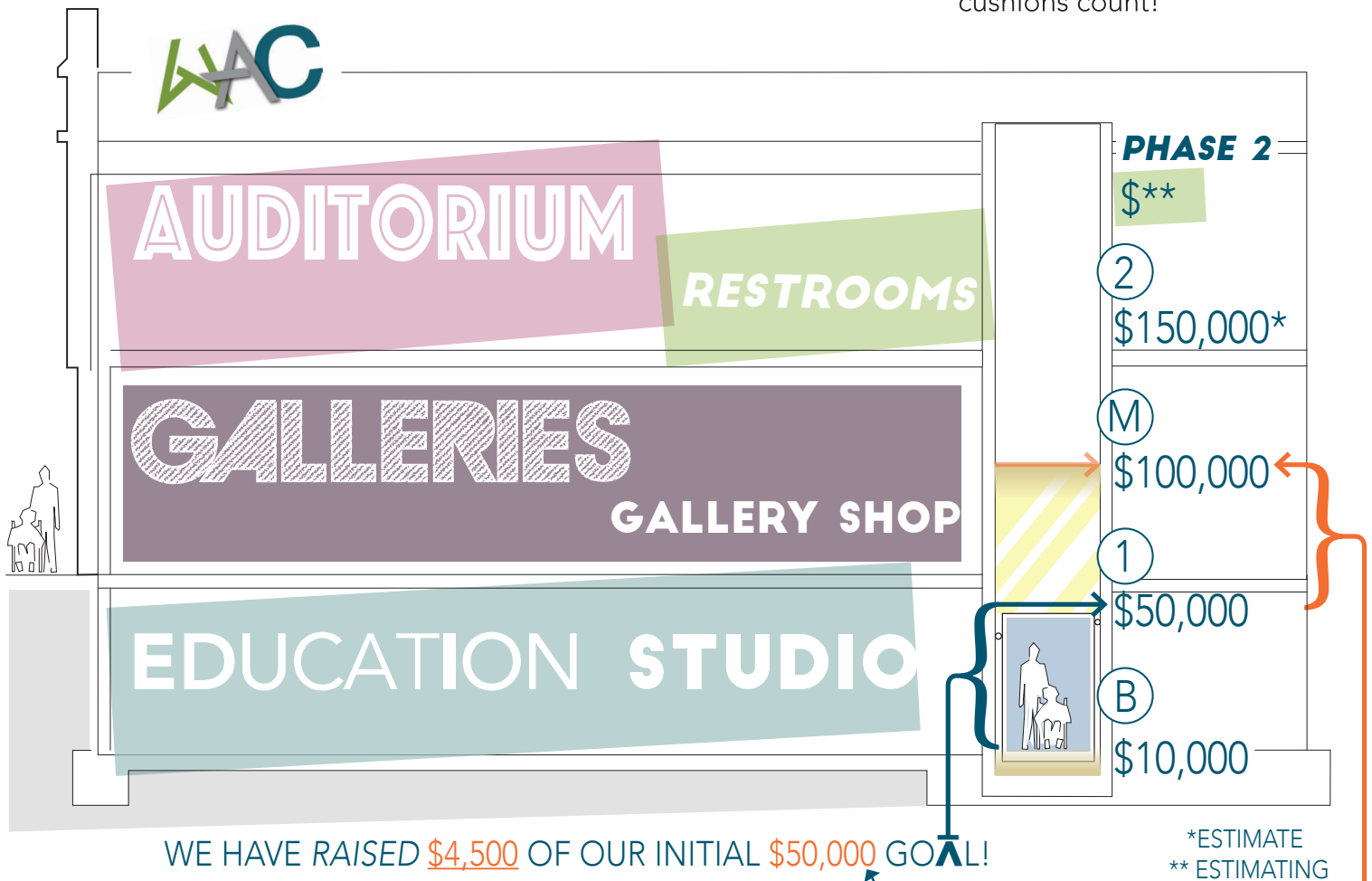
Thank you to the first donor of our campaign. From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank Char Harguth for a \$2,000 contribution. This organization relies on the generosity of art patrons whom find value in our unique institution and the experiences we provide that enrich members of our beautiful community.

Keep an eye out for the graphic below, we will update it on Facebook and future print material. We are gradually moving our elevator up until we reach our complete goal - however we have an incentive to make it to \$50,000! If we raise \$45,500 more dollars we will then automatically raise our elevator beyond the first floor- to the mezzanine at the \$100,000 level!

Thank you all for supporting our non-profit as we look toward building our barrier free future. In the meantime - we are growing our community outreach.

In order to dedicate your gift directly into a restricted asset account - please write AFAC or Elevator Fund in the memo line. Please inform us if you wish to remain anonymous.

Each dollar and sticky nickel found under the sofa cushions count!



WHEN YOU DONATE \$1, WE ACTUALLY RECIEVE \$2. IF WE RAISE • IT DOUBLES

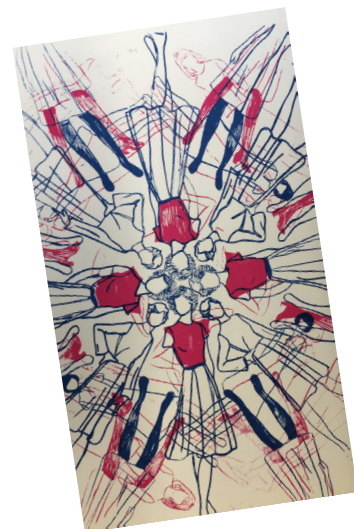
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PLEASE WELCOME **AMANDA LARKIN** OUR NEW GALLERY ASSISTANT

ART HISTORY MAJOR, MSU MANKATO

Art is something that I have been passionate about since I was a child and I'm lucky enough to have an artist for a mom who was more than happy to let me learn and create things in my own way. It didn't matter if I was working on something as simple as a drawing or making weird concoctions of paint, beads, and whatever else we could find in the kitchen at 2am, she always encouraged me to learn, explore, and grow as an artist.

Now, as much as I enjoy creating art, I have also always been interested in what goes on behind the scenes at places such as galleries and museums which is why I decided to pursue a degree in Art History at MSU Mankato. While pursuing my degree I also work at the Waseca County Historical Society as the Photograph Archivist and now also at the Waseca Art Center as our Gallery Assistant.



WACs' Amanda Larkin, and
examples of her printmaking



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SUN. MAY 12TH

Mother's Day

Visit your local greenhouse for a variety of fresh and live plants.

Day of: meander with your mother or another cool person to brunch at a local restaurant.

MON. MAY 27TH

Memorial Day

Read local author Rachael Hanel's book We'll Be the Last Ones to Let You Down: Memoir of a Gravedigger's Daughter. Visit the cemeteries mentioned

FRI. MAY 31ST

Opening Reception

FRI. JUNE 7TH

Allen Eskens @ WAC

SAT. JUNE 22ND

Event Horizon

Poetry, Dance, Song, Artistic Open Stage

THANK YOU
ART PATRON

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." – Edgar Degas

IT HAPPENED HERE APRIL 26TH

"...MOST OF ALL I WAS SO HONORED AT THE APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT THAT YOUR COMMUNITY SHOWERED ON ME. IT WAS UNEXPECTED AND SO HEART WARMING." **KAT NOTTINGHAM**

Thank you for coming to the opening reception for our Member Show and Kat Nottingham's exhibit - Seascapes & Minnesota Landscapes.

Our next reception is Friday, May 31st from 5-7pm.

Photographs: just some of the artists in attendance - clockwise from top left: Mary Shemonek / Stampede, Lake [dyed silk scarfs]; Kat Nottingham / Golden Prairie \$600 [oil on canvas] ; Dawn Schwartz / Whoa Nelly [Pencil on paper]; Jackie Peters / Solitude [Acrylic on saw]



Photos by Frank Shemonek