

THE FINE ARTS FORUM



A Newsletter of the Fine Arts Club of Fargo

601 4th Street South, Fargo ND 58103

President's Message



Greetings to you at yet another transition of seasons. Last year at this time I think I was excited to have winter imminent (can you believe it?) I got over that!

We've had some lovely and successful events to initiate the 2009-2010 Fine Arts season, even if one of them was a hold over from last spring. I refer, of course, to the Bargain and Book Sale. It

never ceases to amaze me how much stuff we all have tucked away in our homes, evidenced by how much we bring to the clubhouse for the sale! Thank you everyone for your generous donations. You will read elsewhere in the newsletter about the successful outcome of the sale. A huge thank you to **Wanda Christensen** and **Gwen Pitsenbarger**, our House Projects Committee, along with **Rose Gallagher** (Projects Chairman last year), for all of their work to make the sale a resounding success. We are fortunate to have excellent leaders in these fund-raising activities.

Thanks to **LeeAnn Townsend** for another spectacular Membership event, the luncheon at the Fargo Country Club. Read the section reports to find out how many new members joined as a result of attending the luncheon and style show. The lottery/auction was fun -- with some fabulous prizes. Thanks again, LeeAnn, for good ideas and great execution of them!

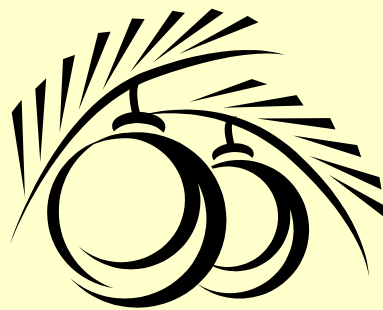
Next on the radar screen is the **Bling Bling** show and sale: Good shopping opportunity for some special Christmas gifts! And following shortly after will be the arrival of the nut orders, just in time for some serious holiday baking, or gifting, or just plain eating. Again we thank **Gloria Holloway** for her work with this huge project.

Every section has had some terrific programs, with more on the agenda for the rest of the year. If only there were more days in the month, maybe a person could attend more of them! Thanks to the program chairs in all the sections for your role in making the Fine Arts Club a place of ideas and learning. Thank you also to all sections for your philanthropic activities. A sincere thank

you to everyone for their part in making the Fine Arts Club a vibrant contribution to the quality of life here Fargo-Moorhead.

"It takes a village. . ." or in other words, it takes many hands to keep our club going. Board members continue to keep the life of the Fine Arts Club healthy with their attention to upkeep and maintenance of the house and grounds, with preparing a newsletter, with keeping the website up-to-date, with keeping the library in order, with paying the insurance premiums and utility bills, and so many, many other tasks. There isn't a whole lot of glamour in having the furnace checked or having the foundation sprayed for pest control, but these are examples of tasks accomplished through the work of the Board. I join all the Fine Arts Club members in thanking you!

Joanne Drenkow, President



*It's
that
time
of year!*

Join us for the kick off to the holidays

*Fine Arts December Meeting
at the Clubhouse*

*Wednesday, December 2nd
1:00 pm*

*Sponsored by members of
Creative Living, Garden, and Sports*

Member Activities

ART - Pat Gjevrev

The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County has a new publication, "Profiles of Working Women in the 1950s" which features the chair for Art Section, **Joan Tillotson**.

Dr. Joan Tillotson graduated from Cornell University in 1952 before enrolling in medical school. Her class of 86 had four women, as opposed to the today's norm of fifty percent. Coming from a family with strong belief in education, her father urged her to become an engineer, but Joan had read books about Clara Barton and nursing. When she told her uncle about her interest in healing, he asked "Why not become a doctor?"

The rest, as they say, is history! During medical school, she married a man who was also a med student. He became an assistant professor at Cornell while she took a corporate physician position with AT&T. They moved to Fargo and raised four sons while she served as a general practitioner at NDSU.

BOOK

Learning about authors is an added bonus for book section members. For example, we discovered that Sinclair Lewis became the first American to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature. Did you know that Louise Erdrich owns a book store in Minneapolis, or that her father wrote a limerick for every town in North Dakota?

Books in our winter reading queue include stories of the nightlife of Paris, bull fights of Spain, resilience of the Alaskan spirit, and the mystery of Norway's famous bank robber.

CREATIVE LIVING - Nadine Anderson

A warm welcome to our five new members! They have joined us for some great fall programs. Check out the yearbook for the complete list of events.

DRAMA - Barb Olson

The Fall season opened with a luncheon at the new NDSU President's home graciously hosted by **Gale Chapman**. We had an engaging program by **Pat Johnson** on the life of Paul Newman, followed by a nostalgic presentation by **Katherine Murphy** and her guest **Richard Gompf** reminiscing about their stage roles in Maxwell Anderson's "High Tor" at the FM Community Theater in 1949. In other business, we presented a \$106 gift to the Tin Roof Theater.

GARDEN - Sandy Knoll

"Gardening is inherently hopeful as a series of affirmative, assertive acts - the seeds will germinate, the plants will enjoy adequate rain and sunshine, nothing will squash or eat them...and we will survive to see all that." Kenneth Helphand in Defiant Gardens.

HISTORY - Sandi Weisenberger

Looking at Israel's neighbors, we discovered that education is a priority in Jordan; 87% can read and write. Syria and Lebanon continue to attract refugees from Iraq.

INVESTMENT - Donna Nelson

Information on markets, timing, and investment risks surrounds us. One thing we know is that today's stock market is not what our parents were familiar with. In 1960, just 6% of households owned a mutual fund. Ten years later, US mutual fund assets were at \$1 trillion and today they are over \$10 trillion.

SPORTS - Rhonda Hoge

Bowl for Vets on Nov 12 will send money to our local veteran's hospital for recreational materials like puzzles and games. The Fine Arts bowlers challenged other leagues at the Bowler to bring non-perishable food items for a food drive. We are also gathering gifts for the YWCA Shelter. Any women's and children's personal products may be brought to the Bowler on Thursday afternoons until Nov 19.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Landscape architecture students spent some time around the yard of the Clubhouse as part of a class project in October. The class was invited to suggest landscape proposals for an upgrade in preparation for the Club's 100th birthday. Special thanks to **Gerry Kennedy** for organizing this opportunity for the club. Students will present their ideas in December.

IN THE NEWS

- **Dr. Joan Tillotson** (AR) and **Helen Rudie** (BK) were featured in The Forum "Profiles of Working Women"
- **Betty Kerns** (DR) was initiated into the Fargo North High Hall of Fame in recognition of her years as English Teacher & Assistant Principal
- **Jennifer Sternhagen** (SP) sings in the Master Chorale
- **Lisa Schwinden** (SP) received a Golf Professional Award for her work with junior golfers. She is the golf pro at Osgood Golf Course
- **Diane Rustad** (AR) and her long-time pen pal from France were pictured in The Forum in September
- **Millie Arneson** celebrates her 96th Birthday! She is a member of Art and History

THANK
YOU

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for generous donations to make our house such a wonderful event center: **Jeanne Hole** donated a food processor, **Winnie Stadter** – DVD Player, **Rose Dunn** – knife set, **Pat Chinquist** & **Donna Nelson** – cake pans for the kitchen! Hats off to everyone who helped with the B&B Sale; our proceeds totaled \$2,500! THANKS to **Gloria Holloway** for leading another successful drive for nuts earning over \$3,600 for the club.

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NEW MEMBERS

Book - Beth Anderson, Julie Doom, Sandi Dahl, and Terri Verduyn

Creative Living - Mary Beth Puetz, Jan Reynen, Audrey Needham, Norma Jean Neumiller and Sharon Rostad

Drama - Lila Dahl and Anne Koski

Club Finance Q & A

How can you tell an *outstanding* organization from one that is simply *average*? A healthy financial situation is certainly important and so is planning for the future. Therefore, members of the board present the following answers to some very important questions we are hearing from our members. Your continued comments and questions are welcome!

Seems like I'm always being asked for money. Why aren't the dues enough?

Dues cover only about half of all of the costs related to the house which represent 91% of the club's total expenses. Total expenses are \$25,100 and income from dues is \$11,920. Expenses include insurance, the manager's salary, lawn care and snow removal, and maintenance.

Why do we have fund raisers?

The proceeds are needed to balance our budget and cover 1/3 of the house costs. We usually have three primary fundraisers: the Book & Bargain Sale, Nut Sales and Bridge. Other fundraisers support specific projects such as the recent renovation of the house manager's apartment or new carpeting. Over the next three years, our goal is to raise \$7,500 for the upcoming centennial celebration which will occur in 2011; this will cover printing expenses and a number of modest, special event plans.

What about other income?

The remaining 20% of our budget is covered by the interest we earn on CDs and operating accounts. When interest rates were high, this investment generated more income enabling us to be less dependent upon fundraising to balance our budget.

Why do we have money in savings?

We have a \$100,000 CD to be used in the event of a major expense for the house such as a new furnace, roof, or emergency. The board chose this investment instrument because of the security and accessibility of the funds.

Also, the Lizzie Watson Fund is invested in a CD and a savings account. This Fund is nearly \$14,000 and is designated for smaller maintenance projects such as plumbing, new appliances, painting, furnishings, etc. Each year, \$5 from every member is deposited into this Fund.

Is this investment enough for our club?

The value of our house is the biggest asset we own. Through careful planning and regular maintenance, our historic house is in comparatively good shape, and yet there are many ways a nearly one-hundred year old house can eat into savings!

Walnuts, Almonds, Cashews, Mixed Nuts are here! They will be ready on November 10th, stop by the Clubhouse to collect your order.

BLING BLING

SHOWCASE

Yes! It's time for the Bling Bling event! What is it? Call it a fund raiser, call it a shopping experience, or just call it fun. Basically, it is an extravaganza of jewelry, purses, and accessories made by area artists and on sale at the Clubhouse. Last year, the house was packed from room to room with lovely things to buy.

We won't deny, there are plenty of "flashy" pieces (aka "BLING") but there are also many, many designs for any style. Plus, there is more than just jewelry – find a great gift for your daughter, mother, grandmother, or yourself!

Most importantly, everyone is invited! For a \$5 admission, we will also be serving coffee & dessert in the lower level.

Saturday, November 14th
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Fine Arts Clubhouse
601 4th Street South

\$5.00 Admission includes coffee & dessert

Call your friends to join us and check out the unique items by talented local artists. Enjoy a cup of coffee along with conversation and dessert.

Mark Your Calendar

Nov 10Nut orders filled
Nov 14Bling Bling
Dec 2..... General Meeting
In the year 2011.....Fine Arts Club is 100

Blog Anyone?

Catching the attention of many people in the area, the Club's blog on areavoices.com has an interesting way of sharing news. Complete with pictures and an easy-to-read narrative, it's a great way to keep up on Fine Arts current events.

Some of the art for the Bling Bling event is posted, and who are the two people wearing green in the picture of the board?

More people are finding out about the club through this site, check it out: areavoices.com/fineartclub/

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Bling Bling Showcase Details!

The following artists and vendors will be showcasing handcrafted and costume jewelry, handmade and designer inspired purses, body fragrances, hand designed sweaters and much more.

Sharon Trieglaff Jons - Just Bliss Jewelry - a combination of copper, metal and beads. Sharon also crafts unique, hand designed sweaters

Tamra Kriedeman - Just For You Jewelry and Beads - glass beads, gemstones, seed beads, natural stringing materials and metals. Her pieces are made as one-of-a-kind or very limited pieces

Cheryl Lynn Ingberg - sterling silver and gold. Accents with precious and semi-precious stones, pearls, and other natural materials

Kari Bitzer - Kari's Kreations & 2K Bath and Body - hand crafted jewelry and bath & body products. She also has designer inspired purses

Erin Kreps - Silpada Jewelry - designers and artisans from all over the world create handcrafted sterling silver

Gane' Skatvold - Accessorize Me - a private business that sells costume jewelry

Betty Pezalla –fellow Fine Arts Club member makes her own hand knitted purses in all colors and designs

Hidie Larson - Let Your Spirit Soar - scrabble, domino, and glass tile jewelry pendants, vintage button rings, prayer journals, collage art crosses, and accessories

Rachel Anderson - Ornaments of Grace - all types of jewelry with gemstones, pearls and glass beads. Also makes sports jewelry for the Sioux Shop at UND

Gloria Jeans - a large selection of designer inspired handbags and billfolds

Margaret Mickelson - handcrafted handbags with the designer's individual touches

Karen Grothmann - Park Lane Jewelry - jewelry for woman of every age; includes couture, casual, & classic items

Valdene Svezia - Valdene's Designs - semi-precious stones & sterling silver, North American Turquoise, Italian Red Coral, Amethyst, Spiny Red Coral and more