

THE FINE ARTS FORUM



A Newsletter of the Fine Arts Club of Fargo

601 4th Street South, Fargo ND 58103

President's Message



Greetings at the beginning of a new season at Fine Arts! Whew! A lot has happened since the last newsletter. The Flood of 2009 comes to mind, for starters. And then our summer that really seems to be trying, finally. But let's focus on the Fine Arts Club. . .

We welcome all of you, new members and continuing members. Thanks to all of you who accepted roles as officers and/or committee members; the work of the Club cannot go on without your willing participation. Thanks to Board members, both former and current. As I've mentioned before, Committees stay at work -- some of them even through the summer. Thank you to all of you!

Remember that because of the flood the annual **Bargain and Book Sale** was postponed (from last April) to September 11 & 12. This is going to come *immediately* as our season gets up and running with the late Labor Day this year. Set-up will begin on Tuesday, September 8. Please consider volunteering; there will be plenty of work to do, so call Rose or drop in during the week to lend a hand. Several people from the Projects Committee and the Board spent a day last spring organizing the donations, but a lot has come in since then. As I mentioned, there will be plenty of work. Have you been at the House lately?? The lower level is brimming over with "merchandise!"

The **Summer Coffee** was fun; I'm not sure if the theme officially was "Puppy Days of July" since it was too early and too cold for any dog days of summer, but it was a cute theme. It was good to touch base with Fine Arts Club members and guests. The new yearbooks were distributed that day: Thank you, **Wini Christensen** and helpers **Jean Berg, Lou Richardson, Jeanne Hole, and Vonne Anderson.**

The Philanthropy and Youth Committee from South High School chose the Fine Arts Club as their chosen non-profit organization recipient of \$1,000. The

Board has decided the money will be put on reserve will be donated, or "paid forward," during the up-centennial year, 2011 - 2012.

Membership Luncheon (it's not a brunch any more) September 25th at the Fargo Country Club. a friend or two or three; get your tickets now!

Nut orders coming up! You'll find the order envelope inserted in this newsletter. We depend on fund-raiser as one of our major sources of revenue. lots, sell even more! Thanks to **Gloria Holloway** for so ably heading up this successful project year after

I know you are all looking forward to the season. A look through the yearbook reveals many interesting programs. Enjoy the rest of the

Joanne Drenkow, President



Mark Your Calendar

- Sept 8 Ladies Marathon Bridge
- Sept 9 Couples Marathon Bridge
- Sept 11-12..... Bargain & Book Sale
- Sept 25 Membership Lunch
- Oct 6 Nut Order Deadline

Section Starting Dates:

- Art 9/15
- Book 9/8 or 9/10
- Creative Living..... 9/10
- Drama 9/21
- Garden 9/28
- History 9/23
- Investment 9/17

Section News for Fall

ART

Looking at the coming year's programming for Art Section one realizes that "Art" can be seen, heard, read, touched, or sensed. One might question, "what is art?" For an answer, consider the words of Russian writer and dramatist, Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910):

"We are accustomed to understand art to be only what we hear and see in theaters, concerts, and exhibitions, together with buildings, statues, poems, novels. . . . But all this is but the smallest part of the art by which we communicate with each other in life. All human life is filled with works of art of every kind - from cradlesong, jest, mimicry, the ornamentation of houses, dress, and utensils, up to church services, buildings, monuments, and triumphal processions. It is all artistic activity. So that by art, in the limited sense of the word, we do not mean all human activity transmitting feelings, but only that part which we for some reason select from it and to which we attach special importance."

Perhaps this definition explains our diverse program. You are welcome to join us and experience art in its many different forms.

BOOK

Please note the extraordinary dates and locations for the first Book Section meetings in September. Due to various events at the Clubhouse, both morning and afternoon groups have been moved. The afternoon group will meet Tuesday, September 8th at the home of Sheryl McIntyre (1420 N 4th St in Fargo). The Thursday group will start at 9:30, their usual time, but the meeting is on September 10th and will be on the second level at the House.

Helen Rudie will lead the discussion of *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis. We send a very big thank you to our discussion leaders this year, and are especially grateful for new volunteers!

CREATIVE LIVING

This Spring, we toured the spacious Dr. James Carlson Library at 2801 32nd Ave S in Fargo. At nearly 15,000-square-feet, the Carlson Branch is connected to the Fargo Park District's Ed Clapp Park Senior Center. Plenty of parking makes the access convenient for all.

Included in this new library is a community room with seating for 70, a conference room for smaller meetings, three study rooms to support collaborative

learning, a teen space, as well as a greatly expanded children's area. The colors of the walls, furniture and carpets along with the tall windows seem to make space warm and inviting.

A highlight of the spring was a demonstration of fashions from the past. We had a great lunch and a presentation of "A Step Back in Time" at District 31 Victoria's in Wolverton.

DRAMA

Drama Section's annual summer meeting was held at the Pelican Lake home of **Norma Peltier**. It's an enjoyable time of good food, good conversation, fellowship. It is also the time when the decision is made to determine how to allocate our charitable giving to worthy causes that promote the ideals of our section. We are pleased to announce that two donations of \$250 each will be distributed this year. One for a yellow brick in support of Trollwood Performing Arts School and another for an NDSU \$250 Drama Scholarship.

Looking ahead with great expectations and excitement to our September 21st meeting, it is our fortune to have a personal tour of the newly President's home on the NDSU campus guided by member **Gale Chapman**.

GARDEN

Gardening season is summertime so it seems a perfect time to welcome our three newest members **Ruth Morton, Jan Jackson, and Sandi Dahl**.

Flowers and vegetables enjoyed the warm August sunshine, as did we while touring the gardens of siders Kim Stenehjem and Virginia Dambach. Kim has particularly beautiful white flower climbing her fence in the backyard while Virginia's garden is filled with objects reminiscent of her trips, an heirloom piece from her father and the most charming climbing pea.

A little farther away from home, we found the Display Garden at the U of Minn near Morris to be in bloom during our visit. Their site includes a garden area and tree arboretum. At Prairie Wetlands Learning Center near Fergus Falls, we saw the Prairie Science Classroom and Greenhouse where students raise plants as part of the center's mission to "preserve, restore and educate."

Finally, we send best wishes for your own tomato



NEW TO FINE ARTS? Join us for the Nut Sale, our traditional fund raiser. The envelope in this newsletter is placed for your convenience to order for yourself or for gifts. More envelopes are available to share with friends & relatives. Tell them our supplier sends us the FRESHEST nuts available shipped to us directly from California.



plants to ripen, a great apple harvest, and a long season for those colorful mums!

HISTORY

Arland Jacobson is the guest speaker at the first meeting of the History Section. He serves as both the executive director of F/M Communiversity and director of the CHARIS Ecumenical Center. Jacobson has a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary and a doctorate in New Testament from Claremont (Calif.) Graduate School. He has taught religion at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and at Concordia College. He will be speaking about the history of Israel and Palestine.

Section members needing tickets for the fall luncheon on the 25th should call **LeeAnn Townsend** or **Delores Landblom**.

INVESTMENT

Starting an investment club is hard work, but we've been with Fine Arts for nine years, so our group is fully operational with a solid core group of eleven committed members. Now is a great time to learn more about the right investment approach. Call one of our members to get started this fall.

SPORTS

Bowling will begin Thursday, September 17th at 12:20 pm at the Bowler with a captain's rules meeting beginning at 10:30 am at the Bowler.

2009 - 2010 BUDGET

Each year a budget is adopted at the annual meeting and printed in the fall newsletter. Fine Arts Treasurer, Joni Bertel, presents financial statements and expenditure reports at each monthly meeting of the board of directors. As with many nonprofit organizations, membership dues provide over half of the FAC income. House-related expenditures make up the majority of the club's expenses, including utilities, maintenance and the house manager's salary. The value of the house is the Club's greatest asset and the Board monitors expenditures for its upkeep and building improvements.

Income	This YR	Actual Last YR
Membership	\$ 11,900	\$ 11,920
Projects	6,860	8,000
CD Interest	1,870	3,790
Miscellaneous	<u>125</u>	<u>125</u>
TOTAL	\$20,755	\$23,835

Expenses	This YR	Actual Last YR
Utilities	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,202
Bldg Maintenance	6,425	11,447
Employee	4,840	4,430
Yearbook & Newsletter	1,500	1,490
Admin	<u>790</u>	<u>919</u>
TOTAL	\$20,755	\$25,488

IN THE NEWS

- Artist & Art Section member, **Sandra Miles** (AR) was pictured in the 8/17/09 Forum
- Tom Hoge, son of **Rhonda Hoge** (SP & BK), had a great summer of golf, taking 3rd in the NCAA Finals, winning the Minnesota Amateur, the U.S. Amateur Qualifier and the Pine to Palm in August.
- **Sandy Knoll** (GR & SP) is expecting her 14th grandchild in late September
- Best wishes to **Gloria Holloway** (BK & HI) and her two new knees
- Kudos to **Joanne Drenkow** (BK & CL) for taking first place in her age bracket on June 18 in the 5K Run of the YMCA Chase Race
- **Lavonne Rustad** (BK & GR) received the Silver Apple award from the ND Retired Teachers Assoc. for service above and beyond, leadership and contributions. She is the Secretary of the Cass Co. Unit.
- **Sue Tharaldson, Joni Betel** and **Charity Pieterick** (SP) won at the US Bowling Congress Nationals in Reno this spring

HIGH TECH

For more news on Fine Arts and our members, visit the website thefineartsclub.com. Thanks to **Maggie Anderson** and **Winnie Stadter**, the club has a professionally designed and updated site filled with key information about the projects and programs of Fine Arts. Many improvements were made over the summer making it even easier to use.

You may also find us on the Web at www.areavoices.com/fineartsclub. Or simply search for the "big white house" under areavoices.com. The site provides a unique perspective of our organization from the viewpoint of our historic house! Thanks to **Winnie** and **Rose Gallagher**, this site has pictures and stories of what has happened and events that are planned at the Clubhouse. Take a look, it may surprise you!

BOOK & BARGAIN SALE

Friday, September 11, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, September 12, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Due to the flood, the sale was held over until this fall, and it looks as though this was one great decision. This annual event usually fills up the lower level of the House with great bargain items, but this year we have more than ever! Come see the wide assortment of quality items: glassware, cookware, home décor, collectibles, antiques, and books!

If you are a reader this is the sale for you. We have a lot of books; hardcover, paperback, children's, reference, mystery, classics, even a box-full of comic books! All are in great condition and priced to keep you reading and reading!

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Special Event...*it's not a "brunch" anymore!*

**LUNCHEON
MENU**

*(menu designed
for Fine Arts Club)*

**Steak Salad with Balsamic
Vinaigrette
Butternut Squash Soup
Apple Crisp Dessert**

**Membership Luncheon
Style Show**

Friday, September 25, 2009

11:30 am Social with cash bar

12 noon Lunch

Fargo Country Club

506 26th Ave South

*Members will be modeling
fashions from these area shops
Chico's, Haute Boutique and Dress Barn*

Advance tickets \$15 may be purchased from your
Section Membership Representative



You will have a unique opportunity to take home donations from area merchants like dinner at Oxbow, a massage, or a couture hand bag. Made possible to support Fine Arts Centennial Fun!

Contact LeeAnn Townsend at 588-4540