

# THE FINE ARTS FORUM



A Newsletter of the Fine Arts Club of Fargo

601 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo ND 58102

## President's Message



**Greetings and  
welcome to the  
2008-2009 year  
at the Fine Arts**

### **Club!**

It's both humbling and exciting to begin this new year as President of the Fine Arts Club. I've always viewed the membership of this distinguished organization as some of the most interesting, talented, and amazing people I've ever met, and it is truly in that mind-set that I begin this new experience.

One-hundred years! Well, just about. In just a couple more years we will begin to celebrate the longevity of the Fine Arts Club. Those forward thinking ladies, so many years ago, would be pleased and proud to know their efforts spawned an organization of such enduring quality. Review our history in the final pages of the yearbook and also in the Fine Art of Dining Cookbook. There is a committee already working, planning just how to observe and celebrate everything about this club. We are unique! Do you know of another club with so much history -- and so much future -- and a house to call their own?

My hope is that our Membership Brunch will bring in many new members. What better time to encourage your friends to enjoy the cultural and social activities you've found here! Perhaps the philanthropic nature of FAC will encourage them to participate. The Brunch is **Friday, September 26**, at the Fargo Country Club. The style show will feature clothing from three stores: Chico's,

Sherry's Boutique, and Talbots. Expectations are for another lovely morning at this signature event!

It's true, the summer went quickly, but it was punctuated by the always enjoyable Summer Coffee. Thanks to the **Creative Living and Investment Sections** for planning and serving the delightful "beach party." We're now ready to kick off a new season! My best wishes to all members and all of your guests for an enriching and fun year.

Joanne Drenkow, President



### **Mark Your Calendar**

- Sept 9 ..... Ladies Marathon Bridge
- Sept 10 ..... Couples Marathon Bridge
- Sept 26 ..... *MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH*
- Oct 6 ..... Nut Order Deadline

#### **Section Starting Dates:**

- Art ..... 9/16
- Book ..... 9/4 or 9/9
- Creative Living ..... 9/11
- Drama ..... 9/15
- Garden ..... 9/22
- History ..... 9/24
- Investment ..... 9/18

## Fine Arts Club 97<sup>th</sup> Year

### FINE ARTS CLUB HOUSE NEWS

Have you noticed the wrought iron sign hanging above the front door? It was made by Mr. Hail Chisholm, who obtained a "Master of the Artisans" degree from the then-named North Dakota Agricultural College. It was presented as a gift from the artist and Mrs. H.L. Walster who served as president of Fine Arts in 1931 to 1933.

Inside the house, we have **Gloria Holloway** to thank for the orderly growth of the House Library. She reminds us that we are welcome to borrow books any time, and invites all members to add a book by simply dropping it off in the book shelves in the lower level. There are many good titles from fiction to the classics.

If you wish donate a book to the permanent collection, please put a Fine Arts sticker on the cover. These are available for members to read, but we take great care not to turn these over during the spring bargain and book sale. Next time you are at the house, spend a moment browsing the library and select a book to take home. Also, give Gloria and well deserved message of "thanks" for maintaining the House Library.

#### NEW OFFICERS 2008-2009

President .....	Joanne Drenkow
1 <sup>st</sup> VP .....	Wini Christensen
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP .....	Rose Gallagher, Deanna Marx
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP .....	Betty Fiemann, Jan Jackson
4 <sup>th</sup> VP .....	Cleo Anderson, Carol Berntson
Secretary .....	Joann Horn
Treasurer .....	Joni Bertel
Membership .....	Leann McGinnis Townsend
Newsletter .....	Jan Ulferts Stewart
Publicity .....	Rose Dunn
Historian .....	Pat Chinquist

### YEAR BOOK CORRECTION:

#### *DATE CHANGE -BOOK SECTION*

Please note changes in a few of the dates of the afternoon Book Section meetings from those listed in the 2008-09 yearbook. The corrections should be made on page 28; the correct month and dates are:

October 14, December 9 and April 14.

The group typically meets on the second Tuesday at 1:00 at the clubhouse.

**NAME CHANGE - DRAMA SECTION** On page 6 of the yearbook; the correct chair of DRAMA SECTION is Lou Richardson 235-1967.

### RECAP OF LAST YEAR'S SECTION NEWS

#### ART

There are forty-one members and this was the 91st year of existence of the Art Section. A diverse range of programs from architecture to the masterful calligraphy in the new St. John's Bible from Minnesota were enjoyed by members and guests. There were lessons in Indian and Russian arts, an arm-chair adventure to the Antarctic and a look at some of the art and sculpture in Fargo & Moorhead. Various workshops on the visual arts were held including a water color/collage workshop led by local artist Sandra Miles.

#### BOOK

The decision made a few years ago to offer a second Book Section group has proven to have been wise. This year there are 27 members in the first-Thursdays-morning group and 12 in the second-Tuesdays-afternoon group.

The nine books chosen included three fiction and six non-fiction selections. Though there was not extensive time travel there was greater variety in geographic settings. Austria, the land of Adolf Hitler's childhood, was the setting for a disturbing picture of that tortured soul. Another novel took us on a voyage to China. The childhood of Jeanette Walls, set primarily in Arizona and West Virginia, was described in her memoir in both humorous and heart-wrenching terms. We traveled to Pakistan and with Teddy Roosevelt to the Amazon. We were educated about the Triangle Waist Factory fire in New York City and the Dust Bowl years in Texas and Oklahoma. We concluded our year with the plight of the Lost Boys of Sudan.

#### CREATIVE LIVING

Two new members joined this section bringing the total membership to 59. This section began the year with a superb field trip to the Osgood Hornbachers. Meeting twice each month, many of the programs were inspiring such as Mark Knutson's



**NUTS!** Join us for this traditional fund raiser – the nut sale. The envelope in this newsletter is placed for your convenience so fill it out and get it in quickly. We have a supplier that gives us the **FRESHEST** nuts available shipped to us directly from California. They make wonderful gifts and are great for baking.



## Section News

enthusiasm for the Fargo Marathon, tips for wise stewardship of energy supplies from Cass Co Electric, the many talents of Fargoan Vernon Youngs, and a repeat performance from David Ferreira who “tickled the ivories” at the traditional Christmas Luncheon. Members learned of new ways to get involved in our community from representatives from RSVP, New Life Center, and Youthworks. Additional lessons learned were the importance of preplanning for the end of life, finding truth in food labeling, and the value of those who go on medical mission trips.

### DRAMA

Nineteen meetings were held this past year for a membership of 33 people. Characteristically, programs centered on some aspect of the theater. In addition, this year we expanded to include Hollywood films with a program on the history of animation and a preview of the films nominated for an Oscar. The following is a partial list of programs that were presented this year: the role of women who have been directors of the Little Country Theater at NDSU, Tennessee William’s one-act play by the “Divas”, readings from Shakespeare and a detailed glimpse of a Native American Pow Wow.

### GARDEN

Twenty members spent this year learning about a range of plants, gardens, and nature! A “bounty” of growing tips was learned through programming from the early signs of spring in March with a lesson on growing orchids at home, to many summer and fall field trips including Wildwood in Erhard, the River Keepers Living Lab along the banks of the Red River in south Fargo, a horticulture garden tour of the NDSU Campus, birds, butterflies & wildflowers in a Barnesville garden, and bonsai Trees in Hitterdahl.

### HISTORY

Meeting twice a month, this section has two new members bringing the total to thirty. This year’s study was centered on Africa: its history, geography and current difficulties. The topics were researched and presented by individual members, and included a look at the different countries in Africa, medical products, the role of women, health and education. The topic for 2008-09 will be based on the theme “Who or What was First in the Red River Valley.”

### INVESTMENT

Hour and a half meetings focus on education about new stocks or business areas for investments. Every quarter, Dan Gaffre, broker for Investment Section, spoke about the trends in the market, and assisted in evaluating the current portfolio. Meeting

dates are the third Thursday of every month.

### SPORTS

Membership of the Sports Section includes 59 individuals with ten new members this year. Forty-two bowlers met every Thursday afternoon at The Bowler and the eight members of the Scrabble Group met on Thursday mornings at The Bowler in the fall and are now meeting at the Fine Arts Clubhouse on Monday mornings.

### 2008 - 2009 BUDGET

Membership dues provide over half of the FAC income in the 2008-09 budget. Projects will contribute about 32% which is less than last year because of the success of last year’s cookbook sales. CD income is budgeted at \$1500 in the operating budget even though total income from CDs will be about \$5,900. House-related expenditures make up the majority of the club’s expenses, including utilities, maintenance and the house manager’s salary.

Our deposit assets include 2 CDs, a savings account and a checking account. The income from the \$100,000 Ruth Plath CD is used to supplement our operating budget. We also have the Lizzie Watson Fund which is used for repairs and improvements to the house. Each year five dollars of your membership dues is deposited to this fund.

<b>Income</b>		
Membership	\$11,100	50%
Projects	7,000	32%
CD Interest	3,600	16%
Miscellaneous	<u>500</u>	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,200</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Utilities	\$ 7,450	34%
Bldg Maintenance	7,600	34%
Employee	5,000	22%
Yearbook & Newsletter	1,500	7%
Other	<u>650</u>	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,200</b>	

### FINE ARTS ON THE WEB

Have a question about Fine Arts Club? Curious about section programs? For answers to these questions and for timely information, check out the new website. Thanks to Winnie Stadter, the club has a professionally designed and updated site filled with key information about the projects and programs of Fine Arts.

**thefineartsclub.com**

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## New Members & Special Event

WELCOME TO  
THESE  
NEW MEMBERS:

Kari Cenicerros  
Deb Grant  
Jane Grove  
Trish Kaul  
Mary Moberg  
Jami Olson  
Lisa Schwinden

## Membership Brunch & Style Show

*Friday, September 26, 2008*

*9:00 am Social with cash bar*

*10:00 am Brunch*



*Fargo Country Club  
506 26<sup>th</sup> Ave South*

*Fashions featuring: Talbots,  
Chico's  
and Sherry's Boutique*

Advance tickets \$15 may be purchased  
from your Section  
Membership Representative by Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a guest or  
prospective member to learn about the Fine Arts Club  
and its members!

Contact LeeAnn Townsend at 588-4540 for more  
information