Badlands Art Association Newsletter

March 2023

Upcoming Events:

- Trio of Artists: Ryan Schaffer, Weston Voss and Aaron Anderson on May 24th-June 17th.
- Medora's Cowboy Gathering May 27-29th
 - o If you are interested in submitting, please see the Badlands Art Association post on Facebook for the link.



Previous Events:

Ashley Knowlen: Featured Artist

January – February 2023



Knowlen's First Gallery Exhibit

By: Meghan Bartz

Ashley Knowlen's love for photography started at a very young age. She has always loved looking at photos. And as a child, she would always ask her grandma to dig out her photo albums and study each photo. She loves the idea of capturing a moment forever.

She got her first camera in 7th grade from her mom for Christmas. It was a Fujifilm Finepix camera. She was elated and took 100s of photos that day. Later at her aunt's house, her and her cousin took expressive photos outside.

Knowlen loves creative photography and is inspired by pushing the boundaries on how we take pictures of people. She enjoys putting a fun spin on a photo shoot. In the spring of 2019, she bought her first DLSR (digital single-reflex) camera with the intention of taking photos of her daughter's life when she was born. A friend of hers saw the photos and asked if she would be willing to take photos for her. The photos were posted online, word spread and becoming a professional photographer just fell into place.

Put your Best Face Forward Portrait Exhibition

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Jerome Schwindt, 88, was asked to submit a piece for the gallery (pictured above) for the portrait show. He started creating art in May of 2022 and first painted on canvas in June of the same year. He says he envisions what he wants to paint, traces it, and brings it to life with a paint brush.

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Abbreviated Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2023

Treasurer's report: Ending balance to checking for the month of February is \$17,356.66.

Secretary's minutes: Printed for attendees and filed.

Old Business:

I. Elections:

- A. Executive Board: President—Tod Winter (Fahlsing moved, Henderson 2nd), Vice President—Sara Welk-Anderson (Fahlsing moved, Henderson 2nd), Secretary—Ruth Heley (Henderson moved, Winter 2nd), Treasurer: Rebecca Ferderer proposed, but not formally elected yet.
- B. Publicity: Web and Social Media—Chantel Fugere with Rebecca Ferderer and Print Media—Meghan Bartz with Ashley Knowlen (flyers)
- C. Annual Show Chair: Tod Winter
- D. Outreach and Activities Chair: Elizabeth Henderson
- E. Fundraising and Grant Writing: Elizabeth Henderson, Rebecca Ferderer and all members helping
- F. Membership: Crystal Fahlsing
- G. Art Instructor's Liaison—Elizabeth Henderson
- H. Gallery Manager and Business Manager: Crystal Fahlsing assisted by Henderson, Chantel and Ryan
- II. <u>Summer Workshop Planning</u>: Henderson is researching artists. She is looking at Medora as a location. She will be working with the Theodore Roosevelt Foundation in terms of venue and other amenities.
- III. <u>Update on Grid system donations and purchase</u>: We obtained sufficient funds to purchase the enough grids to replace the white standards, but the cost of shipping is about equal to the cost of the grids themselves. Several options were discussed in regards to shipping. The sample triangle grid we purchased looks fine.
- IV. <u>Paint and Sip Classes, update</u>: The class which Henderson instructs for March 25th is currently sold-out. Henderson will be gone at the time scheduled for the April class, so she has acquired a substitute teacher.
- V. <u>Transfer of website and email</u>: Secretary needs to contact the person currently managing the site.
- VI. <u>Update on newsletter</u>: Heley and Bartz need to do further coordination to get this going.

VII. Gallery Shows:

- A. Portraits (March 1-24th)—reception on March 9th 3-6. Tell as many friends and family to come to the reception as you can. Artwork MUST BE PICKED UP March 25th from 2-5.
- B. We will hold a contest: people may take portraits of themselves with the portraits in the gallery, post it to BAG Facebook page and be entered for a prize.

- C. Gallery is closed then for DSU show.
- D. 2nd show: Trio of Artists—Ryan Schaefer, Weston Voss and Aaron Anderson on May 24th-June 17th.

New Business and Announcements:

- I. <u>Post card give-away for the gallery</u>: We would like to encourage artists to offer their work to be printed onto postcards for a free give-away in the gallery.
- II. <u>Bylaws</u>: They need to be typed and sent to a work committee—maybe this summer.
- III. Family Fare receipt program: Discontinued.

IV. <u>Membership:</u>

- A. Membership form: Look for updates and web access to the form. Look for membership stickers in the mail for members.
- V. <u>Meeting time</u>: CHANGED—regular monthly meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month at 5:30.
- VI. Donation Jars: We would like to place donation jars in area businesses.
- VII. <u>Taube Museum, Minot:</u> The traveling exhibit of 2022-2023 student show will be at the Dickinson Museum soon. The entry deadline for the 2023-2024 student exhibit is April 4th. Art must be received at the Taube by that date. <u>NDSAS Prospectus 2023 web with cover letter.pdf</u> (taubemuseum.org)

VIII. Digital Art:

- A. Digital Art will be a new category for the Annual Show.
- B. A working definition will aid in placing art in the appropriate category.
 - 1. Digital Art: Any artistic work or practice that uses digital technology as part of the creative or presentation process. It can also refer to computational art that uses and engages with digital media.
 - 2. Digital photography is currently thought to remain the category of Photography.