

Call For Artists

The Lyle Glass Memorial Western Arts Show brought to you by the Badlands Art Association and the Dakota Cowboy Poetry Gathering

40th Annual Dakota Cowboy Poetry Gathering

May 23rd and 24th, 2026

Hours: Saturday, May 23, 2026 11:00am-7:30pm

Sunday, May 24, 2026 11:00am-7:30pm

Medora Community Center

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number/s: _____

Email: _____

Work #1 title: _____

Medium: _____

Category: _____

Circle: For Sale Not-For-Sale

Price: _____

Work #2 title: _____

Medium: _____

Category: _____

Circle: For Sale Not-For-Sale

Price: _____

Work #3 title: _____

Medium: _____

Category: _____

Circle: For Sale Not-For-Sale

Price: _____

Work #4 title: _____

Medium: _____

Category: _____

Circle: For Sale Not-For-Sale

Price: _____

Work #5 title: _____

Medium: _____

Category: _____

Circle: For Sale Not-For-Sale

Price: _____

Please label all works on the backside with your name, phone number, title of work, and price or “not-for-sale”.

Call for Artist forms should be emailed to ruth.heley@gmail.com or sent by mail to Ruth Heley, 522 Sims St., Dickinson, ND 58601 by **Monday, May 11, 2026**.

Drop off times at the Medora Community Center: Friday afternoon, May 22nd from 3:00-5:00 and Saturday morning, May 23, 2025: 8am-10:30am.

Art pickup time: Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Total due: equals number of works times \$10 _____

(Please bring submission fees to the art drop-off if emailing or pay with Venmo)

Categories and Details

- Art Submission Fee: \$10 per art piece.
- Art pieces can be priced for sale.
- No commission is taken on art sales. Customers are asked to pay with cash or check written directly to artist.
- Cash prizes for each category based on the amount of entries per category. Spectators will vote on their favorite in each category and for overall “people’s choice” award.
- Any art media may be used for any category: i.e. oil, acrylic, watercolor, photography, digital drawing print, graphite, charcoal, pastel, leather carving/sculpture, mixed media, printmaking, glass, 3-dimensional, etc. Email Ruth Heley at ruth.heley@gmail.com or Marie Odermann at westernarts@yahoo.com if you are unsure.

This Year’s Art Show Categories are:

- Western/Rural Landscapes: Depictions of vast prairies, rugged mountains and badlands, deserts, canyons, and other iconic Western landscapes. Sunsets, pastures, starry night skies, fields with flowers and trees.
- Plants and Flowers: Studies featuring our native grasses, plants and flowers
- Western Portraits: Artworks showcasing the faces and characters of cowboys, ranchers, pioneers, rodeo cowboys and other Western figures, real or imaginary. Also, western legends and icons inspired by legendary figures of the American West, such as Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp, Calamity Jane, and Annie Oakley.
- Wildlife of the West: Artworks featuring native animals of the American West, such as bison, bear, wolves, deer, pronghorn, coyotes, eagles, snakes, and wild horses.
- Cowboy/Ranch/Farm Life: Scenes portraying everyday life on the frontier, ranch or farm, including cattle drives, ranching activities, campfire gatherings, planting, harvest, cows, farm animals, horses, brandings, machinery, etc.
- Western Heritage: Artworks that celebrate the traditions, history, and folklore of the American West, including Native American culture, pioneer life, and cowboy folklore. Artworks that explore themes of freedom, adventure, resilience, and the mythos of the Western life.
- Western Architecture, Gear and Tools: Depictions of iconic Western structures such as old saloons, ranch houses, barns, and ghost towns, cowboy equipment, including saddles, lassos, spurs, cowboy hats, and old-fashioned firearms.
- The West in Monochrome: Artworks using any of the above Western themes expressed only in black and white or monochrome. Again, any media is welcome.