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FIRST Friday

Galleries, Businesses Band Together
For Monthly Artistic Adventure

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The third time's a charm — that's the philosophy of local artists as they dive into the First Friday event tonight in Yankton, running from 5-7 p.m. After little success with an area art night in April, then another in June — which built some momentum — Pam Meylor of the Yankton Area Arts Association is certain this new, regular event can be a winner.

"We thought it would be a little more productive for all of us to work together," she said of the collaboration formed with area art enthusiasts. Other art venues involved besides the G.A.R. Gallery include the Art House Gallery and OneTen Gallery.

But galleries aren't the only businesses part of First Friday, as downtown stores and non-profit organizations are, too.

"It's not exclusive by any stretch of the imagination," Meylor said. "Ideally, we'd be really excited to see more downtown businesses stay open two more hours."

For this First Friday event, LilyCrest and the Pantry, two downtown businesses, will stay open until 7 p.m. The Lewis and Clark Theatre Company, which will be holding its second weekend of "My Fair Lady," will also be open to the public before the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

This week's River City section features two area artists whose works will be on display at OneTen Art Gallery on Friday.

STEVE KACZMAREK

Colorblindness and art may sound like a complicated combination, but local artist Steve Kaczmarek — who is nearly 90 percent colorblind — works with his disability to create beautiful pieces of dichroic and stained glass.

"I can't retain color knowledge," he said. "I have to reinvent it every time. I don't retain color combinations, either."

Kaczmarek was diagnosed with colorblindness during a high school physical — but his fascination for art came when he was just a kid, long before he even knew there was anything wrong.

"I was coloring yellow Bugs Bunnies and green ones with stripes with red tops and blue bottoms," he said. "No one said anything."

The North Carolina native moved to Yankton about four months ago and has continued his online stained glass business, spending most days in his home studio creating stained glass jewelry, windows and even doors. His specialty, the dichroic glass, is different from regular stained glass because it has multiple micro-layers of metal oxides, giving the glass a different look and texture.

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Local art galleries and businesses are joining forces to offer a monthly First Friday series for the Yankton community, spotlighting artists and area offerings. TOP: Steve Kaczmarek creates dichroic stained glass jewelry, bevels, windows and doors. The local artist will be at OneTen Art Gallery tonight, showing some pieces and talking about his work. CENTER: Jacob Kidney of the Art House Gallery in downtown Yankton displays a painting by Brookings artist Lacy Lee Weaver, whose work is being featured. BOTTOM: Alaska native Dan Bartos finds time to make pottery, yet work as a full-time teacher in O'Neill, Neb. The local artist, and father of six kids, will be part of Yankton's first First Friday event, showing his work at OneTen Art Gallery. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



Sweet Harmonies To Flow At Achievement Days

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It is difficult to limit the stylings of Sweetwater to only one genre. That is because the vocal trio — made up of sisters Nancy Klimisch and Renae Gale, along with long-time friend Jan Schiferl — sing just about everything they learn and love.

In fact, when the women couldn't decide on a name for their group, a friend of Schiferl's thought of the perfect name, fitting both the ladies and their style.

"She said, 'I think that you guys should call yourselves Sweetwater because you're just like water that flows together — just like one sweet

harmony,'" Schiferl said. "We're like, 'That works.'"

The well-known Yankton group has been performing together for 17 years, singing at Christmas parties, conferences and the annual Riverboat Days celebration. The group performs during the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days at 5 p.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds.

And the ladies have experience singing for fair crowds — they've sung in about six states for state and county fairs. While in the past Sweetwater sang a lot of country music, the group has really opened up its song bank, Gale said.

"We look at the audience and then we adjust our songs to what the audience is," she said.

"They want stuff they can relate to or sing along with," Klimisch added.

The group is influenced by other harmonizing artists, from the early McGuire Sisters to present-day SheDaisy. Sweetwater performs mostly family-oriented cover songs, but they also have some original material.

The ladies are working on some new material, including a couple of familiar oldies featured on the television sitcom "Glee." Their favorite songs to perform are the Andrews Sisters hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and the Dixie Chicks' arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

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The local vocal trio Sweetwater will perform at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days. The group, which has sung together for 17 years, will also perform at Riverboat Days later this month.

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