

Collaborative Exhibit Set For MMC

"Rivers, Wings and Sky," a collaborative exhibit of Nancy Losacker's mosaics and Norma Wilson's poems, will be on display at Mount Marty College's Bede Art Gallery in Marion Auditorium, beginning Sept. 30. Hours are from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Five years ago, the artist and poet met on a bank of the Missouri River to plan their first collaboration. Losacker and Wilson say that from that point, "the river, native birds, sky, butterflies, landscape, history of southeastern South Dakota and each

other's work" have inspired them. While they are "saddened by the growing threats to their paradise," through their collaboration, they have grown more aware of the "beauty of the living river and the on-going cycle of life." They enjoy juxtaposing their visual art and poetic expressions, feeling that they "speak together more powerfully than they would alone."

Four of their collaborations have been in P3 (Painters, Poets and Pavilion) exhibitions at Washington Pavilion's Visual Arts Center in Sioux

Falls. They have also exhibited at Washington Street Arts Center in Vermillion. Bede Gallery's show of eight paired works was made possible by a Collaboration grant Losacker and Wilson received this year from the South Dakota Arts Council.

The exhibit closes Nov. 22 with a reception from 2-4 p.m. That afternoon Wilson and Losacker will present a poetry reading and gallery talk at 3 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.



Nancy Losacker's mosaic, "Sisters Watching for Fish," is paired with Norma Wilson's poem "Cherries Waiting" in the collaborative exhibit "Rivers, Wings and Sky," which opens Sept. 30 at Mount Marty College's Bede Art Gallery.

Seeking Senior Art Sought For SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks

The South Dakota Health Care Association (SDHCA), Home Federal Bank and KELOLAND Television announce that Entry Forms are available for the 17th annual SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks Art Show. The SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks Art Show is open to all South Dakota citizens age 60 and older.

Entries will be accepted at the South Dakota Health Care Association Office located at 804 N Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, Sept. 30-Oct. 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Exhibit Show will be held Oct. 28-29 at the Good Samaritan Society in Sioux Falls. Free admission to the public.

SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks was created to showcase the talent and creativity of South Dakotans over the age of 60. "The second half of life is full of creative growth and fulfillment, and SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks demonstrates that reality," said SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks Coordinator LuAnn Severson. The competition is open to every citizen of South Dakota age 60 and older. The winning entries will be exhibited at various sites throughout South Dakota following the Sioux Falls Show.

Categories include watercolor painting, oil painting, acrylic painting, drawing/pastels, photography, sculpture and wood carving. A first (\$75), second (\$50), and third (\$25) place award will be given in each of the categories. In addition, judges will select a Best of Show (\$100). A People's Choice (\$100) will also be awarded.

This year's artwork for the poster titled, "Fire and Ice" was drawn by last year's People's Choice winner, Lorraine Pearson of Sioux Falls. To receive an entry form contact: SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks, 804 N Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or call LuAnn Severson, SDHCA, 339-2071 or 1-800-952-3052. Entry Forms and entry information may also be found by visiting www.sdhca.org and follow the link under SDHCA Dakota MasterWorks.

Local Reporter Authors His First Novel

An area reporter has completed his first novel, which went on sale Sept. 24.

Travis Gulbrandson has worked for Yankton Media for almost six years, and now is expanding to the realm of fiction with his book, "The Believers."

The novel's plot is as follows: Edith Parker has been a widow for 10 years, but she tries to keep her husband's memory alive by carrying a picture of him from room to room. Then, on the anniversary of his death, she is visited by a young man who claims to have a message from him. On the promise of further communications with the deceased, Mrs. Parker invites the mysterious stranger to live with her.

While this visitation first seems like the answer to her prayers, she soon finds her actions may have started a chain of events that yield tragic consequences for everyone she cares about.

Dark, at times suspenseful, infused with black humor, "The Believers" examines a number of issues relating to the nature of faith, but it never tells the reader what to think.

Gulbrandson has been a reporter for more than a decade and has worked for publications in such places as South Dakota, Colorado and New Mexico. In that time his work has been recognized by The Associated Press and the South Dakota Newspaper Association.

"The Believers" will be available online exclusively, in an electronic version.

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