

WEST NEBRASKA ARTS CENTER

2010 summer newsletter



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DIVINE ABSTRACTIONS

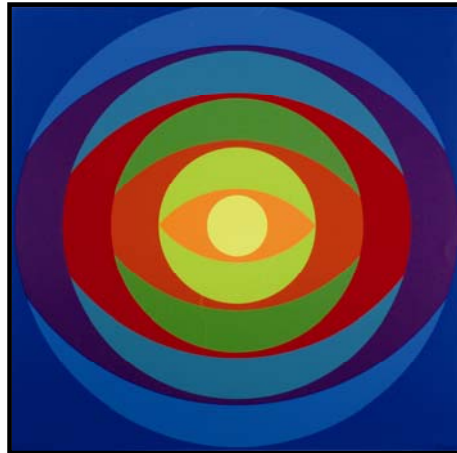
June 10 - July 10, 2010

The West Nebraska Arts Center with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council, and 2009-2010 Sheldon Statewide, are pleased to present *Divine Abstractions - Spiritual Expressions in Art*. Twenty-one works of art from the permanent collection of the Sheldon Museum of Art comprise *Divine Abstractions*. Paintings, prints, photographs and sculpture by artists such as Josef Albers, Hans Arp, Corita Kent, Gustave Baumann, Helen Lundeberg, and Salvador Dali are included. Join us in the gallery on Thursday, June 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the exhibit's opening reception. Thursday's reception at West

Nebraska Arts Center is also a Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

Visit the gallery to view *Divine Abstractions* through July 10th. The exhibit and opening reception are free and open to the public. *Divine Abstractions* is sponsored locally by C.A.R.E. Chiropractic and Platte Valley Companies.

Left: Herbert Bayer, *Yellow Centre*, 1970, serigraph, 29.5 x 29.5", UNL - Gift of Saul Steinberg through the Martin S. Ackerman Foundation.



In the 19th century, artists responded to a new narrative of an unbounded universal spirit. They moved away from the Enlightenment's rationalism, the realism of traditional artwork, and conventional religious iconography to produce private and intensely meditative images depicting the divine as the eternal infinite. At the beginning of the 20th century, artists developed expressive new art forms in response to the extraordinary conceptions of reality produced by microscopic biology, astronomy, psychology and physics.

From its inception, abstract art was misunderstood or rejected as too difficult to comprehend. Often critics and the public were unaware that the artist was using intuitive forms and visual cues devoid of objective references to express the divine presence within reality. Not every abstract artist was spiritually inspired, but Wassily Kandinsky, Lionel Feininger, Abraham Rattner, and Mark Tobey among others in this exhibition sought to express the inner necessity or divine in their artwork.

Sheldon Statewide 2009-2010 explores the evolving portrayals of the divine and the impetus to fuse the sacred, art, and the new realities of science. Educational opportunities include material for adults and children available on the Sheldon web site and docent training. This exhibition is organized by Sheldon Statewide, an outreach program of the Sheldon Museum of Art, the Sheldon Art Association and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



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YOUR WINDOW ON THE ARTS

GALLERY

The gallery at West Nebraska Arts Center features a variety of original artwork with a new exhibit each month.

Expand your postcard collection! Members of WNAC receive postcards announcing each new gallery exhibit. If you are not currently a member, call our office and donate an annual membership gift. You'll be informed of all WNAC events and you'll be supporting your community Arts Center. How smart of you!



VISITOR COMMENTS

1/8/10 - "Great diversity."
- Harrison, NE

1/27/10 - "Wow & right here in our corner of the world!"
- Scottsbluff, NE

2/08/10 - "Beautiful Photography!"
- Bend, OR

3/18/10 - "Lovely show!"
- Denver, CO

3/26/10 - "Seeing things as they are in a new way."

4/07/10 - "Wonderful display of our local emerging talent."
- Alliance, NE

4/15/10 - "Very talented youths."
- Phoenix, AZ

5/11/10 - "Great!"
- Orange Park, FL

5/20/10 - "Very creative, thank you!!"
- Salt Lake City, UT



GALLERY SPONSORS

January 2010:
Audrey and Lou Towater

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March 2010:
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April 2010:
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May 2010:
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June 2010:



THANK YOU!

Sponsors of the West Nebraska Arts Center Gallery are helping to keep this window on the arts available within our community 6 days a week. Sponsors also contribute toward keeping the gallery free of charge – making it truly accessible to everyone.

GALLERY SCHEDULE

June 10 – July 10, 2010:

Divine Abstractions

MEMBERS-ONLY PREVIEW:

Wednesday, June 9th, 6-8 p.m.

Opening Reception:

Thursday, June 10th, 5-7 p.m.

July 13 – August 1, 2010:

2010 President's Show: LAW

Opening Reception:

Tuesday, July 13th, 6-8pm

August 6 - 29, 2010:

Graham Gallery Artists

Opening Reception:

Friday, August 6th, 6-8pm

September 3 - 25, 2010:

Artists of the Black Hills

Opening Reception:

Friday, September 3rd, 6-8pm

October 1 - 30, 2010:

Yelena Khanevskaya

Opening Reception:

Friday, October 1st, 6-8pm

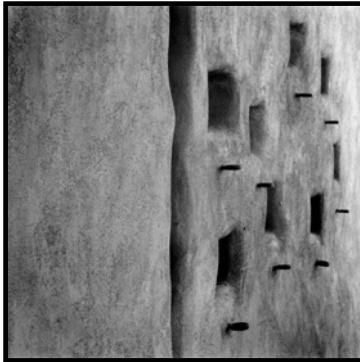
CALL FOR ARTISTS - LAW

entries accepted: July 5 – 10, 2010

It's the LAW! Artists ages 18 and older are invited to submit artwork that conveys an interpretation of LAW such as: law of gravity, law of nature, The Ten Commandments, rules, leaders, mathematics, structure, invariables, or even the absence of law, things that are forbidden by law! Note to all gorillas planning to visit Massachusetts: "No Gorilla is allowed in the back seat of any car." Have fun with the theme. It's the LAW!

Laura Bentz, M.F.A., Associate Professor, Visual and Performing Arts Department at Chadron State College will select one \$200.00 cash award (Best of Show) and three \$25.00 Honorable Mention cash awards. Stacy Petitt, WNAC Board President will select a \$100.00 cash President's Choice Award.

Entry forms are available at the West Nebraska Arts Center, 106 East 18th Street in Scottsbluff, and online at www.thewnac.com.



Above: Philip Augustin, *Octave*, 2008, gelatin silver print.

Below: Patsy Smith, *Devil's Tower*, watermedia.



Left: 2010 Visionaries Student Art Exhibit, BEST OF SHOW: Morgan Therios, Gering High School, *The Man of Science*, 2010, ceramic.



Right: 2010 Visionaries Student Art Exhibit, Audrey Towater Award, Shelby Lyon, Gering High School, *Fugu*, 2010, charcoal.

Left: Visitors enjoy the 2010 Juried Art Exhibit.



THANK YOU NORTH PLATTE VALLEY ARTIST GUILD

Many of the opening receptions at WNAC are catered by members of the NPVAG. Guild members have also been assisting our staff with the installation and lighting of gallery exhibits. But that's not all! NPVAG has recently donated funds for an Art Camp scholarship!

NPVAG meets at the West Nebraska Arts Center on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All artists in the North Platte Valley are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

WNAC is a 501c3 non-profit organization supported by those who believe in its mission (THAT'S YOU!). Through assistance from national and state arts organizations and our memberships we are able to provide artists a lively public venue to share their talents with our community. Admission to the gallery is kept free of charge thanks to our patrons' memberships. Our nonprofit organization needs your continued support.

As you may know, membership includes discounts on tickets to select events, a 5% discount on gallery and gift shop purchases, newsletters, notice of all activities, and a good connection to the Arts in our area. Memberships make a great gift! To establish a gift membership, call the office: 308-632-2226.



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as of June 3, 2010

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Right:
 "Old Men," from the Los Guadalupanos
 Dancers perform as part of CENTER
 STAGE, March 2010.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who gives a membership gift to help strengthen West Nebraska Arts Center.

If you are not a current member, we would love to have you join our organization. Call 308-632-2226.

WNAC MEMBER EMAILS

Our office would like to obtain email addresses from New Members. Please send a quick email to: mason@nebraskarts.com and we will add you to our membership list. Thank you for your help in keeping our operating costs down.



Stay connected to WNAC events via facebook.



THANK YOU!
 Your membership supports our gallery, Monument Children's Theater, performing arts, classes, Art Camp, museum exhibits and much more.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time to help strengthen our programming. Our staff appreciates the help you've given us in the gallery, help in our office, at performing arts events, classes, and during Monument Children's Theater. We just can't thank you enough:

Irene Anderson, Krista Baird, Frank and Betty Balderson, Julie Brown, Mindy Burbach, Brittany Charles, Devin Charles, Rick Charles, Ron Charles, Michele Denton, Rich and Laurie Goss, Peppi Gutierrez, Sandy Harrach, Jo Haslow, Judy Hinze, Doug Hoevet, Mary Hunt, Paul Janda, Leslie Jordan, Tami Lippstreu, Shirley May, Mike Meister, Andy Newman, Russ Noel, Cara Perkins, Rebecca Pilkington, David Pritchard, Bob Rader, Marv Richard, Kathy Richardson, Diana Shaddick, Music & More, Christie Shaver, Mary Ann Shockley, Larry Soto, Lena Soto, Jeanie Stanko, Bill and Deborah Vlcek, Dayle Wallien, Cheryl Wilkinson and Barb Williams. And to all parents of MCT actors we may have missed – thank you!

We would especially like to thank the CENTER STAGE performing artists for sharing their talents with our community:

Lindsay Jackson
Los Guadalupanos
Ron Charles
The Drivin' Dynamics
Martin Gilmore
Valley Arts Piano Ensemble

Thank you for supporting
the arts in your community!



NEW HOURS @ WNAC

To better serve our community, we are responding to several requests to be open more hours on weekends. New hours for the West Nebraska Arts Center will be as follows:

CLOSED MONDAYS

Tuesday - Friday:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The new hours will start June 10th with the opening of the *Divine Abstractions* exhibit.

Be sure to stop in and visit the gallery on Sunday afternoons and enjoy coffee and refreshments.

Gallery admission is FREE!



Above: Philip V. Augustin, *Railing and Shadow, Santa Fe, 2008*, gelatin silver print.



Photo by Richard Schaneman



2-week camp

June 14-17, 21-24, 2010

1-5 p.m. each day
Monday - Thursday

West Nebraska Arts Center
106 East 18th Street in Scottsbluff

Open to ages 10-14

\$140. each participant
\$100. wnac members
(includes all materials and t-shirt)

This camp is limited to
24 participants.

Youth ages 10-14 will be engaged with a variety of fun workshops (see below) instructed by an expert team of arts professionals. It's a great way to sharpen existing skills or to try something new. Register at WNAC or download the registration form at www.thewnac.com. **Please register on or before Friday, June 11th.**

ATC - Artist Trading Cards

Instructor: Lena Soto

Artist Trading Cards are miniature works of art created on 2.5"x3.5" card stock. They are original, small editions of self-produced art that anybody can make. Students will learn how ATCs got started and how to trade their ATCs. They will also learn various artist techniques from watercolor, collage, acrylic, fabric, etc., to make their own ATCs in the workshop to trade with fellow artists.

CLAYWORKS 2010

Instructor: Christie Shaver

Students will learn the basic techniques of hand-building, including pinch, coil and slab methods. They will create various forms such as mugs with handles, creature pots, coiled vessels, tiny houses, and textured coasters. Four items will be bisque fired and one item will be glaze fired at Create Away. Students will be called when the bisque fire is complete and items are ready to be picked up at the Arts Center.

Printmaking - Drypoint on Plexi

Instructor: Mason Burbach

Participants will create an edition of drypoint prints on an etching press using their own original design. A print exchange will conclude this workshop, so each participant will receive a print by each artist.

Acting - Project your Talent

Instructor: Julie Meister

Actors will learn techniques that will assist them with the audition process, characterization and movement on stage. The group will also delve into the mystery of vocabulary, intonation, enunciation and inflection.

Who Am I?

Instructor: Gretchen Peters

The self portrait has always been the artist's way to reveal who he or she is. This project explores seven different aspects of one's personality through a series of observations.

MONSTER MASKS!

Instructor: Mason Burbach

My favorite definition of "monster" includes the description, "deviating from the normal." Participants will create unusual masks using paper mache and acrylic paint. The workshop ends with a MONSTROUS group photo!



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