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**NDCA announces North Dakota artist's works on exhibit at the Capitol**

NDCA, along with the offices of State Treasurer Kelly Schmidt, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, will be exhibiting the works of Minot artist, Patricia Marquard at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of January, February and March. Marquard's work will be on display in the Treasurer's third floor office, and the Attorney General's first floor office.

Artists looking to represent their region with art work placed in the Capitol can submit a brief resume along with links to their work to the North Dakota Council on the Arts, 1600 East Century Avenue, Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58503. Artists are selected for quarterly display.

Pat Marquard, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and Minot State University, has been active in the arts in the Minot area, as well as the Midwestern United States. She has been an art teacher as well as an elementary, preschool, and music teacher in Minot and area schools. She currently heads the Art and Music Departments at White Shield School.

Her involvement in the community has included teaching *Summer Adventures at the Taube* and *Arts in the Schools* for the Minot Area Council on the Arts. She enjoys demonstrating painting techniques for *Arts in the Parks*, *Artfest*, and the painting class at MSU upon invitation. As a grant writer Ms. Marquard likes to bring NDCA's Artist in Residencies to her school.

Pat has received awards for her art in various shows and exhibits in the Midwestern United States. She participates in events for the Minot Art Association and the North Dakota Museum of Art. She is a member of the Minot City Band, Minot Community Band, Brass Band of Minot, and sings with Voices of Note. Her artwork is sold in local shops including Suite 1, Minot, and in art auctions in several North Dakota cities. A high point of her career was representing North Dakota with her handcrafted western meadowlark Christmas ornament, which was hung on the White House Christmas Tree in 2002.

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