



NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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North Dakota Artist's Works Exhibited in Offices of the Governor and First Lady

The North Dakota Council on the Arts, along with the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, are exhibiting the works of Cooperstown artist Gretchen Baird-Kottke at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of January, February and March. Kottke's works will be on display in the Governor's ground floor and first floor offices, the First Lady's fourth floor office, and the Attorney General's first floor office.

This is part of an ongoing program between the NDCA and the offices of the Governor and First Lady. Artists looking to represent their region with art work placed in the offices of the governor and first lady can submit a brief resume along with photographs or slides of 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.

Gretchen Baird-Kottke was born in Bemidji, Minnesota in 1942. Kottke works predominantly in oil painting. Kottke's work centers on the truth that all life has one thing in common: that our Earth is the home to all life as we know it and that the prime goal for each of us should be to put ourselves in "unison with the Earth's natural order." Even though much of the work is figurative, the figures are intended to reflect the isolation felt when there is disruption from the natural order of things.

She studied art at Jamestown College and the University of North Dakota. She has had solo exhibits in Fargo and Grand Forks, ND. Kottke has been invited to, and exhibited in many group shows throughout her career. In 1994, Kottke returned to her home town of Cooperstown, ND. She opened the GK Art Gallery that featured regional artists. The gallery closed in 2003. She continues to live in Cooperstown where she makes art and is a partner in the firm of Renaissance Engineering and Testing, Inc. To learn more visit <https://www.facebook.com/gretchen.kottke>; or contact Gretchen directly at (701) 797-7678; e-mail: gkgallery@invisimax.

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