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

The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA), along with the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, are exhibiting the works of Grand Forks artist Sandy Brandt at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of January, February and March. Brandt's work is 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.

Artists looking to represent their region with art work placed in the Capitol 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.

Sandy Brandt is currently the Program Director for the Lutheran Social Services Healthy Families program. She has a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary/Special Education from the University of North Dakota. Brandt also has a Master's of Science in Education from Vanderbilt University/George Peabody College for Teacher's and a Master's of Arts in Counseling from the University of North Dakota.

Brandt's early interest in photography began well before she received her first camera on her 12th birthday. Armed with black and white film and a Brownie camera, Brandt set out to capture the outdoors using natural light and creativity. Through the years she has traveled many back roads in the predawn hours, dodging potholes and getting soaked in the rain in pursuit of the perfect shot that captures the simple beauty of the world around us each day.

Since 2009, Brandt has been competing in photography competitions and has taken a number of Grand Champions and Grand Champions reserves as well as numerous first, second and third place ribbons for both black and white as well as color photography. She is known for her unique perspective of the North Dakota landscape and capturing remnants of passing times. She has art work in numerous states and provinces and most recently placed 13 award winning photographs at the Lutheran Social Services headquarters in Fargo. Brandt resides in Grand Forks, ND. Additional information and images may be found at www.waitforlight.com.

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