



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 (NDCA), along with the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, is exhibiting the works of Fargo artist Steve Knutson at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of April, May and June. Knutson'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.

Following is a biography of Steve Knutson:

Steve Knutson was born in Minot, North Dakota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Moorhead with an Art Education Degree with an emphasis in painting and drawing. Knutson currently lives in Fargo, North Dakota with his wife Becky and teaches art for Fargo Public Schools.

Artist Statement: As a painter and North Dakotan I feel it is necessary to create artwork that tells a story of who I am and where I am from. I try and achieve this goal with every painting I produce with recurring themes, images, and colors. I have found that my most recent work has begun to evolve and change, with regards to my color selections and paint application. This has helped me to embrace gestural mark making which has forced me to rely on my instincts while in the studio. To contact Steve, e-mail him at [steveknutsonart@hotmail.com](mailto:steveknutsonart@hotmail.com). For more information visit <http://steveknutson.wix.com/sknutson>; or view his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StevenKKnutson?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/StevenKKnutson?ref=hl).

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