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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, will be exhibiting the works of Towner artist Andrew Knudson at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of April, May and June. Knudson'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.

Artist Andrew Knudson is a born and raised North Dakotan, and his strong roots and love of the northern plains reflect strongly in his artwork. From modern working cowboys to a vast array of wildlife, Andrew is a part of each drawing and painting he completes. And like most award winning artists, Andrew works from experience. He is a former Champion Rodeo Cowboy and is now an avid outdoorsman, taking all of his unique experience to heart to someday transpose them to paper or canvas.

"My most popular work for the past several years has been my oil paintings on turkey feathers. They are hand-painted with small, soft brushes, then matted and framed under glass to ensure their longevity. They are primarily wildlife images, but I paint anything on a feather by request. Past custom feather paintings have included portraits, cars, buildings, rodeo images, and a lot of dogs. They start with 8X10s priced at \$100 and go up from there in size and price to full tail fans." Each piece is an original, and all are signed and numbered #1 of 1."

Andrew works out of his "Plains Perspective Studio/Gallery" in Towner. He specializes in custom artwork in any medium, from portraits to murals. For more information visit <u>www.plainsperspective.com</u>; or you can contact Andrew directly at (701) 537-5343, or e-mail: <u>andrewknudson@hotmail.com</u>.

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