



NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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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 Fargo artist Elizabeth Schwankl at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of April, May and June. Schwankl'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 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.

Elizabeth Schwankl (pronounced shwonkel) was born and raised in Minnesota. She has lived all of her adult life in Fargo. She and her husband, Bill, have two sons both now living in Bozeman, MT.

She has been a professional artist since 1989. Her professional training has come through nationally known artists such as Judi Betts, John T. Salminen, Cheng Khee Chee and Carl Dalio, among many others.

The name of her business is ARTrends Gallery. She creates art in her home studio and meets with clients in her South University office in Fargo. Her work has garnered numerous awards in regional and national art exhibitions. She is a signature member and past board member of the Red River Watercolor Society, and she has served as a juror of art fairs and the 2013 Student Art Exhibition at M State/Moorhead. Elizabeth was voted 'People's Choice for Favorite Artist' at the Street Fair in Fargo, and at the 2012 Artists Celebrating Christ (ACC) Art Show in Bismarck.

Elizabeth served on the Core Building and Liturgical Devotional Committees for the building of Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo, painted a 15' x19' mural for the church's Grief Shrine in 2012, and restored many of the church's statues.

As a member of the FM Visual Artists, Elizabeth takes part in the annual Studio Crawl every fall. She was awarded a grant from NDCA allowing her the experience of spending two separate weeks working one-on-one with a master iconographer. She was selected to paint a life-size bison for the LAAC 'Herd About the Prairie' which took top bid at the auction. In March of 2010 she was a featured artist at the Bismarck Arts and Galleries Association. Tim Ray included Schwankl in "Abstract 100 - 31 Artists - Abstract Art Southern Red River Valley 1954 - 2010" Exhibition and Catalog at MSUM in 2010.

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Her multimedia paintings range in style from non-objective abstract acrylics, such as the 33 hung in the award-winning Ramada Hotel in Fargo; to near photo realistic works such as the Bishop's portraits she was commissioned to paint, now hanging in the Bishop's residence in Fargo. To contact or learn more about Elizabeth Schwankl visit <http://elizabethschwanklart.com/>.

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