

Humboldt Arts & Culture Day

On September 30th, 2011 the Humboldt District Museum and the Humboldt Area Visual Arts Council participated in Culture Days by hosting an event which showcased local area artists. The event was held at the Humboldt District Museum & Gallery where people were encouraged to attend and participate in a variety of exciting art adventures!

Cynthia Stumborg, a visual artist from Humboldt lead a collaborative effort to create a large mural entitled "Give a Hand to Our Love of Nature". Participants were also encouraged to explore their creativity using a variety of media and demonstrate their work in smaller art form that they could take home.



Michael Saretsky, a professional woodcarver from Watson, demonstrated his wood carving techniques and allowed participants to try carving on a piece of cottonwood poplar bark. Michael supplied the tools required and his expertise to the carvers. Michael is a self taught artist and says that a lot of his creativity is in part related to the encouragement from his mother Marie Saretsky.

Elaina Adams, owner of Prairie Glass - Humboldt, explained the art of working with and fusing glass. Elaina allowed participants to work with glass of all shapes and colors working toward creating a glass magnet. Participants created their artwork which Elaina took home to be fused in her kiln. Participants will be called to pick up their artwork or have it mailed to them.



Photo: products of Flowers by Dellwood Creek

Artist Darlene Ford was available to show participants how to make their own piece of handmade paper. Papermaking is great for card-making, scrapbooking, creative letter writing and much more. Darlene explained the wide variety of products paper can be made from. Some on display included: blue jeans, grasses, Saskatoon berries, etc. Supplies for the afternoon were provided by Flowers of Dellwood Creek.

Marie Saretsky, from Flowers of Dellwood Creek, has been a papermaker since 1996 and uses fibres from different Saskatchewan plants to create her art.

I would like to congratulate the Humboldt District Museum and the Humboldt Area Visual Arts Council on a successful Culture Days Event! I enjoyed the afternoon experience and appreciated the opportunity to learn from and observe local artists at work here in the Prairie Central District.

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