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MUSEUM OF AGRARIAN ART

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NEWSLETTER

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The new year is fast upon us and with that a new series of exhibitions at Bone Creek. **Road Trip with Jennifer Homan**

The work of pastel artist Jennifer Homan from Kearney will be featured among pieces from Bone Creek's permanent collection. All of the artwork take a vantage point of "from the road." Think of all of the photos taken from car windows along scenic drives—that will be the theme surrounding Road Trip. Visitors will be encouraged to share their photos or stories of their own road trips.

Hal Holoun: Revisiting the Sublime Landscape

Hal Holoun is a well-known Nebraska landscape oil painter living in Bellevue with a long track record in the region. Hal describes this show as spring thaw dawn images and the Bohemian Alps.

Landmark Barns featuring Gary Ernest Smith, Jared Sanders and Simon Winegar

The painters have their own style that they bring to the subject; Smith is probably the most abstracted with graphic color fields, and Winegar's work has a more nostalgic feeling with

atmospheric effects. Sanders is in the middle. It will be educational to discuss the different perspective and style that each artist takes to the same subject.

T.B. Johnson: Impressionist Regionalism

Thomas Berger Johnson (d. 1968) was a Swedish Nebraska native who studied with Birger Sandzen. Johnson painted scenes in and around Lincoln in the bold, heavy impasto, impressionistic style of Sandzen. This show demonstrates Bone Creek's commitment to Regionalism as a major part of the artistic agrarian story.

Modern Texas Color Fields

Donna Walker of Fort Worth has a colorful, whimsical style of small paintings with thick paint. Her work naturally lends itself to children's story-telling. Children's stories about the paintings could be included as a part of the exhibition installation or presented later at some kind of event.

Celebrating Harvest (title TBD)

Chicago artist Cathi Schwalbe and Lincoln artist Margaret Berry will collaborate with one another and Bone Creek to create an art exhibition/project that may even extend beyond the confines of the museum walls. Both artists have a history of working with corn and additionally both artists are currently working with bees and beeswax. Margaret is mostly an encaustic artist and Cathi is a multi-media artist who works with clay, found objects, textiles, and skirts the line between art and social practice.



Permanent Collection

In addition to curating these new shows and bringing these artists' works to the museum, Bone Creek will also exhibit selections from its permanent

collection at least once in 2016. Dale Nichols remains the most sought after artist in the collection and his work will be a part of the public displays.

IMAGES

1. Jennifer Homan, 2. T.B. Johnson, 3. Simon Winegar, 4. Hal Holoun, 5. Margaret Berry, 6. Donna Walker



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12 NOV** Butler County Chamber of Commerce After Hours
Thurs., Nov. 12, 2015, 5:00pm
- 03 DEC** Volunteers Christmas Party
Thurs., Dec. 3, 2015, 3:00pm
- 03 JAN** A Feeling of Humanity:
Western Art from the Ken Ratner Collection, through Jan. 3, 2016
- 06 JAN** Road Trip with Jennifer Homan
Jan. 6 - May 1, 2016
- 13 JAN** Hal Holoun:
Revisiting the Sublime Landscape
Jan. 13 - May 8, 2016

Museum Hours

Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-4pm,
Thurs 10am-8pm
Sunday 1pm-4pm

Appointments and tours available

FREE admission

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Working behind the Scenes

Museum Staff:
Amanda Mobley Guenther, Curator
Amanda began as the museum's first employee in 2008. Now she serves as curator, part-time, working with the



exhibition committee and board of directors to plan exhibitions and grow the collection. She lives in Lincoln, Neb.



Gabrielle Comte, Office/Collections Manager

Gabrielle is a David City native who started as an intern at Bone Creek. She earned a BA in art from UNL in 2013. Gabrielle assists with collections activities, exhibitions, educational programs, and more.

Board of Directors:

- Tim Wollmer**, President, David City
- Michael Moravec**, Vice President, David City
- Anna Nolan (Covault)**, Treasurer, David City
- Ruth Thoendel**, David City, member of Education committee
- Carey Potter**, Friend, Neb., Marketing Chair
- Johnathan Hladik**, Craig, Neb., Fundraising Chair
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- Ron Clarke**, Bellwood, Neb., new in 2015, member of Exhibitions committee

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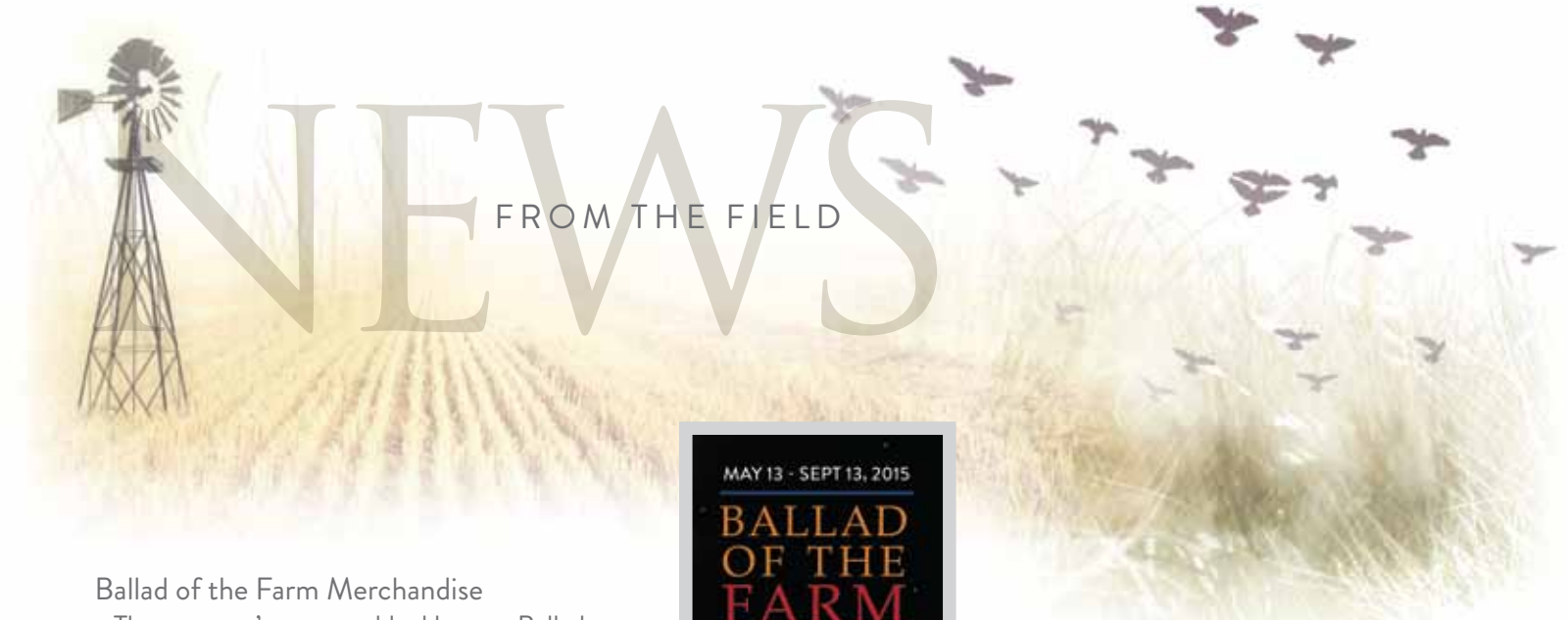
Upcoming Event

Volunteers are invited to a Christmas party on Dec. 3 at the museum. Join us at 3pm for a time of festivities and fun. We are so thankful for all you do.



Education

Student education was a major initiative of the Ballad of the Farm project. The museum develops educational programs for students of all ages both at the museum and at school. Pictured below: St. Mary's students tour Bone Creek and Sept. 13 presentation by Bill Ganzel at East Butler.



NEWS
FROM THE FIELD

Ballad of the Farm Merchandise

The museum's summer blockbuster, Ballad, enjoyed publicity not available to previous exhibitions. The NE Tourism Passport program, media coverage and other programs spread the word about the show. Street lightpole banners in the city square helped attract record numbers of visitors to the museum. If you'd like a lightpole banner they are available for only \$20, plus tax.

Ballad catalogs (art and historic photos) and the Ballad 20 min. documentary video on DVD are available for sale in the museum and at bonecreek.org.



SOUTH 80 GALLERY
A FEELING OF HUMANITY

Western Art from the Ken Ratner Collection is on display through January 3, 2016. Ratner has gathered an impressive number of small paintings largely by contemporary artists and several by deceased leaders of the western genre. This exhibition juxtaposes landscapes with figurative subjects. This approach does much to communicate the impact that the terrain and humanity have on each other.



Julie Ford Olive, *New Mexico Vista*, 2013, oil on canvas, Private Collection



Chamber After Hours

After 5pm on Thurs., Nov. 12 the museum will host the Butler County Chamber After Hours with a reception and tours of our current exhibits. Please join us.



Collection

The current exhibition in the North 40 is a selection of pieces from the permanent collection. Many of these pieces on view have been gifted to the museum including a print from Steven Kovar called "Near Pearl," by Keith Jacobshagen, our first in the collection by this notable Nebraska painter. There is also a print by James Peck of a man

driving a haywagon gifted by Norman and Judith Zlotsky. California artist Erin Hansen, who has three pieces in the South 80 gallery, has also gifted a piece to Bone Creek, now on view.

IMAGE: Keith Jacobshagen, *Near Pearl*, 2004, print, Gift of Steven Kovar

Ballad Catalogs
\$15 ea. or \$25/pair



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