From above, Earth appears as a water planet with more than 71 percent of its surface covered with this vital resource for life. Water impacts climate, agriculture, transportation, industry and more. It inspires art and music. “Water/Ways,” a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program, will be on view September 29 thru November 9, 2018.

Bone Creek Museum and the surrounding community has been expressly chosen by Humanities Nebraska to be one of six institutions in the state to host “Water/Ways” as part of the Museum on Main Street program—a national/state/local partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural organizations.

“Water/Ways” explores the endless motion of the water cycle, water’s effect on landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality. It looks at how political and economic planning have long been affected by access to water and control of water resources. Human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways of protecting water resources and renewing respect for the natural environment.

Designed for small-town museums, libraries and cultural organizations, “Water/Ways” will serve as a community meeting place to convene conversations about water’s impact on American culture. With the support and guidance of state humanities councils, these towns will develop complementary exhibits, host public programs and facilitate educational initiatives to raise people’s understanding about what water means culturally, socially and spiritually in their own community.

Organizations around Butler County are already gearing up for “Water/Ways” by hosting water inspired programs around the community. On October 10, Hruska Memorial Public Library in David City will host Jesse Bradley, the Assistant Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, for a program titled “Imagine a Day without Water” sponsored by Humanities Nebraska. The presentation will be held from 12-1pm. To register for the program or for more information, contact the library at 402-367-3100.

“WATER MATTERS” 4-H ART WORKSHOP

Collections Manager, Gabrielle Comte, led local 4-H youth in a water-themed art activity on June 11, 2018, in anticipation of the “Water/Ways” exhibition. Participants created rain cloud sculptures from wire and nylon stockings painted white. They then hung strands of glass beads and paper rain drops from the clouds, each containing an illustration of a weather phenomenon, a special memory relating to water, or a conservation practice relating to water. These sculptures were then displayed at the Butler County Fair July 18-22.

This 2018 summer 4-H workshop marked the fifth year of partnership between Bone Creek Museum and the Butler County Extension Office to provide art activities to local youth.

4-H WATER FUN DAY

The Butler County Extension Office hosted a 4-H Water Fun Day on June 15 for area youth at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in David City at which Gabrielle Comte assisted. Children created rain drop mobiles, sensory water bottles, watercolor and crayon resist paintings and experimented with blowing bubbles all while learning about the ways they as individuals can protect the environment.
**NEWS & EVENTS**

**DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION**

Road construction continues around the downtown David City square to replace the streets and sidewalks. The work may reach E Street soon. If the road is closed, you can reach the museum through the alley accessible from the east off of 6th Street or from the south off of D Street.

**FREE admission**

Appointments and tours available

**SUMMER ART DAY CAMP**

The Butler County Arts Council is offering their annual summer art sessions July 27, 30-31 providing affordable day workshops for adults and children ages 8 years and older. This year, the sessions will include activities in pottery, glass mosaics, polymer clay, printmaking, and pointillism, as well as a “Water/Ways” inspired paper sculpture activity led by museum Collections Manager, Gabrielle Comte. Costs are $10 per session or $40 for a whole day. Registrations forms are available at the Hruska Memorial Public Library in David City and at Bone Creek Museum. Forms may also be printed from the Education tab on the Bone Creek website.

**WORTHY RIVALS**

Visitors this summer are finding the careers of Dale Nichols and Terence Duren captivating. Nichols is remembered as the best Regionalist artist in Nebraska. This exhibition presents Terence Duren, born the same year as Nichols, as the best Social Realist painter in Nebraska. The wealth of new research done for this exhibition has brought to light many interesting facts about Duren that will hopefully raise his standing as one of the state’s most notable artists. “Certainly the method of comparing Nichols and Duren with side by side pairings has made it very clear that both artists had broad talents and were uniquely influenced by their upbringings in rural Nebraska,” said Curator Amanda Mobley Guttenther.

More than 30 guests toured the Terence Duren sights in Shelby, Nebr., this past June led by Collections Manager Gabrielle Comte. At Bone Creek, we have always made efforts to promote the story of Dale Nichols. With other items. Music for the event will be provided by The Toasted Pionies, a Lincoln-based blue grass band, who will perform at 4 pm thanks to a grant from the Butler County Arts Council, the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. New this year the event is moving to the Butler County Events Center on the Fairgrounds in David City. Attendees can take a carriage ride with Belgian work horses to a corn maze just outside David City. Tickets to this unique dinner event are on sale now for $75 each. There is something for everyone as we celebrate the harvest with Cornfest.

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**RECOGNITION**

Members of the Bone Creek board are presented with a check from the Butler County Area Foundation Fund.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Worthy Rivals: Dale Nichols and Terence Duren**

May 2 - Sept. 30, 2018

**Sept. 10, 2018**

Event begins at 3:30 pm

Butler County Events Center

“Imagine a Day Without Water”

Oct 10, 2018, 12 pm

Hruska Memorial Public Library

**From the Field**

**Summertime in Nebraska**

**Cornfest**

Sept. 29 - Nov. 9, 2018

Water/Ways Exhibition

Sept. 29 - Nov. 9, 2018

**Museum Hours**

Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-4pm

Thursday 10am-8pm

Sunday 1pm-4pm

Appointments and tours available

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