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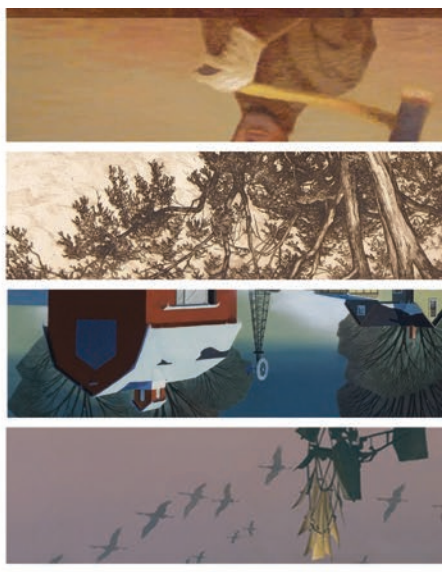


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“Water in its liquid, solid and vapor states,” Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., Neal Herbert

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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 and weather, 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, water color and crayon resist paintings and experimented with blowing bubbles all while learning about the ways they as individuals can protect the environment.



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From left to right: Water Droplet, “Pond depleted due to drought,” Calif. US Department of Agriculture, photo by Cynthia Mendoza, 4-H Water Fun Day





# CALENDAR -of- EVENTS

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MAY

**Worthy Rivals: Dale Nichols and Terence Duren**  
May 2 - Sept. 23, 2018

29

SEP

**Water/Ways Exhibition**  
Sept. 29 - Nov. 9, 2018

09

SEP

**CORNFEST**  
Sunday, Sept 9, 2018  
Event begins at 3:30 pm  
Butler County Events Center

10

OCT

**"Imagine a Day Without Water"**  
October 10, 2018, 12 pm  
Hruska Memorial Public Library

## Museum Hours

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

Appointments and tours available

FREE admission

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# 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.

## 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 \$20 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.

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

Founding board members Allen Covault and Anna Nolan (Covault) were made Admirals in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska with awards signed by Governor Pete Ricketts. This distinction was based on the couple's promotion of tourism in the state, enhancing Nebraska's agricultural industry through the activities and exhibitions of Bone Creek and building Nebraska pride and esprit de corps through these efforts. Board Vice President Ruth Thoendel read the surprise announcement at the museum's 10th anniversary celebration event on July 8, 2018.

Also presented at the celebration was a check from the Butler County Area Foundation Fund. Leaders of that foundation remarked at how they were so proud to be present on such an occasion and grateful for what Bone Creek brings to the community. Many guests and supporters were present including Nebraska State Senator Bruce Bostelman.



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

Bottom left: Guests view displays at anniversary

Bottom right: 10th Anniversary Celebration, July 8th

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# NEWS FROM THE FIELD

## CORNFEST

In the fall of 2016, two "corn-crazed" artists, Margaret Berry and Cathi Schwalbe, partnered to create a harvest inspired, multi-media exhibition at Bone Creek Museum titled "CORN". Berry and Schwalbe were moved by the sense of community often experienced in rural areas during harvest time. The two artists and the staff at Bone Creek channeled this spirit of collaboration among friends and neighbors to create the first Cornfest event that September at District 10 schoolhouse featuring a corn-themed dinner, a musical performance, a poetry installation, a silent auction, an encaustic activity led by Margaret Berry, and the gift of a ceramic plate created by Cathi Schwalbe.

The success and popularity of that first Cornfest led the museum board and staff to establish Cornfest as an annual celebration and fundraiser. The next year, Cornfest included a dinner menu created by Jared Clarke, owner of Railcar Modern American Kitchen and Timber Wood Fire Bistro, a watercolor demonstration by Barada Hills artist John Lokke, and a poetry and music performance by Jan Chism Wright and the Pickers. Once again, each guest took home a corn-inspired, handmade plate by local artist Nate Knott.

In a similar spirit to the previous Cornfest celebrations, for Bone Creek Museum's 10th anniversary year guests will be treated to exciting experiences rooted in rural traditions. This year's handmade corn plate created by Tom Hubbell of Omaha's Stone Thrown Studio will be gifted to the first 50 ticket holders. Dinner will be provided by Timber Wood Fire Bistro of Omaha. As in previous years, a silent auction will be held featuring works of art and



other items. Music for the event will be provided by The Toasted Ponies, 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.

## 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 Guenther.



Guest Curator Cole Sartore at the Worthy Rivals Opening Reception, May 5th

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



## DALE NICHOLS CORNER



"Winter on the Farm," 1969, Sold for \$62,500

Worthy Rivals: Dale Nichols and Terence Duren, the museum's latest publication, is now in stock at the museum. As Nichols' artworks continue to increase in value at national auction houses, Shannon's Fine Art Auctioneers recently promoted the release of the book in their summer newsletter, raising awareness of Bone Creek with serious collectors. A Nichols painting was among the top ten of the selling lots in their April 2018 auction.

## NOW AVAILABLE WORTHY RIVALS

Order online or contact museum to purchase

**\$49.99**

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"Worthy Rivals" and the field trips, we now have a special opportunity to focus on Duren. His story has been preserved by residents in his hometown in a way that is enhanced by visiting those meaningful locations so that we get a new insight into his prolific and unique life and career," said Comte.

"It was more than worth the trip from Kansas (270 miles plus each way) to see this outstanding exhibition," said artist Jim Hamil.