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MATT STEINHAUSEN: The Least Interesting Place JUNE 11 - AUGUST 29, 2021

Author/photographer Matt Steinhausen explores the ordinary and the quirky aspects of rural Nebraska in his sell-out book *The Least Interesting Place* (2020). The coffee table book with a clever title explores many facets of life in Nebraska. Selections on view June 11- Aug. 29, 2021 at the museum focus on rural livelihoods and the unique landscape of the state. "Obviously I was looking for the most agrarian of the images," said the curator.



what make the "least interesting" places very interesting. We all have those stories. For some people thoughts of the land bring out very emotional memories. Many people will connect with the images and Steinhausen's perspective of enjoying the details of life that we sometimes can't slow down long enough to appreciate.

As a 6th generation Nebraskan, Steinhausen says he has never let go of the connection to the land that was formed in his youth. He is honest and forthcoming about how his project came about and that it is not an all-inclusive, professional documentary about the state. However, a hobby that began in high school has blossomed and developed over the years as he lived, worked and traveled in Nebraska.

To give these images even more of a story, Steinhausen is framing many of them from salvaged woodwork from old barns and farmhouses in the state. Specifically, some of the frames are made with maple flooring from the Rokeby Town Hall that was razed in the 1970s and others made with pine flooring salvaged from the old Bethlehem Covenant Church near Waverly, which has been replaced with a newer building. There will also be frames out of wood flooring from old farmhouses that have since been bulldozed and wood from a school that stood near Denton, Nebraska.

Together the stories told by the photographer and stories in the mind of the viewer are exactly

In visiting the exhibition you will find the photographs, books and stationery all available for purchase.

(Cover) Niobrara River



Smith Carriage House



House at Marquette

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CALENDAR -of- EVENTS

06 JUN **A River Runs Through It**
Thru June 6, 2021

07 JUN **Closed for installation**
June 7-10, 2021

11 JUN **The Least Interesting Place**
June 11 – Aug. 29, 2021
Reception- July 10, 2021

28 JUL **Butler County Arts Council
Summer Art Day Camp**
Aquinas High School
July 28-30, 2021

CURRENT Museum Hours

Wednesday-Saturday:
10AM-4PM

Thursday:
10AM-6PM

Sunday:
1PM-4PM

Monday, Tuesday, Major Holidays:
Closed

Appointments and tours available

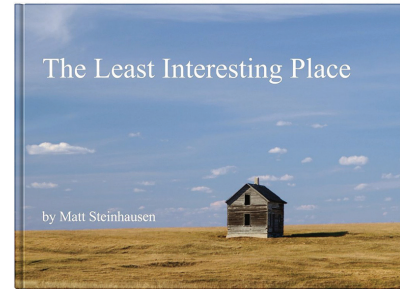
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NEWS & EVENTS



MATT STEINHAUSEN BOOK SIGNING

Saturday, July 10th the museum will host an event with the author and photographer of *The Least Interesting Place*. Stay tuned to bonecreek.org and our Facebook page for more details about the program as we plan an event fitted to the current health recommendations.

VIRTUAL CONCERTS

Concerts at the museum, made possible by Butler County Arts Council are available for viewing at butlercountyarts.com/about/history/ and at [youtube.com/TheBonecreekmuseum](https://www.youtube.com/TheBonecreekmuseum). In April, Lincoln based bluegrass ensemble The Toasted Ponies contributed a performance to this virtual concert series, which also includes previous sets by The Lightning Bugs and The Shucks Brothers.

Events sponsored by the Butler County Arts Council are supported by the Nebraska Arts Council, a state agency, through its matching grants program funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.



The Toasted Ponies at Bone Creek Museum, April 18, 2021

SUMMER ART DAY CAMP

After a brief hiatus from sponsoring in-person events during the pandemic, Butler County Arts Council will resume hosting its annual **Summer Art Day Camp** Wed-Fri, July 28-30, 2021, at Aquinas High School in David City. All participants will follow Covid-19 safety protocols including having art activities outdoors. The Aquinas double size art room will serve as a meeting place. Bone Creek collections manager, Gabrielle Comte, will lead a session inspired by the museum's upcoming quilt exhibition. Other returning instructors include lead art teacher, Sarah Juranek, and Angie Frier, who has led sculpey clay classes for Art Day Camp since 2012.

Information regarding how to sign up, classes, and fees will be listed at bonecreek.org/education.



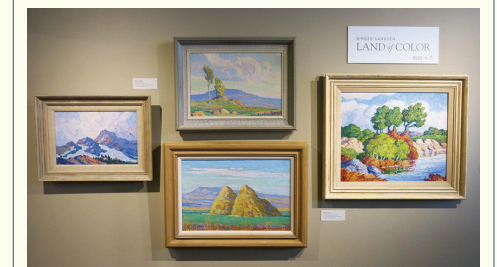
GROWING PERMANENT COLLECTION

The Wempner Collection has received mention in previous newsletters and rightly deserves so again. The donor, Mr. Wempner, continually considers the agrarian theme as he sends artwork to the museum. His expertise is in bronze and porcelain sculpture with a focus on early European examples. Currently on display are bronzes from France, Russia, and Japan. We have held exhibitions of the Wempner Collection in 2017 and 2019 and look forward to rotating more recent donations in the south gallery.



DALE NICHOLS CORNER

American Regionalism continues to increase in popularity and is sought after by many art institutions. Bone Creek's own Dale Nichols Collection will travel to Lindsborg, Kansas for display at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery, Nov. 7, 2021 - Jan. 2, 2022. The museum was fortunate to arrange an exchange of exhibitions. A selection of Sandzen paintings was exhibited in David City in 2019. (pictured below)

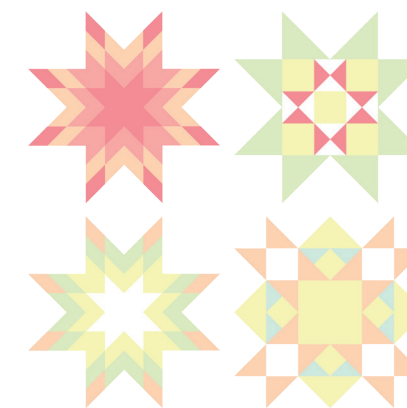


UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Community Quilts

SEPT 2 - NOV 14, 2021

Quilts are artistic works that are historically and intrinsically tied to the land as people are tied to the land. An upcoming exhibition featuring pieces by Butler County quilters aims to celebrate landscape and community. Communities have history, and time makes many changes. Quilts are markings and memories of those times and places.



Yes, This Is Nebraska:

DEBRA JOY GROESSER

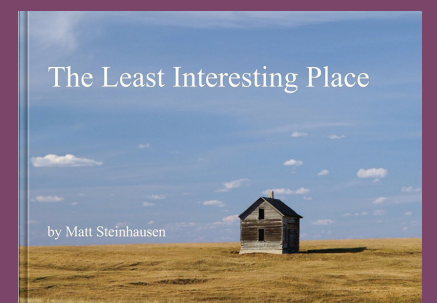
NOV 19, 2021 - MARCH 13, 2022

For the past several years Omaha/California-based plein aire painter, Debra Groesser has been creating a series of Nebraska landscapes that emphasize the beautiful vistas and breathtaking water ways that make the state's topography more than the stereotypical "fly-over" country.

Thanks for the compliment-
"I wonder how many small towns in Nebraska have a Gallery of this caliber?
David City rocks!"

-Facebook comment

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by Matt Steinhausen