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.
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.

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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.

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.

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Museum Hours
Wed, Fri 10am-4pm, Thurs 10am-8pm, Sun 1-3pm
Appointments and tours available
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