



The Northwoods Arts Council History

On June 4, 1993, a meeting was held in the Community Building by John Justad, owner of a stage and lighting design company to consider the possibility of restoring the old Hackensack School as a "Tech School" for theatre crafts. It would be called The Hackensack Center for the Arts and The Minnesota Technical Theatre Institute. The institute would train students at any level of experience: the basic as well as advanced technical elements and their relation to the stage. In addition, the Art Center would attract talent, speakers, lectures, educational series, community music, theatre and film with the use of the performance space. The facility would sponsor a summer program of a show season with a repertory schedule of musical, family and popular dramatic productions. The center would also be home to a Hackensack Museum and could be used for movies, banquets and as a rented reception hall. The Northwoods Arts Council was formed in September, 1993, by a group of seven people who were interested in Tuesdays idea of saving the school and bringing theatre, art music and educational opportunities to Hackensack and the surrounding area. The founding members of the Northwoods Arts Council were Don and Margaret Brown, Ann DeGray, John Just ad, Joanne More'n, Dean Thomas and Lorraine Stromquist. This group spent their first year as an arts organization investigating the possibility of acquiring and renovation the old Hackensack school building into an arts center for the community. When this turned out not to be feasible, other options of acquiring a facility and/or property were considered. It was finally decided to pursue their goal of Bringing the Arts to Life in the facilities already available in Hackensack. The council has been the grateful recipient of grants from the McKnight Foundation and the Five Wings Arts Council and also financial support from the Hackensack business community. The Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation (now the Initiative Fund) awarded the Arts Council a grant that included training in community leadership for board members. A Cass County Centennial Grant was received in 1997. Our first grants were from Five Wings Arts Council in 1993/94 for a feasibility study, organization and legal status; in 1994 for feasibility, art workshops and printing materials to advertise for the Variety Show. The workshops and variety show took place in 1995

1995

APRIL 1, 1995 LANDSCAPING PAINTING DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP

This was the very first project of the Northwoods Arts Council and was planned by Lorraine Stromquist and her Visual Arts Committee. The workshop was presented by Jerry Dorte from St. Cloud at the Senior Center. He demonstrated painting a landscape and then asked participants to paint a landscape. Twenty-four artists attended the workshop. The first Performing Arts project began in the winter of 1995 when board members contacted performers from the area and asked them to participate in a Community Variety Show that would be a fund raiser to help bring art programming to the area. The council greatly appreciated the co-operation from those we contacted.

May 20, 1995 Community Variety Show

Performed in the U.C.C. Church and featured 14 acts. Posters and ads listed performances by guitars, bells, flutes, piano, vocal groups and speakers. The show was performed for an overflow crowd. Coffee and treats were served after the show.

Late in the summer of 1995, as a meeting of the Northwoods Arts Council was adjourning, one of the board members mentioned that perhaps there should be a pageant honoring Lucette, the town's heroine and Paul Bunyan's sweetheart. Fellow board members Ann DeFray and Joanne More'n said in unison, "THAT'S A REALLY DUMB IDEA!" However, several days later on their way from a music meeting in Fargo to an Initiative Foundation meeting at Deep Portage Nature Center, they decided the idea had possibilities. At the meeting that day, the Northwoods Arts Council representatives were asked to work in a small group to discuss a project that could be a benefit to their entire community. DeFray and More'n brought up the idea of a Lucette "pageant" and the idea was enthusiastically received. They then presented the idea at the next NAC board meeting and approval was given to begin work on the show. In 1995 a logo was designed and used for our correspondence, advertising, programs, clothing and brochures.



SEPTEMBER 30, 1995 WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP
Presented by Betty Saur from Bemidji.

1996

In late 1995, we applied for a grant from Five Wings and received \$4,800 from that grant in 1996. It was to help us with funding for two painting workshops; mounting the Lucette show and to sponsor an all Cass County art organization gathering. We were designated as the umbrella arts organization for Cass County. A later 1996 grant was awarded for further development of programs for the benefit of Cass County.

SUMMER 1996
ALL CASS COUNTY ART ORGANIZATION MEETING

Although we sent many invitations and advertised widely, there was a very sparse turn-out. We gave up.

JULY 7 & 9 1996 THE WORLD PREMIERE OF
THE BALLAD OF LUCETTE
(with a 3rd performance added at the last minute)

We decided not to sell tickets for this first show but instead would accept donations to the Northwoods Arts Council in buckets at the door after each performance. The show included 35 cast members, 3 musicians, lighting and sound crews and many helpers. And we worked hard to publicize our new show! We made sets of "all occasion" cards featuring Lucette, Paul, Babe, and Ole and Lena. We had them printed, then folded and packaged them, (2 of each design) and put them in small plastic zip bags, We sold them all. We printed short and long sleeve T-shirts and sweatshirts, sold out to cast and friends who wore them everywhere. We sent invitation cards to everyone we knew; inviting them to the show. A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed. It listed play information, names of actors, crew and helpers and thanks to our sponsors. The first performance was on a sweltering Sunday, July 5th at 3 p.m. The Community Building was not air-conditioned at that time. The audience began arriving at 2 pm. And by 2:30 pm, ushers had to turn people away and advise them to return for the 7 pm performance on Tuesday night. One large man (Lee More'n) even resorted to holding the door closed when late-comers tried to get in. On Tuesday night, people began arriving at 5:30 pm and by 6:20, each seat was taken. Outside, there was still a line of people, two and three abreast, stretching for two blocks. All waiting, patiently, "Minnesota nice," to be admitted. Cars were parked everywhere and more people were coming from all directions, "like ants to a picnic" according to one observer. The decision was made to start the performance at 6:30 p.m. and to announce to those folks waiting outside that a second performance would be given at 8:15 that same night. By the end of the second show, the lumberjacks in their flannel shirts, heavy pants, boots and stocking caps and the women in their long dresses, bonnets and shawls were over heated and exhausted. That first year over 100 people enjoyed "The Ballad of Lucette" and no one knows how many were turned away.

The first Northwoods Arts Festival was held in 1996. It is scheduled annually for the fourth Saturday in August. The show is known for the quality and variety of artists and the helpfulness, friendliness and cooperation of the workers at the show.

AUGUST 24, 1996 10 to 5
THE NORTHWOODS ART FESTIVAL

Promoting Fine Arts. 46 Exhibitors. Attendance approximately 550-600 Large Table \$10, Card Table \$6

Held in the Senior Center (Poets read) and the Community Building, this first festival was financed in part by a grant from Five Wings Arts Program. Two original Olive George water color paintings were awarded after a drawing in each building.

MUSIC: Two Hours
DEMONSTRATIONS: Various Artists
FOOD SERVICE: Donuts & cookies at a snack bar all day.

1997

We received a grant from the McKnight Foundation for \$1400 to help us buy some basic stage lighting equipment and \$1855 from Five Wings for expenses for our second Lucette show which included a computer music program so Joanne Moren could put the music into her computer and then print it.

MARCH 22, 1997 PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Conducted by Bim Moeglein at WHA High School.

MAY 17, 1997 ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

The workshop was presented by Sara Hanlon at Pine River High School with 14 artist participating.

JULY 6, 7, 8, 1997 THE BALLAD OF LUCETTE & CELEBRATION OF CASS COUNTY CENTENNIAL

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing play information, names of actors, crew and helpers and thanks. We printed and sold cards again with different drawings on the front. They were packaged in sets of eight and we sold them all. Tees and sweats were printed and sold. Again, all three performances were sold out. Some of Fred Marin's collection of old logging tools was on display outside the Community Building to commemorate the Cass County Centennial.

AUGUST 8-12, 1997 9 TO 4 CHINESE MODERN ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

Held at the Hackensack Bank. The paintings were collected by Warren Bigelow, Bloomington, MN during his many business trips to China. The art work ranged in price from \$75 to \$350.

AUGUST 23, 1997 10 TO 4
THE SECOND ANNUAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATING CASS COUNTY CENTENNIAL
50 Exhibitors & NAC booth
\$20 - \$30

The word "fine" was added to the title. Held in the Senior Center, Community Building, UCC Church, and the Old Hackensack Jail. (Poets read in the Senior Center).

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of artists, their locations and special events. Readers in The Senior Building. Celebrating Cass Conty's Centennial, a display of local art work from the past century was on display at the renovated old jail, one of only seven such historical sites remaining in Minnesota. Free lemonade was served at the Old Jail. Historical Hackensack photos were on display in the Senior Center. Other Centennial art was on display in the Community Building.

MUSIC: Piano and organ in the Senior Center
DEMONSTRATIONS: Various artists displayed
FOOD BOOTH: Food for sale all day.

1998

We received a grant from Five Wings Arts Council for \$1400 to present two musical programs in 1998, Caleigh and the Swinin' Sertomians

MAY 16, 1998, 7 pm CALEIGH

Caleigh is a Gaelic word for a musical gathering. The four musicians from Bemidji played percussion, bass, violin, viola, mandolin, Celtic lap harp, guitar, flute, keyboard and tin whistle. Added to this was their vocal harmony. They presented a program of Celtic and contemporary music in the U.C.C. Church. No tickets were sold but donations towards NAC programming was accepted. Refreshments were served after the Concert.

"There was no summer show this year because the heat in the Community Building in July was too dangerous for actors in heavy clothes and also for the large audience packed into the space.

AUGUST 22, 1998, 10 to 4
3RD ANNUAL NORTHWOODS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
35 exhibitors & NAC table.
Registration Fee \$20

Held in the Senior Center, Community Building, UCC Church and the Old Jail. A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed listing names of artists and their location. An art display by the Hackensack Historical Society was exhibited in the Old Jail and free lemonade was served.

25 tees shirts and 30 sweatshirts were printed with a design from a Leech Lake Art League artist and sold at the Arts Fest.

MUSIC: Harpist Concert by Martha Bush, Pequot Lakes
DEMONSTRATIONS: Sponge Painting; Stamping and Embossing
BOOK ARTS: Loon Feather Press, Bemidji, poetry readings, and Brainerd Heartland Poets with poetry readings and audience interaction.

SPECIAL: A painting donated by Sally Birkholtz was raffled off. The NAC paid for matting and framing. Tickets were old for \$1 each and the drawing was held at 4 pm.

SEPTEMBER 1998, 7 pm SWINGIN SERTOMANS

A delightfully tacky, comedy show band concert held in the Community Building for a very appreciative audience. The members of this group all belong to Brained Area Sertoma Club. After costs are taken out, all of their proceeds are contributed to charitable causes. Their show included; Ole and Da Swingin' Norwegians; with hunting and fishing tunes; Da Sons of Knute with western songs; and Sven and Da Studebakers, a one of a kind rock and roll group. Tickets were sold at the door for \$5.

1999

We received two grants in 1999 from Five Wings and the McKnight Foundation. One was to purchase materials to build ten 4' x 8' sections of stage. The Lions paid for and built six stage sections to replace the old stage that hung on the wall. The total of 16 stage sections would give us a possible stage size of 16'x32; in the configuration we would most likely use. Lee Moren made the first section and with help from the Lions and others, the other stage sections were finished. They also built 3 sets of steps. The other grant was for some stage rigging and drapes.

MARCH 29, 1999 7 pm.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS FOR JACK PINE PLAYERS & LOOKING FOR A CAST FOR THE VILLAIN

Held in the Senior Center and widely advertised. We wanted to put together a community theatre group that we could depend on to help us with the production of plays. We handed out questionnaires; explained what our goals were and took time for questions and refreshments. There was a good turnout, and we signed some people up who did help with some of our first shows. We made Jack Pine Player T-shirts and quickly sold them all. But it seemed like the goal of having a "company" just wouldn't work in Hackensack.

JULY 11, 12 & 13, 1999
THE VILLAIN OF ROSE GULCH HOLLOW
Tickets were sold at several places for \$5 each

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of actors, something about each one, and information about the show.

The show was performed in the newly air-conditioned Community Building

AUGUST 28, 1999 10 - 4
FOURTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
35 exhibitors & NAC booth
Registration Fee \$20 for large table

Held in the Senior Center, Community Building, UCC Church, and Lundquist Fiber Arts

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of artists, their locations and special events.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Watercolor, Tussie Mussies, Paper making

MUSIC; Violinist Jeff Menten 12-12:45, 1-1:45, 2-3

BOOK ARTS: Talking Stick Literary Anthology, Heartland Poets & Betty Rossi with books for sale and signing. Poet Frederick Osten signed and read poetry from his book, Tool Chest. Other Loonfeather readers read from 11-12 outside under The UCC Tree.

Open prose and poetry reading: Readers of all ages were welcome to share the stage with writer's groups, Bards of a Feather, Heartland Poets and Jackpine Writers Bloc, at 12:30-1, 2-2:30 and 3-3:30.

2000

We received a grant from Five Wings to buy sound equipment.

We were offered a good price on Tony Sherer's equipment and bought it.

JULY 9, 10, 11, 2000

THE BALLAD OF LUCETTE

Tickets were sold at several places for \$5 each. All shows sold out. We had our beanies ready to sell at the show and sold T-shirts.

AUGUST 26, 2000

NORTHWOODS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

20 Exhibitors & NAC booth & RIPPLES ACROSS THE NORTHLAND

This was a smaller festival this year because our date conflicted with plans for a Heart of the Beast program.

Artists were in the Senior Center and UCC Church. A collaborative event of Cass County/Leech Lake Children's Initiative and the Northwoods Arts Council, Ripples Across the Northland, was held in the Community Building. The event was made possible by grants from Arts Across Minnesota, Five Wings Arts Council and funds from Cass Lake Family Centers

DEMONSTRATION: Spinning by Anna Osburnsen, eleven years of age, the featured artist for that year.

BOOK ARTS: Loonfeather Press with authors signing and selling. A Literary Arts Reading featuring William Borden, distinguished author, poet and playwright reading from Superstoe (a novel) and Eurydice's Song (a narrative poem) along with other local writers at 2 pm in the UCC library.

SPECIAL: Artists in residence from Heart of the Feast Puppet and Mack Theatre worked with Cass County youth from August 16-26 on the combined arts of sculpture and painting with poetry, music and dance

SPECIAL: A display of original paintings of the late Olive George wee on display and for sale with proceeds added to an art scholarship fund in her name. As a part of the RIPPLES ACROSS THE NORTHLAND program, a parade of large puppets and masks made by children with Heart of the Beast instructions, moved from the Community Building at noon and to the Lakeside Park where a pageant was presented at 1 pm.

AUGUST 31, 2000, 7 pm THE KABEKONA SINGERS

This group started in 1994 when one of the members realized how many musicians lived around Kabekona lake and thought it would be fun to start a singing group. They quickly had 20 members. The group practiced weekly and did numerous performances during their season of May through Christmas.

This show was held in the Community Building and donations to NAC programming were accepted.

2001

SUMMER SHOW

We were one person sort of getting a cast for The Marquis Crossing Ladies Society's First Attempt at Murder. So we didn't have a show that year.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Started in 2001 and have been held each year at 3 pm on a Saturday in August at Hackensack's Lakeside Park. The Park Rapids Community Band has played each of the years and one year we had a men's singing group as a second summer concert. The men's group performed in the Community Building because of heavy rain that afternoon. For the first few years we put together a program book for the concert but in later years the songs to be performed were announced by the director. We have never charged for these concerts but we do pass the bucket for donations. Most years popcorn and lemonade have been sold as a fund raiser for your groups.

AUGUST 18, 2001 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 31, 2001 10 - 4
THE SIXTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ARTS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
35 exhibitors & NAC booth

Registration Fee \$25 for large table for one artist. Held in the Senior Center, Community Building, UCC Church

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of artists, their locations and special events.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Spinning, quilting, carving, children's art work, mat cutting, paper making, birch tree painting

MUSIC: Accordion by Russell Doke & piano by Nina Burke

BOOK ARTS: Coffee Shop, tables with Jackpine Writer's Bloc, Loonfeather Press; Sister Wolf Books, Dust & Fire, one individual author, Poetry readings am & pm and poetry contest in upstairs of the UCC Church

SPECIAL: NAC Booth selling Paul & Babe beanies, Lucette story & coloring book and the first I Support the Arts T-shirts.

2002

We received a small grant from Five Wings for materials to prepare scripts and music for the show Whadaya Gonna Do in Vista View and a grant to buy a portable sound system (the system we use in the park at the summer concerts.) Later in the year we received a grant for wireless mikes and a follow spot.

Annual Dinner Shows have been presented each year on the first Sunday of March beginning in 2002 in the Friendship Hall of the UCC Church. Each year a delicious dinner is served with entertainment to follow. Some years the March show was repeated in September and once a different show was performed as a Dessert Show. The Dessert Shows featured coffee and an all you can eat dessert bar for \$5 paid at the door.

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2002, 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm
ONE ACT PLAY, THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Performed by the "Jack Pine Players" \$10 per person. Reservations were taken and tickets sold in the churches.

JULY 7, 8, 9, 2002
WHAYAH GONNA DO IN VISTA VIEW

An original musical comedy written by Joanne More'n with a musical number by Ann DeGray and some professional musical advice from Nina Burke and Beth Trout. A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of actors, something about them and play information. We sold bobble heads and NAC logo T-shirts.

AUGUST 3, 2002, 3 pm THE QUADRATONES

A men's quartet featuring gospel, Broadway show tunes, spirituals and fun songs presented with energy and humor. No admission fee but donations were accepted.

AUGUST 17, 2002, 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BANK

AUGUST 24, 2002, 10 am To 4 pm
THE SEVENTH ANNUAL
NORTHWOODS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
? exhibitors and NAC booth
Registration fee \$25 for single artist \$50 for arts group

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of artists, their locations and special events.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Spinning, quilting, Children's art, matting, paper making, basket weaving, wood carving, watercolors

MUSIC: Russell Doke, Accordionist

BOOK ARTS: Coffee Shop, book sellers signing and selling: poetry contest, story teller, readings, special guest, Maxine Kaiser Bussell, MN League Poet Laureate. Drawing for one of Maxine's books.

SPECIAL: Lunch available, NAC booth selling NAC logo T-shirts and new this year - NAC logo caps, Lucette, Paul & Babe bobble heads and a few Paul & Babe beanies.

SEPTEMBER 2002 COFFEE SEMINARS

September 11, 2002, "Music by Computer" presented by Dr. Richard H. Smith, local musician, choir director and composer. He explained and demonstrated composing and performing music using the latest computer technology. It was held in Dr. Smith's home.

September 18 and 25, 2002, "Saving and Savoring Your Family Stories...A Venture into Memoir Writing" presented by Penelope Swan, local writer and poet. The people who attended these sessions were so interested that a small group formed and met through the fall season.

2003

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2003 THE BALLAD OF LUCETTE

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed: listing names of actors, something about them and play information. We sold all three bobble heads; Paul & Babe beanies; Lucette and NAC logo shirts.

AUGUST 9, 2003 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 23, 2003, 10 to 4
THE EIGHT ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ARTS FESTIVAL
(The first year with indoor and outdoor booths with the street closed off for vendors and the first year we left off the "fine" in fine arts.)
35 exhibitors and NAC booth
Registration fee \$25 for single artist \$50 for arts group

A program book paid for by ads solicited from local businesses by arts council members and friends was printed. It also listed names of artists.

2004

We Received a grant from Five Wings to put towards our new fold-up movable stage sections.

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLIE in THE CENSUS TAKER SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2004, 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm

From the Golden Age of Radio, a WNAC reenactment of the July 6, 1950 radio program with commercials by Ann DeGray. Tickets \$10 each and available in Hackensack, Walker, Longville and area churches.

JULY 10, 11, 12, 2004 THE MARQUIS CROSSING LADIES SOCIETY'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT MURDER

We were able to cast the show we had first planned for 2000. We printed smaller program without business card information
Included was cast list, and short bio and play information.

AUGUST 14, 2004, 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 28, 2004, 10 to 4
THE NINTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ARTS FESTIVAL
55 visual and 15 literary artists and NAC booth
Outside - \$35, Inside - \$50

A program book was printed: listing names of artists, their locations and special events.

DEMONSTRATIONS & DISPLAYS: Chainsaw Sculpture, wildlife photography.

MUSIC: Panflutist Bolivar Burga, harpist, Robin Berry, violinist, Jeff Menten, guitarist/singers Jim & Molly Bauer

BOOK ARTS: Lower level of UCC Church. Coffee shop, 8 authors selling and signing, 3 writer's groups, hand made paper demonstration, poetry contest, readings, drawing for 2 "Litwits" T-shirts.

SPECIAL: Food vendors on site; children's art; display of "Lines and Lights" (poetry and photography) in the Book Arts area; announcements of winner of Hackensack logo contest. NAC booth selling *Mosseart* T-shirts (an *I Support the Arts T shirt* with dancing moose).

DESSERT SHOW
THE ONE ACT SHOW, *I'M HERBERT*
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2004
DESSERT BAR AT 6 pm, SHOW AT 6:30 pm

An evening of comedy, song and the one act play from the Broadway Show,
You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running.
Tickets sold at the door for \$5 each.

2005

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLIE IN
FIBBER HAS A STOMACH ACHE
SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2005, 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm

From the Golden Age of Radio, a reenactment of a 1950's radio program. The show was sponsored by "Jensen's Wax" with commercials by Ann DeGray. Tickets \$10 each and available in Hackensack, Walker, Longville and area churches.

JULY 9, 10, 11, 2005 *VAUDEVILLE'S MY HOME*

No sponsors in this program, but info about actors, crew and play and thanks to our helpers

AUGUST 13, 2005, 3 PM LAKESIDE CONCERT
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 27, 2005, 10 to 4
THE TENTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ART FESTIVAL & BOOK ARTS CELEBRATION

(The first year that the book arts made it into the name of the festival. Before, it was only mentioned on posters, ads, articles and in program books)

50 exhibitors and NAC booth

Outside - \$35, Inside - \$50

DEMONSTRATIONS: Various sites during the day.

MUSIC: Robin Berry, harpist

BOOK ARTS: Coffee Shop, 24 book sellers and small local publishers; signing and selling; readings;

SPECIAL: "NACI" (Northwood Arts Council Images) an assortment of dress wooden figures were placed around town in area grocery stores holding signs with information about the festival. More were put out shortly before the festival. The display of "Lines & Lights" (poetry & photography) was back. Outdoor vendors.

DESSERT SHOW
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005
DESSERT BAR AT 6:30 pm, SHOW AT 7 pm

Repeat of the March Dinner Show

2006

We received a grant from Five Wings to help us mount the show, *Little Shop of Horrors*.

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW
THE GERITOL FROLICS
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006, 5:30 pm with dinner at 6pm

A program on traveling musically across the Us on Historic old Route 66. Tickets \$10 each and available in Hackensack and area churches.

JULY 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 2006
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
(The first time we did a show over two weekends)

This was an expensive show to do so we sold silver, gold and platinum sponsorships and received great support from the community and businesses. Pictures and information about actors was hung on the walls and the program book included a cast list and info about the play and our sponsors were listed and thanked.

AUGUST 12, 2006, 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 26, 2006, 10 to 4
THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ART & BOOK FESTIVAL
(This year the "s" on Arts was dropped)

55 exhibitors and NAC booth

Outside - \$35, Inside \$50

BOOK ARTS: Coffee Shop; 5 children's authors; 4 writer's groups (several selling anthologies) and other authors selling and signing. Several local publishers and a small press. Also readings were scheduled.

SPECIAL: Outdoor Vendors.

2007

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW
FATHER KNOWS BEST
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007, 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm

From the Golden Age of Radio, a WNAC reenactments of the pilot radio show, sponsored by Smackswell House of Coffee with commercials by Joanne More'n. Tickets \$10 each and available in Hackensack and area churches.

JULY 6, 7, 8, 9 2007 THE BALLAD OF LUCETTE

Did not sell sponsorships...program book was cast and crew members and something about them and thanks to ticket sellers and others for their help. Also about the play and what we were selling: a few Lucette 2007 T-shirts; a few Lucette bobble heads and some miscellaneous T-shirts.

*The Ballad of Lucette has been performed to sold out audiences in 1996, 1997, 200, 2003, and 2007. The show has now been attended by approximately 7,00 people over the years. The part of Lucette has been played by Barb Mann in 1996-1997; Judy Wallin in 2000, Noelle Weis in 2003 and Bonnie Shallbetter in 2007. Paul Bunyan was played by Michael Small until 2007 when Bill Hansen played Paul. Ole and Lena were played by Lynn Abraham and Ann DeGray all of the years. DeGray and More'n have revised the show each time it has been performed.

AUGUST 11, 2007, 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 25, 2007, 10 to 4
THE TWELFTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ART & BOOK FESTIVAL
exhibitors and NAC booth
Outside \$35, Inside \$50

DEMONSTRATIONS: Various sites during the day.

MUSIC: Robin Berry, harpist

BOOK ARTS: Coffee Shop, 24 book sellers and small local publishers; signing and selling; readings.

SPECIAL: "NACIS" (Northwood Arts Council Images) an assortment of dressed wooden figures were placed around town in area grocery stores holding signs with information about the festival. More were put out shortly before the festival. The display of "Lines & Lights" (poetry & photography) was back. Outdoor vendors; children's painting booth.

DESSERT SHOW FATHER KNOWS BEST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007
DESSERT BAR 6:30 pm SHOW 7 pm

A repeat of the winter show

2008

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW
THE WOODTICK TRIO
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008, dinner at 6 pm

An evening of food, music, fun and laughter provided by three members of the well-know Woodtick Theatre group in Akeley. Tickets \$10 each and available in Hackensack and area churches.

JULY 5, 6, 7, 2008
THE DASTARDLY DOCTOR DEVEREAUX

Did not sell sponsorships...program book was about cast and crew members and thanks to ticket sellers and others for their help.

AUGUST 9, 2008 3 pm LAKESIDE CONCERT
THE PARK RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY BAND

AUGUST 23, 2008, 10 to 4
THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL NORTHWOODS ART FESTIVAL & BOOK FAIR
65 artists and NAC booth
Outside - \$35, Inside - \$50

DEMONSTRATIONS: Various sites during the day.

MUSIC: Inside, bell choir at UCC Church

BOOK ARTS: Coffee Shop, 18 attendees including book sellers; small local publishers; book stores, signing and selling; readings; Readings by honored poets and award winners

SPECIAL: Outdoor vendors; children's painting booth; Book Arts recognition of three life-long poets and poetry contest awarding "Merit Awards" and "Popular Choice Awards"

SEPTEMBER 20, 2008, 7 pm
THE SWINGING SERTOMANS

A delightfully tacky, comedy show band concert held in the Community Building for a very appreciative audience. The members of the group all belong to Brainerd Area Sertoma Club. After costs are taken out, all of their proceeds are contributed to charitable causes. Their show included; *Ole and Da Swingin' Norwegians*;, with hunting and fishing tunes; *Da Sons of Knute* with western songs; and *Sven and Da Studebakers* a one of a kind rock and roll group. The group was also here in 1998 and their performance in Hackensack this year was their last one after 20 years of many performances all around the state each year. Tickets were sold in Hackensack or at the door for \$10

2009

ANNUAL WINTER DINNER SHOW
THE BROBERGS
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009, with dinner at 6 pm

An entertaining evening of food, music and fun including piano solos, and duet with sac, drums, a voice solo and all interspersed with sing-a-long numbers. Tickets \$10 each and available in Hackensack, Walker, Longville and area churches.

