



NORTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

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**2011 North Dakota Governor's Photo Contest Winners' Works Exhibited in Offices of the Governor, First Lady and Attorney General**

**First Lady to recognize winners during reception in Memorial Hall on January 24**

The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA), along with the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, will exhibit the works of the 2011 Governor's Photo Contest winners at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of January, February and March. Their works will be on display in the Governor's ground floor and first floor offices, the First Lady's fourth floor office, and the Attorney General's first floor office.

NDCA, the First Lady and Attorney General will host an artist reception on January 24 from 2-4 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Images on display were sponsored in part by Bob's Photo. The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The North Dakota Governor's photo contest was open to any North Dakota amateur photographer. AAA and the North Dakota Department of Commerce Tourism Division awarded winners with a \$200 cash prize and their photos to be featured in the 2012 campaign. "This photo contest was a great way for talented amateur photographers to capture the landscapes, people and places that make North Dakota special," said Gov. Dalrymple. More than 650 photos were submitted for the 2011 contest.

This is part of an ongoing program between the NDCA and the offices of the Governor and First Lady. Artists looking to represent their region with art work placed in the offices of the Governor and First Lady can submit a brief resume along with photographs or slides of their work to the North Dakota Council on the Arts, 1600 East Century Avenue, Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58503. Artists are selected for quarterly display.

2011 Governor's Photography Contest winners:

**Best of Show**

Photographer: Jen MacLeod, Grand Forks

Winning photograph: "Wild Horse Band"

**People category**

Category winner: "The Hunter" by Tyson Krinke, Rhame

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**Attraction category**

Category winner: "On\_A\_Slant" by Gordon Weixel, Bismarck

Honorable mention: "Sakakawea at the Capitol" by Stacy High, Bismarck

**Scenery category**

Category winner: "Frosted Beauty" by Mandy Moore, Minot

Honorable mention: "Fort McKeen" by Gordon Weixel, Bismarck

Honorable mention: "MoonShine!" by Jo Mertes, Mantador

Honorable mention: "Yesterday meets Today" by Tyson Krinke, Rhame

**Wildlife category**

Category winner: "Wild Horse Band" by Jen MacLeod, Grand Forks

Honorable mention: "Three is a Crowd" by Anna Meidinger, Wishek

**Event category**

Category winner: "Upside Down" by Jose Medina, Fargo

**Adventure category**

Category winner: "No coffee shops here!" by Scott Kadlec, Bismarck

Honorable mention: "Shine On" by Megan Dietz, Fargo

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