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North Dakota Artist's Works Exhibited at the Capitol

The North Dakota Council on the Arts, along with the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, are exhibiting the works of Fargo artist Carmen Bruhn at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of July, August and September. Bruhn's work is 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.

This is part of an ongoing program between the NDCA, the offices of the Governor and First Lady, and the Attorney General's office. Artists looking to represent their region with art work placed in the Capitol 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.

Award winning artist Carmen Bruhn began her art studies in the Republic of Panama, where she was born and reared. Bruhn received her BS in Architecture from Panama National University and has further pursued her formal art studies through workshops with prominent artist like Cheng-Khee Chee, Carla O' Connor, John Salminen, Robert Burrige, Donna Zagotta, Rose Edin and Arnie Westerman.

For the past two years Carmen has expanded her knowledge of Abstract Expressionism with the talented painter Marjorie Schlossman's classes at the Catherine Kilbourne Center for Creativity, where lectures and museum exhibits visits are part of the curriculum.

Watercolor, Gouache and acrylic are Carmen's favorite mediums. Her work shows both an interest in abstraction as well as influences from her earlier career as an architect. Carmen is not preoccupied about accurately depicting her subject, as much as she is in expressing her own ideas about the subject. The way Carmen views her subject, and the way she feels and empathizes with it, come through in each piece. She favors designs that are inspired by both life and conceptual ideas that define form as elegant and modernistic in feel, with bright color, flat shapes and repetition of pattern.

Her work has been included in many regional and national art exhibitions, twice winning the Gold Medal Award in the Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Watermedia Exhibition. Carmen is a signature member of the Red River Watercolor Society, Associate member of the American

Watercolor Society, member of Top o' the Morning Toastmaster and member of Gallery 4. For the past four years she has shared her passion for color and design as a teacher in her watercolor classes. Carmen now lives in Fargo, ND with her husband.

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