

# Family

## Art club learns of Western Painter

Members of the High Plains Art Club met on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for their scheduled monthly meeting at the Colby United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. Club President, Marlene Carpenter, called the business meeting to order.

After the routine business was taken care of, several items were discussed. The possibility of applying for a grant from the Kansas Arts Commission to hire a noted artist to come to Colby to teach a workshop was discussed. Secretary, Marj Brown, informed the group that since they were an unincorporated organization, they could ask Sue Smith at the Museum to write the grant and apply to the commission for them as their sponsor. It was agreed that they would discuss the matter during the Museum Art's Council Meeting that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Several artists were discussed as possible choices to come for a workshop and Carpenter appointed Treasurer, Bev Kern, to look into possible choices.

Kern asked the members if they would like to have some type of a project to show at their salad luncheon in August. Jo Bricker suggested that they do something with a "Green theme," such as making an art project out of something that had been recycled?

After a discussion, the members voted to bring something they had made out of a recycled item to show at the August meeting.

Topper Barnett was a guest at the meeting.

Kern served coffee and refreshments and presented a program about the life of Western Painter, Albert Bierstadt. Bierstadt was actually born in Solingen, Germany on January 7, 1830; however, his family moved to America when Albert was two and settled in New Bedford, Massachusetts. His family consisted of his parents and his two brothers and little is known of his early life.

He advertised himself as an instructor in monochromatic painting in 1880 and exhibited those types of works.

During the next three years he worked with daguerreotypist who produced theatrical presentations

of American scenery and this laid the foundation for his lifelong interests in photography and North American topography.

In 1853 he returned to Europe to study at Dusseldorf Art Academy in Germany and to travel. Upon return to New Bedford he quickly became the city's most prominent artist.

In 1859 he traveled to the territories of Colorado and Wyoming with the United States government survey expedition headed by Colonel Frederick W. Lander. Bierstadt was to procure sketches for a series of large-scale landscape paintings of the American West. He later moved to a studio in New York where he painted a sequence of canvases that secured his name as a "Western Artist."

From the period of 1871 to 1873 he lavished himself with the rewards of his success, married Rosalie Ludlow and built Malkasten, a magnificent mansion overlooking the river at Irvington-on-Hudson Bay. He also took a two year tour of Europe where he and his wife mingled with the top of the British and Continental society. At that same time he was painting spectacular pictures of western scenery that were widely exhibited in the U.S. and abroad. He also contributed his time and money to charitable organizations and events.

After 1880, his reputation began to decline due to the changing views of the public.

During that period he also experienced several misfortunes that included Malkasten being destroyed by fire in 1882 and the death of his wife in 1893. Even though there was some criticism of his work, writers of "American Paradise: The World of the Hudson River School," wrote that, "Bierstadt's theatrical art, fervent sociability, international outlook, and unquenchable personal energy reflected the epic expansion in every facet of western civilization during the second half of the nineteenth century."

Beirstadt painted mountains in Nevada, California and Colorado; in fact, two of his paintings from Colorado are of Grand Lake

and Long's Peak. Two Colorado attractions share his name: the 14,045 feet high Mt. Beirstadt near Mt. Evans and Beirstadt Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park. His paintings also hang in the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia, The Imperial Palace in Berlin, and in wealthy homes in England and the United States. He was commissioned to do two historical paintings for the Capital in Washington, D.C. He also did many paintings of Yosemite National Park.

In later years he was plagued with poor health and died of a heart attack on Feb. 18, 1902 at the age of 72.

After the program, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

At 2:00 p.m. that afternoon Roxanne Dougherty came to the meeting for the Museum's Arts Council meeting. The possibility of the museum sponsoring the art club in applying for a grant was discussed and Dougherty took the information and agreed to discuss the matter with Sue Taylor and get back to the club members.

It was announced that Jo Bricker and Fritz Ostmeier would have their art exhibit from March 9 to March 30. The grand opening for the show and the reception for the public is set for March 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with Ruth Hughes in charge.

Erna Hammil's exhibit is planned for April and May, "Flint Hills Photo Exhibit" is scheduled for June, the local schools will have their show in July and Bev Kern will exhibit in August. Other shows mentioned were "Quilts as Art," "People of the Plains for Kansas Day, Jim and Marj Brown's Christmas show in December, and the Museum's "Kid's Corner" will be ready for an opening by January 27.

Then the meeting was adjourned for the members to take time to work on their own special painting projects before going home.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 12 at the Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. with Mary McNutt giving the program and Margaret Denneker serving as hostess.

All artists are invited to attend.

## Bandages that could make the cut

**Associated Press**  
Despite lots of new advances in the bandage field, there's still more to come.

Researchers at the University of Rochester's Center for Future Health have been looking at "smart bandage" technology with built-in sensors to identify different kinds of bacteria. The pad would change color for an instant read on whether the wound requires urgent attention with specific antibiotics.

A.U.S. patent was approved in 2004 for fragrance-infused bandages aimed at young children. Imagine the familiar and potentially comforting scents of fruit, chocolate, buttered popcorn or apple pie, or a system built in to let consumers choose and load a scent of their own, such as grandma's perfume. All were listed on the patent description as possibilities.

On the more immediate front for kids: Camouflage strips in green, pink and blue are coming from Curad as the company tries to extend its reach up the age ladder. Johnson & Johnson plans Batman strips soon.

And — get in line now — Nexcare will launch Hannah Montana bandages in March.



KEVIN JOHNSON/Colby Free Press

A squirrel bares the cold weather Wednesday morning to step outside for a snack on Franklin Street. Colder temperatures are expected to remain through the weekend and on into the early part of next week.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$8.94
Corn	\$4.61
Milo	\$7.78
Soybeans	\$11.17

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Senior Center to have card party

At 12:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24, a card party will be held at the Senior Progress Center. Please let Kaila know if you plan to attend the card game.

Activities for the week:  
Monday, Jan. 21: cookie day.  
Tuesday, Jan. 22: 10 a.m. exercise.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: 10 a.m. doughnuts and coffee.

Thursday, Jan. 24: 10 a.m. exercise; 12:45 p.m. card party.

Friday, Jan. 25: 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday.

Reservations may be made by calling 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work can also pick up

a meal as long as they are ordered by noon the day before. Meals are available at noon to be picked up. For those 60 and over, a contribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Those younger than 60, a meal is \$4.75.

Menu for the week of Jan. 21-25.

Monday: wieners with kraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, bun, peas.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, lima beans, bread, heavenly hash.

Wednesday: lasagna, broccoli cauliflower salad, apricots, garlic bread, pudding.

Thursday: ham and beans, spinach, mandarin oranges, cornbread, cook's choice complement.

Friday: hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, pineapple.

To contact the Public Transportation Van after 12:30, the number is 443-9208.

## Mom scans child's school work

By Heloise  
*Hints from Heloise*

Dear Heloise: As the mother of a kindergartner, our home has been inundated with school papers. Being an older mom and the second time around (my girls are 18 years apart), I've become more sentimental about my younger daughter's papers and find it hard to throw them away.

Recently, I had an "aha moment." Now when I want to keep special pictures she has colored or drawn, I simply scan them and store them on the computer. Less paper clutter! You can categorize them by child, grade in school, holidays, etc. It doesn't get rid of all the paper, as there are still sentimental things your children make that can never be scanned.

However, it does help with the paper clutter. I also used some of her Thanksgiving pictures to make place cards for our Thanksgiving table by scanning and reducing

the sizes. They looked great, and grandparents, aunts and uncles can also save these special drawings if they wish.

— Lori Pinion, Herrin, Ill.  
**Lori, children's artwork is precious, but the amount of it can be overwhelming. This is a perfect way to preserve it and share with others, too.**

*Cell-phone etiquette*  
Dear Heloise: If you are hard of hearing or have a loud voice, please be aware that your cell-phone conversation is probably being heard by (and annoying) people sitting near and not so near you. I've just spent 30 minutes in a doctor's waiting room being bombarded by several loud, long conversations.

— M. Evans in Texas  
**Cell phones are a part of life, and they are handy. But, to be involuntarily subjected to a non-stop, loud, verbal one-sided play is not fair. Folks, take a moment to consider your surroundings.**

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