

PLEIN AIR ARTISTS GATHERING

June 8-9, 2007

Timber Lake, South Dakota

**Contact: Kathy Nelson <mailto:timtopic@lakotanetwork.com>
(605-865-3546 or toll free 1-800-664-3546 in SD only)**

**Artists of all ages and levels of experience are welcome!
Public welcome to visit and watch the artists at work.**

Greetings, Plein Air Artists! Gathering is FREE and open to public

The June 8-9, 2007 TIMBER LAKE PLEIN AIR GATHERING at Timber Lake is planned and ready. The event is being sponsored by the Timber Lake and Area Historical Society (Kathy Nelson event coordinator) and the South Dakota Plein Air Artists (Jim Pollock, Steve Randall coordinators).

We are excited about this event. In an effort to improve these plein air events for the artists and the public alike we are trying two new things with this event, a MINI ART SHOW and have hopes for a music component:

MINI ART SHOW— On FRIDAY when artists register at the Timber Lake Museum they are welcome to bring framed art from a previous plein air event for display and sale at the Museum Gallery located on Main Street of Timber Lake. The Museum asks for a 10 per cent commission on any sales made at the museum. Artists can pick up and take their art work home after the wet canvas show Saturday. We hope this show and sale of previous work will benefit both the artists and the public and will become a permanent part of these events. The Mini Art Show will be in addition to wet paint show where artists show work done during event.

MUSIC— We are hoping some Timber Lake musicians are going to be at the Saturday night dinner and wet paint show. There is a piano available at the museum. Several plein air artists are also musicians and we are also hoping they will bring their instruments and music abilities and we can have some sort of plein air jam session. So, if you are a musician bring your instrument and we will see what happens.

NORTH DAKOTA ARTISTS INVITED— South Dakota and North Dakota plein air artists are invited to “meet in the middle.” Timber Lake is located midway between Pierre and Bismarck, close to the North Dakota border and the organizers are making an effort to get North Dakota plein air artists to attend this event. This could be an opportunity for artists from South and North Dakota to get together and share some ideas on future events.

Timber Lake will be a great place for artists to paint and network- professionals, amateurs and students alike- all are welcome. The Timber Lake area offers many other opportunities for artists to explore and paint on location.

EVENT CONTACTS— Artists interested in participating should contact Kathy Nelson, Timber Lake and Area Historical Society <mailto:timtopic@lakotanetwork.com> (605-865-3546 or toll free 1-800-664-3546 in SD only) You can also contact Jim Pollock <mailto:jpollock@iw.net> or Steve Randall <mailto:Srandall@siouxfalls.org> and we will forward your intent to participate.

Below is a response form, schedule of events, and a list of facilities. Because of a wedding and a family reunion in Timber Lake that weekend, we recommend making reservations early. Contact Kathy Nelson if you have accommodation questions.

Please indicate your intent to attend this event by replying to this email or on the following form. Indicate if you will be attending dinner Saturday night and if you will be bringing art from other events for display).

Thank you for your support of plein air painting in South Dakota.

Jim Pollock <mailto:jpollock@iw.net> and Steve Randall <mailto:Srandall@siouxfalls.org>
SDPAA Coordinators for Timber Lake Gathering

TIMBER LAKE PLEIN AIR GATHERING Response form:

Gathering is FREE and open to the public

An invitation to paint on location in Timber Lake, SD area, June 8-9, 2007 hosted by Timber Lake and Area Historical Society. Please respond by providing the following information and sending e-mail to:

Kathy Nelson (605-865-3546 or toll free 1-800-664-3546 in SD only)
mailto:timtopic@lakotanetwork.com

Name

Address (will be use to send information packets, accomodations, map, etc.)

e-mail

Phone Number

MINI ART SHOW: Indicate if you will be bringing art to display at the MINI ART SHOW at the Museum (exhibit runs June 8-9, artist will take their work when they leave). Museum will take a 10 percent commission on sales at the museum. (Due to space limitations we are suggesting not more than two small or medium size pieces per artist) Please send a short personal biography and artists statement for local publicity (optional)

Indicate number that will attend Community Dinner Saturday evening. We need to know how much food to prepare. (Free will offering to Timber Lake and Area Historical Society)

_____ I will not attend. Please keep me on the South Dakota Plein Air Artists (SDPAA) mailing list

Note: All events will go on regardless of weather.

If you know of any other artists or art organization who might be interested in this event please forward this invitation on to them.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Kathy Nelson (605-865-3546) mailto:timtopic@lakotanetwork.com

South Dakota Plein Air Artists Co-ordinators for the event

Jim Pollock, (605-224-2767) mailto:jpollock@iw.net

Steve Randall—(605-367-8893) mailto:Srandall@siouxfalls.org

You can also send them the information and they will forward it to Kathy.

**TIMBER LAKE PLEIN AIR GATHERING
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:
(all time Mountain Daylight Time MDT)**

**Timber Lake Plein Air Gathering- Timber Lake, SD
June 8-9, 2007, Gathering is free and open to the public**

**Hosted by Timber Lake and Area Historical Society and Museum
(Museum is located on Main Street)**

Artists will be responsible for their own expenses, lodging, meals (except Saturday evening there will be a community potluck supper with a free will offering), supplies, and display easels. Hats, sunscreen and bug spray are strongly recommended. All events are scheduled regardless of weather. Those musically inclined are encouraged to bring their music talents and instruments with them.

FRIDAY, June 8, 2007

9:00 AM -7:00 PM (MDT) — Artists register at Museum on Main Street, Timber Lake. Artists wanting to display and sell art from previous events can leave art at museum for the week-end. Space is limited, possibly two pieces per artist, it will depend on participation and space available. The Museum requests a 10 per cent commission on sales. Send short biography and artists statement for local publicity. Come early Friday and start painting.

7:00 PM: — Welcoming reception at Museum

SATURDAY, June 9, 2007 (Artists not registered Friday can register at Museum)

Sunrise to 7:00 PM (MDT) -Paint, Paint Paint. Artists choose locations and paint all day. The suggested location for painting will be Little Moreau State Recreation Area (six miles south of Timber Lake).

7:00 PM (MDT) - Wet Paint Show and Community/Artists potluck supper at Museum. Frank and Judy Schweitzer from Frank's Howdy House will be preparing the beef. (free will donation, please RSVP for dinner). A chance for the public to meet and ask the artists questions and look at the work completed during the week-end.

After Dinner - We hope to have some music makers and a jam session that includes some local musicians. That part of the event is still up in the air. Any artists that enjoy making music please bring your music abilities and instruments and we will see what happens.

SUNDAY, July 10, 2007 - Check with organizers about available church services. Artists welcome to take advantage of Timber Lake's beautiful landscape one more time before heading home.

BACKGROUND AND FACILITY INFORMATION FOR TIMBER LAKE AREA

For questions about accommodations or to request a visitor packet and/or information on accommodations, contact the Timber Lake and Area Museum at 605-865-3553 (tlmuseum@lakotanetwork.com) or Kathy Nelson at 605-865-3546 (timtopic@lakotanetwork.com) for more information

Timber Lake is located on Highway 20 about 40 miles southwest of Mobridge, about midway between Pierre and Bismarck. The West River area presents many scenes and subjects for painting — from river breaks and buttes to historic 1910-era structures and wide prairie vistas. The main location for painting on Saturday will be Little Moreau State Recreation Area (six miles south of town). From the scenic overlook near the park entrance visitors can pick places to explore and paint — the WPA dam and spillway, wooded areas, trails, picnic and camping areas, and wildlife. Guides will be available for anyone who is interested in seeing Holy Spirit Chapel (“Old Stone Church”) or some of our other off-the-beaten-path sites. And — there are some great views on the routes leading to Timber Lake.

BELOW IS NOT COMPLETE LIST

Again, call Kathy Nelson if you want more information

Accommodations in or near Timber Lake. These are all places where people can expect great hospitality, each one has its own flavor and style — from roughing it to a bit of luxury on the prairie. Some rooms available in private homes in Timber Lake. Check with event organizers.

CAMPING:

— Little Moreau Recreation Area Camping (6 mi S Timber Lake), camping is free. No drinking water well but water is available in Timber Lake at the city park or Community Center or the museum.

— Timber Lake City Park. Check with event organizers about water, showers and electricity needs.

HUNTING LODGES and MOTELS

Some of the lodges can accommodate groups of artists. Some facilities have food also. Because of a wedding and a family reunion in Timber Lake the same week-end it is best to contact the lodges and make reservations in advance especially if several artists want to make reservations together.

— Handboy Creek Guest Ranch (605-845-3082). Handboy Creek Bed and Breakfast is located on a working cattle ranch near Trail City, midway between Mobridge and Timber Lake. Jay and Brenda Jones are your hosts. Jay is also an artist and will be helping with the event.

— Wilder Elk Ranch (605-865-3433 or www.wilderelkranch.com). Wilder Elk Ranch Bed and Breakfast sits on a hill near the entrance to Little Moreau Park 6 miles south of Timber Lake (a great view). Spacious rooms for up to 4 people, large dining room decorated in western style. Check the website.

— Frank’s Howdy House (605-865-3367). Frank’s Howdy House is near Glencross, about 10 miles east of Timber Lake. Frank and Judy Schweitzer host large and small groups in the Howdy House across the yard from their farmhouse. They will be doing the beef for the Saturday night supper.

— Bunkhouse Inn, Isabel (605-466-2666 or 605-466-2117). Bunkhouse Motel, newly remodeled and redecorated is at Isabel about 20 miles west of Timber Lake on Highway 20.

— KOW Ranch (605-865-3194 bunkhouse). KOW Ranch is 7 miles north of Timber Lake. Bill and Jackie Dale and sons host guests in their rustic bunkhouse. You’ll probably meet the Dales at the museum, where Jackie works part-time and the boys volunteer.

— Double A Outfitters (605-733-2225 or www.doubleaoutfitters.com). The new Double A Outfitters Lodge is located about 16 miles southeast of Timber Lake near White Horse. This is off the main highway but if you’re coming from the east on Highway 212, we’d recommend the scenic route through White Horse. Lyle and Kim Anderson are your hosts

— Dakota Countryside Inn, 22885 US 12 Watauga (605-524-9699). Dakota Countryside Inn is located on Highway 12 near Watauga (between Mobridge and Lemmon).

— Firesteel Creek Lodge, located north of Isabel on Highway 65, (605-466-2452). Operated by the Lindskov family. Website: www.firesteelcreeklodge.com

Accommodations at Mobridge:

— Kountry Kamping and Kabins (1-800-648-2267 or 605-845-2267)

— Wrangler Inn and Windjammer Dining (1-888-884-3641 or 605-845-3641)

— Mobridge Kountry Inn (1-888-882-2412 or 605-845-7215)

— East Side Motel (605-865-7867)

— Mo-Rest Motel (605-845-3668)

Suggestions for eating:

— At Timber Lake, the restaurant is temporarily closed but there are homemade noon meals and carry out at Apple Tree Cottage (605-865-3621), fast food and pizza at Timber Lake Service (605-865-3666) and deli and picnic supplies at Country Market (605-865-3606).

— At Isabel: Sparky’s Bar and Grille (605-466-2131)

— At Mobridge: Rick’s Cafe, Pizza Ranch, Grand Oasis, The Depot, Dairy Queen, Burger King.

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MORE INFORMATION AT:

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