

Barnes To Be Featured Artist At Thedford Art Gallery



Roberta Barnes explains her Swedish knot tapestry to visitors at the Thedford Art Gallery during the set-up of her artwork. Her art is on display in the Kiewit room for September and October.

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Roberta Barnes of Halsey, is the featured artist at the Thedford Art Gallery for the months of September and October. Her work is on display in the Kiewit room.

Roberta has been teaching art for almost twenty-five years. She taught at Stapleton and is now at Broken Bow. Roberta has passed her love of art to hundreds of students.

Her works can be seen in various galleries, including the Burkholder Project in the Haymarket district of Lincoln. She has painted, or been involved in the painting, of four Nebraska by Heart projects on display in Lincoln. The 6" fiberglass hearts, which include the base, were designed by Nebraska artists and celebrate Nebraska as America's Heartland and the 150th Anniversary of statehood. Roberta is hoping through the Thedford gallery, the

heart she painted entitled 'Western Gothic' will be able to be purchased and returned to Thomas county.

Go to www.nebraskabyheart.org for full details.

Roberta's mediums are varied from oil to clay. Her works at the Thedford Gallery include a mixture of the above, as well as thread painting, mixed media, and Swedish knot tapestry.

Roberta and her husband Randy, live near Halsey on private ground, but its access is through the forest. They have four sons who are graduates of Sandhills High at Dunning.

The Thedford Art Gallery is open when you see the red/white feather flag outside. If you are coming to Thedford and want to see Roberta's art and all the original art on display, please do not hesitate to call Tam at 308-645-7341, Paula at 645-2401 or Helen at 645-2489. Call in advance or email Terri at 645-2436, twlicking@ymail.com, she will make sure the door is open for your visit.

Nollette Receives Scholarship From Nebraska Farm Bureau

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is working to keep agricultural educators in Nebraska classrooms by awarding 16 Nebraska agricultural education teachers \$14,750 toward their student loans.

"All 16 teachers show a continued commitment to teaching agriculture in Nebraska," said Megahn Schafer, executive director of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation. "We're very proud to be a part of supporting those who have a strong passion to teach agriculture, and we're seeing that pay off as the number of schools that offer agriculture education and FFA here in Nebraska continues to grow," she continued.

Recipients are all agricultural education teachers in their first through fifth year of teaching. Teachers are eligible for increasing awards each year. As the teachers' impact grows in the classroom, in their FFA chapters, and in their communities each year, the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation aims to recognize and support their contributions.

The 16 recipients of the scholarships are Evey Choat, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge School; Reed Kraeger, Elwood Public Schools; Miranda Paitz, Cambridge Public School; Kathleen Cullinan, Kearney High School; Hannah Horak, Shelton Public School; Lacey Peterson, Riverside Public School;



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Sandhills High School Ag teacher, Justin Nollette, was among 16 recipients of the scholarship towards his student loans.

Tyler Schindler, Omaha Bryan High School; Wade Overturf, Wisner-Pilger Jr./Sr. High School; Nicole D'Angelo, Seward Public School; Shauna Roberson, Garden County Schools; Morgan Schwartz, Stanton High School; Victoria Armstrong, Maywood Public School; Jesse Bower, Sutton Public School; Justin Nollette, Sandhills Public School; Casey Carriker, Raymond Central Public School; Samantha Jensen, Bertrand-Loomis Public

School.

The mission of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is to engage youth, educators, and the general public to promote an understanding of the vital importance of agriculture in the lives of all Nebraskans. The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For more information about the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation, visit www.nefbfoundation.org.

Hunter Safety Course Available

Firearm Hunter Education is a program ensuring that safe, respectful, and responsible hunters participate in the sport of hunting in Nebraska. This program is mandated by the Nebraska Legislature, administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and taught by dedicated volunteer instructors. Students are taught to a set of standards, established by the International Hunter Education Association. By meeting these standards, the Nebraska Hunter Education program is recognized and honored on the entire North American continent.

Proof of completion is required for everyone ages 12-29 years old, who hunts any species of game, game animal or game bird in Nebraska using a firearm or cross-bow. No one under age 12 is required to carry proof



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of completion while hunting as long as they are accompanied by a licensed hunter over the age of 19. Everyone 12 -29 must have proof of completion on their person while hunting.

The Upper Loup NRD is sponsoring a certified training session Saturday October 21st and Sunday October 22nd from 1pm to 6pm each day. Atten-

dance at both sessions is required to become certified. Anyone 11 years or older is welcome to attend. The course will be held at the Upper Loup NRD office in Thedford. Please pre-register on the Nebraska Game and Parks Website. For questions or more information please call the ULNRD office at 308-645-2250.

Do you manage your ranch as a business? Do you have the information you need to do so?

Having information to make effective business decisions is important for ranch success. Enterprise analysis and unit cost of production (UCOP) are tools that can help ranchers identify where value is being created on the ranch, where costs are occurring, and what changes could be made to improve profit. For cow-calf producers, UCOP is figured as cost per pound of weaned calf. Knowing what it costs to develop a bred heifer, harvest a ton of hay or put a pound of gain on a stocker or a yearling are valuable information as well for the ranch business manager.

It takes time to set up and calculate a UCOP, but the benefits are:

Knowing what present costs are;

Projecting what unit cost of production will be in 2018;

Identifying opportunities to improve profitability;

Using information to make management and marketing decisions.

Two-day workshops will provide a hands-on learning experience for producers to learn how to calculate a unit cost of production for a cow-calf operation. Workshops will be held in Chadron, O'Neill, North Platte, and Kimball in November and December.

Participants in this workshop will work through a sample ranch to determine the profitability of four common ranch enterprises: cow-calf, stockers/breeding



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heifers, hay, and land. Participants will go through the steps of analyzing costs and calculating what it costs to produce a unit of product for each enterprise. Participants will also learn how to identify how changes could improve ranch profitability.

Does this sound difficult? Hands-on, group activities, and examples of how to calculate key numbers will help participants through the process. Participants will receive access to Excel® spreadsheet templates that can help them analyze cost of production for their own operation. Extension Educators Berger, Jenkins, and Johnston will be available for follow-up after the workshops.

Below are dates, locations and contact information for pre-registration with the local host.

*November 3 and 4 at Chadron: Chadron State College, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00

p.m. MST; contact Jack Arterburn at 308-327-2312 or jack.arterburn@unl.edu;

*November 13 and 14 at O'Neill: O'Neill Community Center Room C, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST; contact Amy Timmerman 402-336-2760 or atimmerman2@unl.edu;

*December 4 and 5 at North Platte: West Central Research and Extension Center, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST; contact Randy Saner at 308-532-2683 or randy.saner@unl.edu;

*December 14 and 15 at Kimball: 4-H Building, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. MST; contact Aaron Berger at 308-235-3122 or aberger2@unl.edu.

Cost is \$50 per person and covers meals for both days. Please pre-register one week prior for a meal count. Payment is due the day of the workshop. Workshops are limited to 30 people per location. Contact Aaron Berger at 308-235-3122 for more workshop information.

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