

# NEMETH ART CENTER

SIX CENTURIES OF ART

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Friends & Supporters,

My name is Michael Dagen and I would like to introduce myself as the new director of the Nemeth Art Center. Over the past two years, I have witnessed first hand the unique and engaging programming offered by the NAC. I am truly ecstatic to now be working for such a creative Arts organization! You won't find too many art centers in this part of Minnesota that can match the NAC's 38 years of community service. With your help, I know that we can continue to build on the rich history of the Nemeth Art Center, while expanding access to the arts in our region!

2015 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the NAC! With the May 1<sup>st</sup> season opener just around the corner, I am extremely privileged to announce Amy Toscani's sculptures as the first exhibition in the grand gallery this year. Nemeth board member Aaron Spangler and I had the good fortune of visiting Amy's studio in Minneapolis...



Amy Toscani with her piece "Lord Build Me a Cabin"

...earlier this month. Toscani describes her sculptures as “...powerful and provocative with an expansive presence, and still they connect personally, ever emotionally with people...”. You can check out an entertaining interview with Amy Toscani on [www.mnoriginal.org](http://www.mnoriginal.org). Amy's exhibit will run from Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2015. Paired with the Toscani show, Artist Renee Danz of Fargo, ND will debut her most recent collection of assemblages. The opening reception and artist talks will be held Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 pm (Members only preview 4:30 to 5:30 pm). Watch for a postcard announcing the Toscani/Danz exhibit in your mailbox soon!



An example of Renee Danz's work



Read an interview with the NAC's new director at: <http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com>

As many of us scramble to locate anything and everything eligible for a tax write off by the April 15<sup>th</sup> income tax deadline, I would like to remind you that the Nemeth Art Center is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. This means that your donations, endowments and memberships to the NAC are eligible for a tax deduction. Speaking of memberships, last year the Nemeth Art Center rallied over 60 memberships. I would like to challenge you to help us reach 300 memberships this year! How will we make this happen? Well, maybe you know an individual or a family that could benefit by becoming members of the Nemeth Art Center? The NAC is offering \$5 off individual memberships and \$10 off a family membership when you sponsor a membership for a friend. If you can help us increase the number of members to the Nemeth, I am confident that we can retain their support! Memberships, donations and volunteers make it possible for the Nemeth Art Center to continue providing high quality art experiences to the region year after year. As membership...

to the Nemeth grows, so will the perks of being a member. Starting this year, members to the NAC will receive extended access to visiting artists, along with behind the scenes updates and opportunities. 300 memberships in 2015 is an ambitious goal, but reaching this milestone will make our grand goal of 400 memberships by the Nemeth's 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary so much more attainable!

Having accepted the director position at the Nemeth March 1st, 2015 I couldn't be more excited for what the future holds for this organization. As I learn about the series of extraordinary events that inspired the creation of the North Country Museum of Arts back in 1977 (name later changed to the Nemeth Art Center), I can't help but relate to the excitement that must have been felt by the community as they dreamt of creating a new gallery space in the old Hubbard County courthouse building. Fast forward to the present, the Park Rapids community is once again faced with a momentous opportunity to expand access to the Arts with the addition of the Upper Mississippi Center for the Arts located at Armory Square. Serving as the new director of the Nemeth, I can't wait to meet and work with you as we explore the NAC's options moving forward. On behalf of the Nemeth Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your support of the Nemeth Art Center!

Sincerely yours,

**Michael Dagen**

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P.S. Please help us start planning for the NAC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by sharing your ideas for the celebration. Thank you.

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