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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, will be exhibiting the works of Bismarck artist Wallace "Butch" Thunder Hawk, Jr. at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of April, May and June. Thunder Hawk's works will be 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.

Butch Thunder Hawk is an enrolled member of Standing Rock Lakota/Dakota Nation, Fort Yates, ND. Currently he is a Tribal Arts Instructor at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota. He has a B.S. Degree in Physical Education from Dickinson State College, and a Major in Graphic Design at California College of Arts in Oakland California.

Based on his reputable knowledge of tribal arts, he was commissioned by Harvard University-Peabody Museum to create a Horse Memorial Effigy for display and permanent collection. Butch was also contracted by Nelson Atkins Museum, Kansas City, to reproduce a replica of Horse Memorial Effigy for permanent collection. He was visiting Curator and Student Mentor at Peabody Museum-Harvard University and received a Harvard Fellowship in 2005. As a co-curated, he assisted in design work for the Lewis and Clark Exhibit, and Wiyohpiyata [Ledger Art Exhibit] at the Peabody Museum-Harvard University.

He was contracted by James Monroe House Museum to produce two major art pieces for their Native American Section in Charlottesville, Virginia; and he was contracted by Thomas Jefferson House Foundation, Charlottesville, to also reproduce 20 traditional Native American art pieces. All works are replicas of those President Jefferson received from Lewis and Clark.

Butch Thunder Hawk has received a Fine Arts Fellowship from Dickinson State University, has worked with The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame and provided a major art piece to them to

assist in fundraising. For more information you can email Butch Thunder Hawk at bthawk10@yahoo.com.

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