



Northern Arts News

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Artist Interview: Pat Shough "Sillimandi"

By Katie Carter

Taking risks and trying new experiences have never been worrisome for Pat Shough, the Bemidji artist whose works carry the signature "Sillimandi." The California native journeyed to northern Minnesota years ago. Along that path, she carved out time for excursions to the exotic locales of Honduras, Hawaii, the Canary Islands and Italy. She even traveled to Egypt, alone. Her freedom of spirit and compassion towards the unknown equip her with a vibrant, worldly, seemingly unlimited creative license. Her personal warmth and strength transfer seamlessly into her works. Known around Bemidji for her zesty and fluid florals, the artist behind the creations of Sillimandi is no wall flower.

After retiring from a career as a registered nurse, Pat began wintering in Brandenton, Florida. During her first Florida winter, she enrolled in a beginning watercolor course. While working on her first piece, the instructor took a look at her work and said, "Don't change a thing. Matte it, frame it and sell it." The encouragement made an impact.

Shortly after those first days at class, Pat learned the Florida Watercolor Society was planning an art show. Acceptance into the show required two pieces of an artist's work be juried in. Scrambling to complete a second piece, she submitted her first and second creations. Both works were accepted, one was sold and a new chapter of a colorful life had begun. Hidden talent had been mined. Pat has been matting, framing and selling her savory works ever since.

When asked how her life changed as a result of her newly found outlet, Pat responds, "since I began my artistic work, when I look at anything, a plant or a person's skin, I automatically

begin contemplating what colors and tones would be combined in order to recreate the hue on paper or canvas." As she lies down to sleep at night, images float through her mind, begging her to rise early and begin painting while the rest of the world is quiet.

During our interview at the Dunn Brothers coffee shop in Bemidji, her works adorned the walls. The idea that such artistic versatility comes from one mind is perplexing. Vibrant acrylics, watercolors reminiscent of stained glass, abstract mixed media collages and landscapes rich with texture and emotion each possess individual strength and uniqueness. Her fearlessness of attempting new techniques, styles and subjects allows her freedom to create art that is not merely "one note," but instead appeals to people with varying tastes. Watching patrons mill about, admiring her art, each work resonates with a different person.

Over the past 5 years, this budding artist has made a name for herself. That first sale at the Florida Watercolor Society was her springboard and from there she dived right in. Her works have procured numerous awards and accolades while appealing to many art enthusiasts. She is the chairperson for the upcoming Artist of Minnesota Show which will take place in Bemidji this spring. Pat's artistic passion is limitless. Inspiration floods her mind, beckoning her to the studio. While the rest of us are nestled all snug in our beds, visions of colors, landscapes and zebras dance in Sillimandi's head.

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Region 2 Arts Council Grant Deadlines

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Mar. 4, 2009

Arts Project Grants
Mar. 11, 2009

Staff assistance is available to all applicants to discuss ideas, select artists, or to complete the application form.

To request an application or assistance, contact Terri Widman at 218-751-5447 or 800-275-5447. To download application, visit www.r2arts.org.

Gallery Closings

Bemidji Community Arts Center will be closed for the month of January.

Gallery North will be closed Jan. 19-24th for carpet replacement and remodeling. Visit their "new look" Jan. 26th.

Clean Water, Land and the Arts Amendment

Artists, Arts Organizations & Community Groups:

We are very excited that the Constitutional Amendment passed for Clean Water, Land and the Arts! Thank you to all who assisted with spreading the word, and voting Yes for Minnesota. All of your efforts are appreciated! It was great to see the grassroots support of so many people concerned about the environment, wildlife habitat, parks, trails and the arts working in harmony across the state these past few months.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of planning and work to be done to prepare for the distribution of these additional sales tax dollars, which will begin to be collected in July 2009. We anticipate that funds will become available sometime between July 2010 and July 2011. We will keep you informed as we learn more details in 2009.

Meanwhile we will be seeking your input as we develop our plan for future arts services. The Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) and 11 regional arts councils (RACs) are currently engaged in a statewide arts needs assessment process. By the time the sales tax proceeds are allocated, the MSAB and RAC's will have a solid strategic plan for the arts in our great state of Minnesota. For now, the MSAB and RACs distribute about \$10 million annually. The additional sales tax revenue could increase that amount by as much as three times. A recent economic impact study shows that the return on investment in the arts is \$11 for every \$1 spent! The arts are a billion dollar industry in Minnesota annually, which also could triple.

Thanks again for your support of the outdoors we love in Minnesota and making possible better access to the Arts and cultural heritage of our state.

Terri Widman
R2AC Executive Director

"The deeper one goes into the self, the more poetic one's language and ideas"

~Thomas Moore

Showcase Artist Pat Shough

Lovezebras
17" square Acrylic



~ See Page 4 for more from Sillimandi ~

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We welcome:

- story topic ideas;
- guest commentary topic ideas;
- names to add to our mailing list;
- collaboration and registration notifications.

To submit information and/or to be added to our mailing list, contact the R2AC office:

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GUEST COMMENTARY inquiries are invited. Submit your topic idea to Terri Widman by telephone, FAX, or e-mail. Selected works must be previously unpublished and fit within the space allotment.

Due to the advanced print deadlines of this publication, we suggest that you call to confirm dates, times, and other pertinent information about events and opportunities listed here.

R2AC Awards Arts Project Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded \$11,000 through the Arts Project Grants Program, designed for organizations and schools to create or produce an arts project or event. The recipients included:

Schoolcraft Learning Community, Bemidji, received \$960 to assist in presenting Schoolcraft's Winter Concert, showcasing the choirs and orchestra.

Kelliher School #36, Kelliher, was awarded \$1,500 to assist 6th graders in learning the role of the African and Ojibwe drums by making, learning to play and performing the drums for the school and community.

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council, Park Rapids, received \$1,500 to sponsor the Red Bridge 2nd Annual Film Festival.

Headwaters School of Music & Arts, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,500 to increase orchestral opportunities for string, wind or brass students who live in Beltrami, Hubbard and Clearwater Counties.

Pequana Playhouse, Baudette, received \$1,500 to assist in offering a children's theatre workshop production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Northern Artist Association, Bemidji, was awarded \$605 to assist in hosting the annual Artists of Minnesota judged spring show and convention in Bemidji.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra, Bemidji, received \$1,500 to assist in their performance of a free Children's Concert and sing-a-long for all fourth and fifth graders in District 31 Schools, charter and private schools and the Red Lake School.

Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji Area, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,440 to assist with a theater project teaching Club kids about acting and play production.

Northern Light Opera Company, Park Rapids, received \$230 to assist in hiring a consultant for public relations and grant writing.

LLRL-Bagley Branch, Bagley, was awarded \$265 to bring in magician Jeffrey Salvesson for an afternoon of fun in the Children's Library.

Jerome Foundation

2009 Travel and Study Grant Program for Music, Theater and Visual Arts

The Travel and Study Grant Program awards grants to emerging artists who create new work. Minnesota-based executive and program administrators working for nonprofit arts organizations in music, theater and visual arts are eligible to apply.

Application Deadline:
February 20, 2009

For more information, contact the Jerome Foundation staff at 1-800-955-3766 or info@jeromefdn.org. Visit their website, www.jeromefdn.org.

Workshop Funding Available

Region 2 Arts Council invites individuals and organizations from our five-county area (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahanomen counties) to propose workshop ideas for direct funding. The workshop is funded with no financial risk to you.

The workshop must focus on learning experiences for adult artists and be open to the public. Any group that wants to bring in an artist to do a workshop is eligible, as are regional artists who wish to present a workshop themselves. Proposals are considered on an ongoing basis, but funds are limited. The sooner you contact us, the better.

Contact Terri Widman, R2AC Executive Director, at 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447 if you have questions or wish to request an application.

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Submission deadline

February 7

for the

March/April issue

Please send to:

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OPPORTUNITIES

Artists of Minnesota Juried Show

May 15, 16, 17

At the Hampton Inn, Bemidji

Registration Deadline: April 15

All entrants must be an Artist of Minnesota member.

"DREAM INSPIRE CREATE" will be the theme for the 2009 Spring Show.

The show is sponsored by Northern Minnesota Artist Association and Gallery North with a grant from the Region 2 Arts Council through funding from the Minnesota State Legislature.

For more information, contact Pat Shough at 218-760-2308 or visit www.artistsofminnesota.org.

2009 Fogelberg Fellowships

Northern Clay Center announces the 2009 Fogelberg Fellowship Program which provides emerging ceramic artists an opportunity to be in residence for one year at Northern Clay Center.

Two studio fellowships will be awarded, valued at \$2,200 each. Each fellowship includes one shared, fully furnished, private studio space plus materials and firing.

Recipients' work will be included in a group exhibition featuring several artists in January 2011.

Deadline: April 24, 2009

New application forms and eligibility criteria are available at www.northernclaycenter.org/apply.

2009 McKnight Artist Residencies for Ceramic Artists

The Residencies provide national and international, mid-career individual ceramic artists an opportunity to be in residence for three months at Northern Clay Center.

Four grants of \$5,000 will be awarded as well as provided studio space and a glaze and firing allowance.

Residents' work will be included in a catalogue and group exhibition featuring other McKnight-funded artists.

Deadline: April 24, 2009

For more information and application, www.northernclaycenter.org/create/mcknight_residency.php

About the Showcase Artist

Pat Shough

Artist's Statement:

Pat is a vibrant colorist and brings her creative spontaneity to work in water color and acrylics. Her large canvases can accent and take the stage in any room design where vivid colors are the focal point.



Windy Day
3' x 3' Acrylic

Sixth Annual Art of Recovery

The Minnesota State Arts Board and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs invite entries for an art exhibition to heighten public awareness about crime victims' rights and resources.

Minnesotans who have been victims or survivors of a crime and expressed their experiences through the arts are invited to submit work. Anyone who has used the arts to respond, explore, express or heal are invited to enter.

Submitted work may include literature (poetry, short stories or essays) **or visual arts** (drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, fabric/textiles, photographs, mixed media or film/video).

Entry deadline:
4:30 p.m. January 23, 2009

For more information or entry forms, visit www.arts.state.mn.us/aor/2009/call.htm

Red River Watercolor Society

16th Annual National Juried Watermedia Exhibition
May 14 - August 30, 2009
Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND

Entry Deadline:
February 20, 2009

Entry Fee: \$20 (members)
 \$25 (non-members)

Exhibition contact:
Jacqueline J. Anderson
Director/Show Entries
218-233-6937
jackiejanderson516@yahoo.com

For more information, visit their website www.redriverws.org

Theatrical and Musical Auditions

Bemidji Community Theater and Bemidji State University Theater

Cinderella

Auditions: Jan. 12 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. BSU Bangsberg Main Stage
Please bring an upbeat musical piece and a reading.

Performance dates: April 15-18.

For more information, contact Mary Knox-Johnson at 218-755-3934 or mknoxjohnson@bemidjistate.edu

Mask & Rose Theater Collective

All female production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*

Auditions: Feb. 4th & 5th 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Wild Rose Theater
Prepare a memorized portion of a Shakespeare play and one song.

E-mail Director Cate Belleveau for 10 minute audition slot at kayakc2@mac.com
To be held as part of a "Bard in the Park Fest" on Lake Bemidji July 17, 18, 20.

Paul Bunyan Playhouse

Auditions for the 2009 Summer Season

Auditions: Feb. 7th 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Chief Theater
No Appointment Necessary.
Callbacks: Feb. 8 Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Those auditioning have the option of preparing a short (one minute) monologue or reading from one of the shows - scripts provided. Women interested in *Sisters of Swing* should prepare 16 bars of an uptempo jazz or swing number. Men and women interested in *Tommy* should prepare 16 bars of an uptempo rock song. Everyone auditioning for a musical role should dress for movement.

Casting roles for the following productions:

Sisters of Swing (June 10-20)

The Odd Couple (June 24 - July 3)

Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure (July 8-18)

The Who's Tommy (August 5-15)

For information or questions, contact Zach Curtis at zachcurtis@yahoo.com

Bemidji State University Music Department

Auditions for entrance into the program and for scholarships

Jan. 24 and Feb. 28

Thompson Recital Hall

Open to students who plan to enter or transfer to the University in Fall 2009.

To schedule an audition or apply for a scholarship, contact coordinator Susan Nelson at 218-556-5616 or snelson@bemidjistate.edu. More information at www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/music

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Jan. 2

Feb. 6

Downtown Bemidji

More information in our
"Calendar of Events" under each
participating business or gallery.

JANUARY

Through January

Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse will present the Kapinga Mbale, African landscape artist. Hannah Kufuna, owner of the collection will be at the **First Friday** opening reception 3-5 p.m. Jan. 2nd. After the reception, Wild Hare features their own culinary artists at the First Friday Wine Bar from 5-9 p.m. 523 Minnesota Ave. NW, downtown Bemidji. 218-444-5282.

Through January

Gallery North presents its **First Friday** Open House 2-5 p.m. Jan. 2nd. The Gallery Showcase features the Holiday Boutique featuring unique and Artistic gifts all reasonably priced.

Through January and February

Dunn Brother's Coffee displays the artwork of Marion Caroline from Gallery North. Visit Marion during the **First Friday** Art Walk Jan. 2nd. 218-444-5252.

Jan. 7 Headwaters School of Music & Arts offers a music class for pre-schoolers ages 3-5. This class will incorporate singing, movement, imagination, listening and percussion instruments for a fun introduction to musical concepts. Classes will be Wednesday mornings from 10:15 - 11

a.m. beginning Jan. 7th. To register, 218-444-5606.

Jan. 9 Mask and Rose Theater Collective will host The Second Friday - "Wander Woman" - Woman Travel Series. Patt Rall will share about her travels to Jordan and Egypt. 7 p.m. A food sample will be offered. Cost: \$2.50.

Jan. 17 Gallery North presents a Watercolor class taught by Marion Caroline and Grace Garland titled "Rock and Roll Poppies." This class will teach the "Rock and Roll" method of watercolor. Beginners are welcome. All materials are provided and participants will complete a vibrant 8x10" watercolor of a poppy. Cost: \$40. Pre-register at Gallery North. 218-444-9813.

Jan. 31 Brigid's Cross Irish Pub & Restaurant will host Lehto & Wright, an Irish Folk - rock trio. 8 p.m. - midnight. 218-444-0567.

FEBRUARY

Through February

Bemidji Community Art Center will host its **First Friday** Art Walk opening reception Feb. 6th and the annual BCAC Members Show. This exhibit features work by members ranging from paintings to sculpture, ceramics to jewelry. Shop 426 features specials Feb. 6-14. 426 Bemidji Ave N. (Carnegie Library). www.bcac.wordpress.com 218-444-7570.

Through February

Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse will present the watercolors and drawings by Malisa R. VanMaasdam. **First Friday** opening reception 3-5 p.m. Feb. 6th. First Friday Wine Bar from 5-9 p.m. featuring a dazzling new menu and wine and beer list to match. 523 Minnesota Ave. NW, downtown Bemidji. 218-444-5282.

Through February

Gallery North presents its **First Friday** Open House 2-5 p.m. Feb. 6th.

Bemidji State University Performance Calendar

January

16	Donizetti's Opera "The Daughter of the Regiment" (DVD Presentation)	7:30 p.m.
31	Snow Ball	6:00 p.m.

February

7	Jazz Fest	7:30 p.m.
8	Faculty Trio: Michelle Laliberte, Violin; Patrick Riley, Cello; Stephen Carlson, Piano	3:00 p.m.
10	BSO Valentine's Concert	7:30 p.m.
15	Bemidji Baroque Ensemble	3:00 p.m.
20	Verdi's Opera "Nabucco" (DVD Presentation)	7:30 p.m.
22	Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band	3:00 p.m.
27	Bemidji Concert Series: NY Woodwind Quintet	7:30 p.m.
28	Rashawn Ross, Jazz Trumpet Concert	7:30 p.m.

Please contact BSU Music Department at 218-755-2915 for locations and to confirm dates and times of events. Contact the box office at 218-755-3863 for theater tickets.

The Gallery Showcase will feature the emerging artist Jamie Burdick, a BSU Art Major who works in oil pastels and pen and ink. 218-444-9813.

Feb. 6-7 Headwaters School of Music and Arts present "Soul Collage: An Intuitive Path to the Deep Self." A reflective and interactive workshop lead by CarolAnn Russell. To register, 218-444-5606.

Feb. 10 Bemidji Symphony Orchestra and Headwaters youth Orchestra present "Couples Night III" a Valentine's concert. 7:30 p.m. Bemidji State University's Main Theater. Free Admission.

Feb. 13 Mask & Rose Theater Collective will host The Second Friday - "Wander Woman" - Woman Travel Series. Cate Belleveau will share slides of her 17 day hiking teck to Mt. Everest Base Camp in Nepal and visit to a rural school in the Pokara region of south central Nepal. Participants will then sample some dal bhat, a staple food of Nepal. Cost: \$2.50.

Feb. 14 The Beltrami Country Historical Society will host its 6th Annual White Elephant and Valentine Bake Sale. 10-4 p.m. at the History Center, 130 Minnesota Ave. SW. For more information or to contribute "gently used" goods or baked goods, call 218-444-3376.

Feb. 14 Mask & Rose Theater Collective fund raiser "Death by Chocolate Valentine's" - a play and decadent desserts - "The Greatest Love Letters of All Time." Participants will hear actors read some powerful love letters and have a plate of decadent chocolate desserts. 8 p.m.

Feb. 20 -21 Mask and Rose Theater Collective presents "Hansen's Grill or MN Nice on Ice

the Musical." The play will be held on the ice under a tent as part of the Walker Eelpout Fest. Times to be determined.

Feb. 28- March 1 Mask & Rose Theater Collective presents "Hansen's Grill or MN Nice on Ice the Musical" held near the Tourist Info Center, Bemidji. Fri. and Sat. 7 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m.

Warm Your Heart with a Little Art

Gallery North is once again offering art classes in February.

Sign up begins Jan. 15th at Gallery North. A person may sign up for no more than two classes. Early registration is recommended as class size is limited.

For more information, contact the Gallery at 218-444-9813.

Call to Artists

Gallery North is forming a perspective membership list, for information visit Gallery North or call 218-444-9813.

2009 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Ceramic Artists

The fellowships are intended to advance the work of Minnesota ceramic artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, who have already proven their abilities and are at a career stage beyond emerging.

Two grants of \$25,000 will be awarded.

Fellowship recipients will be featured in a group exhibition at Northern Clay Center and an accompanying catalogue. Artist will present a workshop during their grant year.

Deadline: April 24, 2009

For more information and application, www.northernclaycenter.org/create/mcknight_fellowship.php

Pirates of Penzance

A production of "Pirates of Penzance" is looking for additional pirates and for people interested in back-stage support responsibilities.

Rehearsals will begin in January and be on stage in late March and early April. Those interested should call 218-751-9194 for more information.

Make a Difference - Become a Partner with R2AC

It's been a while since we've heard from you. Your renewed financial support of Region 2 Arts Council is extremely important. Please renew your support today. Your partnership with Region 2 Arts Council strengthens the presence of the arts by supporting opportunities for arts creation, promotion, education, and funding for the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahanomen Counties. People like you help to sustain our programs and services.

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Noteworthy

Vivienne Morgan, Bemidji, has a solo photography exhibition, "A Sense of Place" at the North Dakota Museum of Art from November 5th, 2008 - January 5th, 2009. All of the photographs were taken in the Bemidji area in 2008. Visit <http://ndmoa.com/Current%20Exhibition/currentexhibition.html>.

Jayson Knutson, Bemidji, is to be featured in "Favorite Memories" by Noble House's Press. It will feature "Forever Rose" and "Cutting Edge," both editor's choice awarded poems.

Roger Kast, Nevis artist, recently had a solo show at Saint John's University Art Center, Target Gallery. The exhibit titled "Drawings in Black & White," ran from September 26 - November 21 on the campus located in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Sandy Kaul, founding member of the Bemidji Area Arts Endowment, was honored this fall with a component fund established in her name. BAAE Board members, friends and family set up the Sandy Kaul Fund for the Arts.

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant Writing Workshops

Region 2 Arts Council is offering **FREE** grant writing workshops for anyone interested in applying for an Anishinaabe Arts Initiative grant within the Region 2 area. The region includes **Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Becker, Roseau, Itasca, and Cass counties.**

The workshop will familiarize potential applicants with the application process, what projects are eligible, how to develop a project budget, and other tips.

The **Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant** is open to:

- individual Native American artists,
- schools that wish to bring in a Native American artist-in-residence, and
- community arts projects.

Workshops will be held at the R2AC office in Bemidji. To reserve a place in a **FREE** workshop or for further information, please call 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447, or e-mail r2arts@paulbunyan.