

May 4, 2016

Dear South Dakota Artist,

I am pleased to announce the First Lady's Prairie Art Showcase is now accepting applications from artists. The annual Art Showcase will be held in conjunction with the Governor's Invitational Pheasant Hunt on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Pierre.

The Governor's Pheasant Hunt is a powerful economic development tool that gives state leaders an opportunity to host out-of-state business and tourism prospects, as well as in-state business and community leaders. The art showcase gives our guests a chance to meet many talented people and the opportunity to purchase South Dakota keepsakes

Each year, the art showcase is a highly anticipated, successful part of the Hunt and garners much praise from both guests and the public.

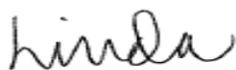
To be considered for selection as one of thirty fine art artists showcased, please go online to [www.arts council.sd.gov/PrairieArtShowcase/index.aspx](http://www.arts council.sd.gov/PrairieArtShowcase/index.aspx) and submit an application. All applications and digital images must be submitted by midnight, June 5, 2016.

All applications will be voted on by a panel. The artists selected will represent a wide range of art mediums, including pottery, painting, sculpture, photography, carving, basketry, and jewelry. The selected artists will be notified by July 11, 2016.

If you are selected to participate in the First Lady's Prairie Art Showcase, you will be asked to provide one of your pieces, with a retail value of \$100 or more, to be given away in a drawing the week following the showcase. The drawing is a tremendous way to get people to visit as many of the booths as possible. More information on this and other event news will be provided to each selected artist.

I hope you will consider my invitation to apply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda".

Linda Daugaard