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RENOWNED ARTISTS' WORK ADDED TO STATE COLLECTION

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Arts Council announces the addition of three new pieces to the Art in State Buildings collection.

Commissioned pieces by Arthur Amiotte and Mary Groth were completed and installed over the summer. These artworks were purchased with FY16 funds for the program, and were commissioned from the prominent South Dakota artists.

Amiotte is a scholar and artist, born in 1942 in Pine Ridge, S.D. His work has been showcased in more than 100 state, national, and international exhibits including permanent collections at the Smithsonian and the U.S. Department of the Interior. He has received dozens of prestigious awards as well as three honorary doctorate degrees for his work. Amiotte lives and works in the Black Hills now.

Groth, born in Aberdeen, is a well-respected and accomplished South Dakota artist. She is known for her paintings of prairie life that capture both landscapes and relationships. While maintaining her fine art studio in Sioux Falls, Groth has also excelled as an award-winning illustrator and graphic designer.

Amiotte's piece, which pays homage to the Sioux Horse Effigy, has been installed at the Cultural Heritage Center, in Pierre, near the sculpture of the Sioux Horse Effigy. The piece can be viewed for free by any visitor who would like to see it. The two pieces completed by Groth are displayed in the Governor's large conference room in the State Capitol. Visitors will be allowed to view the pieces upon request, but they should call ahead to find a time when the conference room is not in use, 605-773-3212.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the state of South Dakota. The Art in State Buildings program was created for the purpose of adding the work of talented South Dakota artists to the state's permanent art collection for display in conference and meeting rooms and other areas of state government buildings with significant public access.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.