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Area Artists Selected for History Wall in New Pine Healthcare Campus

Sandstone, MN – December 2, 2016 – The Board of North Pine Area Hospital District (Hospital District) voted unanimously to engage three area artists to provide paintings and stain glass art for the Pine Healthcare Campus ‘History Wall.’ Artists Carole Bersin of Sandstone, Patrick Ring of Sturgeon Lake and Dave Baker of Cloverton submitted proposals that were then reviewed by a committee and gained final approval from the Hospital District Board on November 29. This committee was composed of the Hospital District, Old School Arts Center, Essentia, Pine County History Museum, and Sandstone History Center.

“The Hospital District decided early in the planning process to dedicate wall space in our new Pine Healthcare Campus facility to showcase the rich history of our area,” states Ron Osladil, chairman of the North Pine Area Hospital District. “We couldn’t be happier with the proposals of these artists who are giving a wonderful legacy for the future generations to enjoy. Our budget was very modest, yet these artists chose to provide their talents.”

Carole Bersin and Patrick Ring are teaming up to do four painting panels intersected and enhanced by three stained glass panels. The entire piece will run 41 feet in length and be 5 feet tall. Each of the four painted panels will be “a panoramic interpretation of the land in the background, with the foreground consisting of large figures illustrating the stories and history of the people, community and health care of Pine County,” according to Carole Bersin. Two of the stained glass panels will focus on different industries and recreational activities of the area. The third panel and centerpiece of the mural will be an artistic interpretation of the caduceus, a commonly used symbol of medicine. “My stained glass designs are primarily inspired by the natural world, especially by the integration of man and nature,” states Patrick Ring.

Carole has been commissioned to do mural work throughout the Midwest including the Moose Lake Public Library, History of Sauk Centre, Park Nicollet Clinics, General Mills and many more. Her fine art of drawings and paintings encompasses works inspired by nature, scenes from daily life and portrait commissions. Many of the works by Carole are commissioned by private persons and commercial enterprises such as Mercy Hospital Nursing Home (now Augustana Care Center).

Dave Baker will do a 5 foot by 3 foot oil painting depicting the early history of Pine County. "I plan a painterly realism emphasizing the human elements ... a bit moody with a somewhat muted color," explains Dave Baker. Dave has a master of Fine Arts from Yale University and is a graduate of the Minnesota College of Art and Design. He has won several awards through the years at the state level and at the East Central Arts Council IMAGE show.

About North Pine Area Hospital District

The North Pine Area Hospital District is a Minnesota political subdivision whose purpose is to ensure that area residents have access to high quality health care. Hospital Districts have taxing authority to acquire, improve and run hospital and nursing home facilities. The North Pine Area Hospital District owns the current Sandstone hospital and nursing home and contracts for health care services with Essentia Health. The new Pine Healthcare Campus will be completed in the spring of 2017. It will include the hospital, clinic and pharmacy services provided by Essentia Health, Gateway Family Health Clinic and Thrifty White Pharmacy. Golden Horizons Assisted Living and Memory Care is being built adjacent to the hospital/clinic/pharmacy facility on the Pine Healthcare Campus. This further broadens the range of health related services at one convenient location. The Hospital District is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 19 appointed/elected individuals. For more information about the Hospital District, the Pine Healthcare Campus and construction updates, go to www.PineHospitalDistrict.com.

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