

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness
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Weekly News—January 23, 2013

Vicar's Notes

Although the weather outside is frightful, we're coming up on one of Spirit's most exciting events of the year—our annual collaboration with the Grand Marais Art Colony. During "*Seen Through Native Eyes: A Celebration of Native Art.*" we hope to delve deeply and begin to SEE (at least realize what we can't see) through native eyes, both to broaden our artistic vision, but also to deepen our understanding. In this year of the 150th anniversary of the massacre of 38 Dakota warriors, we felt it appropriate to stop and consider from a different perspective.

Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church has invited Episcopal priests Robert Two Bulls (Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota) and Johnson Loud (Red Lake, Chippewa)—to be Artists in Residence from Thursday, February 28th through Sunday, March 3rd. Active painters and potters, Robert and Johnson bring their native sensibilities to their work, using some traditional themes and motifs, but in a contemporary way, such as exploring iconography as a way of portraying the person. Their work will be on display in the Art Colony's small gallery for four weeks after the presentation. Here's the schedule. There will be many opportunities for volunteering!

Thursday and Friday, February 28th and March 1st (Grand Marais and Grand Portage schools) Artists in Residence at local schools.

Thursday evening, March 1st, 7 PM (location TBA) The 2012 documentary "38 + 2" about the hanging of the 38 Dakota 150 years ago will be shown; a discussion, led by Robert Two Bulls will follow.

Friday, March 1st (Art Colony): Opening reception for exhibit of Two Bulls' and Loud's work., and presentation—*Seen Through Native Eyes I*. Music by Briand Morrison.

Saturday, March 2nd (Art Colony): Workshop: *Seen Through Native Eyes II*) To register, contact *The Grand Marais Art Colony*.

Sunday, March 3rd (Maple Hill Church) 10:30 AM Two Bulls and Loud will lead worship at *Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church*.

4:30 PM, (Grand Portage) Dinner and listening circle in on Sunday afternoon/evening.

Call to Artists, inviting local artists (including youth) to express some of what they've learned, will go out March 2nd. Work will be submitted a month later and be exhibited both in Grand Portage and In Grand Marais (locations TBA).

Blessings,

Mary Ellen

This Sunday!!!

- **Thursday, January 24, 6:30, Reaching Out Committee** meets Carolyn Schmidt's.
- **February 9, 9:30 First mission area meeting** of the year at Trinity Church in Hermantown. Carolyn is planning to go...who else would like to join her?
- **February 15, 6-8:30 PM Ash Wednesday** evening at WindCradle.
- **February 28-March 3 "Seen through Native Eyes"** collaboration with The Art Colony—priests Robert Two Bulls and Johnson Loud will be working with youth and others.
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Correction:

- **The Good Samaritan Fund has given 5100 dollars this year. Where does The Good Samaritan Fund has given 5100 dollars this year. Included in this amount is 900.00 used to give special Christmas gift cards, allowing people to shop at one of the grocery stores for Christmas.**

(Sorry I got the wrong number, but at least I know someone reads the newsletter!)

January 27th, 1-4:30 PM—retreat at WindCradle. Plan (if you can) to attend. Ponder and pray over these questions—and bring (or send) your responses.

1. If someone asked you to describe SOTW in a sentence or two, what would you say?
2. If someone said, "What makes your church unique?" how would you answer?
3. What is working well at Spirit of the Wilderness?
4. Are there challenges we need to meet at this stage?
5. Are there parts of who we feel called to be which have slipped off our radar?
6. Spend some time praying about SOTW. What comes to you in terms of vision for our future?

Service opportunities:

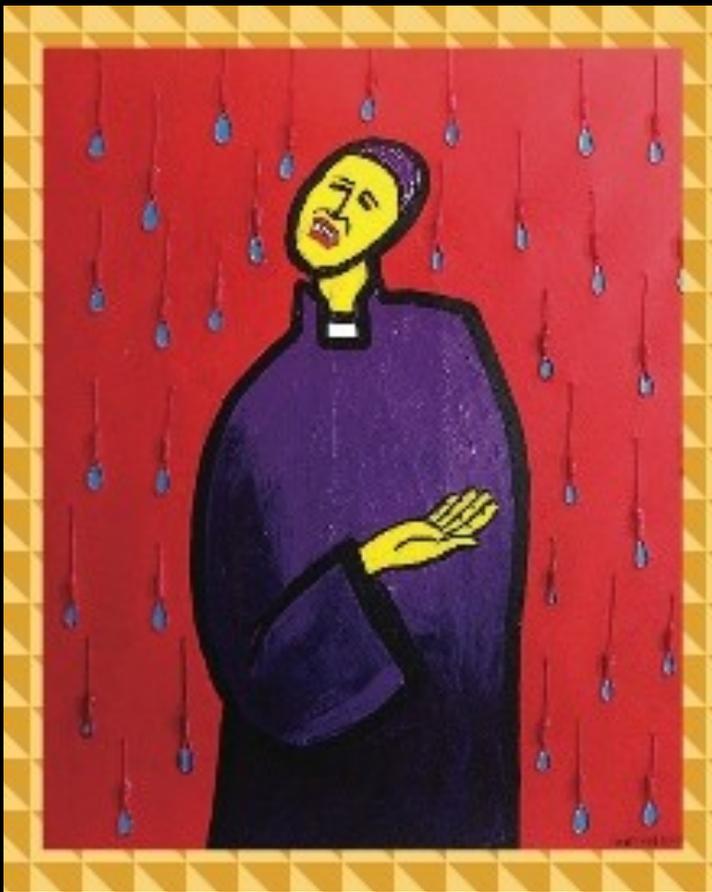
Outreach committee would like new members, and also has service opportunities! (contact Kathy Sullivan)

Newly forming Pastoral Care Committee could use members! (contact Jennye Ashcroft)

Practical? Want to take home mugs and wash them?
Tidy up after the service? Take home linens to wash?
Speak to someone after church!

January 27th—worship
Italics are openings

Lead Lee
Music Layne
Homily ME
Presiding Carol M.
Chalice Rolf and XXXX
OT Milan
NT Kathy
Gospel Jennye
POP XXX
Treats Dorothy



Thirty Eight Tears of Bishop Whipple
by
Robert Two Bulls