

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Artist in Residence at Lewis and Clark State Park

Artist Brad Bachmeier, known for his pottery and sculpting artwork, is featured at Lewis and Clark State Park from July 21-28 as part of the Artist in Residency Program sponsored by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Bachmeier will draw inspiration from the park and incorporate it into his art. He will also be putting on a hands-on workshop on Saturday, July 27. The workshop starts at 11 am, providing an opportunity for park visitors to discover how humans began to use clay for pottery and sculpture purposes as well as make their own pinch and coil pottery creations. Materials will be provided and funded by the North Dakota Council on the Arts. At 4 pm, Bachmeier will give a lively presentation about ceramic pottery and sculpture technique that will include a wheel throwing demonstration and an opportunity to view a variety of his finished pieces. The events will take place at the park's amphitheater area.

Bachmeier is a native of Anamoose, ND and currently lives in Fargo. He serves as the Professor of Art Education at Minnesota State University Moorhead. In 2009, Professor Bachmeier received the prestigious bi-annual ND Governor's Award in Arts Education for his "numerous, significant and continued contributions to the state and region."

Bachmeier's ceramic work is collected nationally and has been featured on HGTV's "That's Clever" and Prairie Public TV's "Prairie Mosaic." He has also been nationally recognized with an award in wheel-thrown ceramics and internationally having been awarded 3rd place at an ARTBUZZ International art competition in ceramics..

Artists have played an important role in the history of North Dakota's state parks, assisting with defining the value of protecting natural resources, whether they are cultural, natural or recreational. It is the aim of the Artist in Residency Program that the experiences and art generated through this partnership allows the public to become stewards with a deeper appreciation of art inspired by the state parks of North Dakota.

Lewis and Clark State Park is located 19 miles southeast of Williston on Highway 1804. For additional information about the park, please visit www.parkrec.nd.gov or call the park at 701-859-3071.