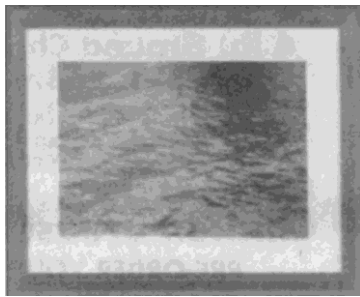




## Arts Alliance Focuses on Going Green

The Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills is holding its group show during the month of July, at the Sweet Lips Art and Gift Gallery in downtown Lake Mills. In keeping with the theme of the show, "Going Green," participating artists have produced artwork that either espouses conservation of nature or makes use of recycled materials.

This year, the AAGLM is partnering with the Lake Mills Light and Water for the Summer Series, and LML&W



customers are invited to enter their name for two drawings: one for an Energy Star appliance of your choice (an \$800 value), and one for a fine art print, "Rhythm in Blues" (a \$700 value), by watercolor artist Amy Arntson.

Customers may sign up for each drawing with a commitment to participate in LML&W's Renewable Energy Program, purchasing one block of renewable energy (\$3 monthly). Purchase of two or more energy blocks entitles customers to participate in both drawings. The drawings will be held on August 13 at Water House Foods. (If you are currently part of LML&W's Renewable Energy Program, you may register in person to enter the drawings.)

Other sponsors of this year's Summer Series include: Crystal Farms, Dutch Designs, the Wine Vineyard, Sweet Lips Gallery, Water House Foods, Leader Printing, Tyranena Brewery, Sentry Foods, and Town Hall Studios.

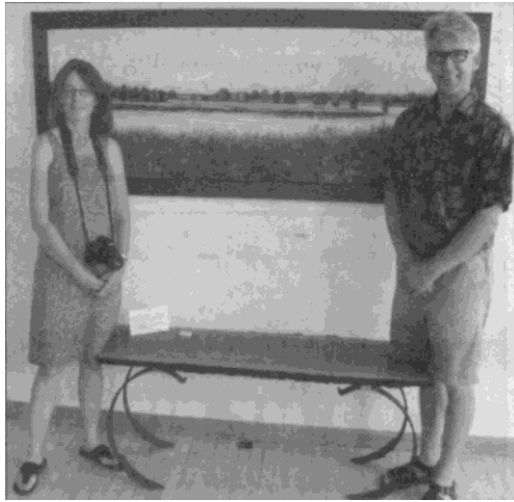
Some of the artists participating in the show include:



Pat Forest, whose watercolor paintings, "Countryside," "Each Life is Precious" and "Dawn", reflect her love of nature and her hope that it can be preserved.

Karen Ragus' installation, "Recycled Party," makes a lamp out of used plastic glasses; her acrylic painting is entitled, "Green, a Reason to Love a Martini."





Leslie DeMuth (left) exhibits a painting from her series, "Prairie, River, Skies," which reflects not only her love of nature but her hope that more attention will be paid to conserving it. Woodworker Steve Bower (right) created a table from harvested Green County cherry wood and made the legs from an old chisel plow.



Rick Santovec's mixed media/collage art is essentially "green," because he uses reclaimed, found objects and recycled newspaper in every piece.



Fabric Artist Ann Fisher weaves soft, wearable vests on her own loom, then decorates them in vivid colors.



Tom Berns produced two collage paintings on fabric, both featuring fish: "In My Dreams I" and "In My Dreams II," using recycled materials.



Other exhibitors included painters Peggy Furlin, Amy Arntson, Linda Bogstad, quilter Wendy Butler Bems, potter Bruce Johnson, fabric recreators Mary Ellen Vinz, Patty Dehnert.

The AAGLM Group Show runs through July 31, so don't miss the opportunity to see these fine Lake Mills artists.

And don't miss the opportunity to participate in the drawings for an Energy Star appliance or an archival print of Amy Arntson's painting, "Rhythm in Blues." You can find out how to participate by contacting Lake Mills Light and Water and asking about their "renewable energy blocks." Lake Mills is on its way toward becoming one of the top cities in the U.S. in use of renewable sources for its energy. Looks like artists are leading the way!