

## Arts council holding open house Saturday

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The public is invited to an open house at Meadowlark Gallery on Saturday, Sept. 29, to meet artists Bill Day of Lewellen and Greg Sykes of Grant, whose work has been on display during the month of September.

Day became interested in art while in high school. He has had training in art at high school and at Fort Morgan Community College.



In addition, he has taken digital photography and Photoshop at Mid Plains Community College. His favorite subjects are landscape, wildlife and subjects shot at close range.

He is a member of the Ash Hollow Art Club since 2007.

He has garnered several awards for his work including Best of Show at the Garden County Fair; second Best of Show at the Wray, Colo. Art Guild Show; and Best of Show at the Ash Hollow Art Club Show in 2011.

Wood carvings by Greg Sykes are also on display this month at the gallery.

Sykes was born at the hospital in Grant, but grew up in Ogallala, graduating from high school in 1970, after which he joined the army.

He attended Kearney State College and the University of Nebraska for one year each, and spent most of his career in Colorado, retiring just two years ago from the postal service, and returning to Nebraska.

Referring to his interest in wood carving, Sykes said, "Carving chose me."



After suffering a head injury seven years ago and experiencing amnesia, on a whim he decided to try carving a scrap piece of wood he found in his garage.

He found the activity therapeutic during his recovery, and was pleased to discover he had a growing talent. He has since sold several pieces at galleries in Loveland, Colo.

He retired in Grant two years ago.

The open house will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Meadowlark Gallery in Grant on Saturday. Come and meet the contributing artists.

### **Coming up**

Next month's show will feature the annual display of quilts made by an area quilt guild.

Visit Meadowlark Gallery on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and check the arts council website at [perkinscountycreators.com](http://perkinscountycreators.com) for past shows and a current gallery schedule.

The gallery is operated by the Perkins County Area Arts Council, who meets the second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the gallery. The meetings are open to the public.

