



*The mission of DRC is to promote sustainable use of natural resources and family-owned and operated agriculture by building enduring, democratic local groups that empower people to influence decision-making processes that affect their lives and communities.*

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## **Art show and auction invites commentary on North Dakota current events**

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**BISMARCK, ND** – Art has the power to heal, to express different perspectives, and to build connections that transcend language and geography. Dakota Resource Council is seeking entries for a first-ever art show and auction that invites creative commentary on significant current event issues impacting North Dakotans. DRC is a membership-based, grassroots organization that supports citizens across the state to be involved in issues important to their communities. Primary issue areas include Agriculture and Food, Oil and Gas, and Clean Energy.

“We’re looking for bold perspectives on issues that impact North Dakotans’ lives, such as the defeat of corporate factory farms, the environmental and social impacts of oil and gas development, or how clean energy could affect our future,” said Don Morrison, executive director of DRC. “But we also want entries that showcase the treasures that North Dakotans are working so hard to protect, like our beautiful landscapes and high quality of life.”

The DRC Art Show & Auction is open to the public statewide and offers a variety of different media categories, including photography, painting, drawing, sculpture, digital art, writing, and music. All entries are due to the DRC office by September 30, 2016. DRC Art Show & Auction entries can be submitted online at [www.drcinfo.org/artshow](http://www.drcinfo.org/artshow) or in person at the DRC office, 1200 Missouri Ave, Suite 201, Bismarck, ND, 58504.

The art show and auction will be held at DRC’s annual meeting in New Town, ND, on October 21-22. Depending on the format, music and writing will be incorporated into either the auction or lunchtime entertainment. Among other benefits, artists receive a 20% commission of the auctioned price and are invited to speak about their work at the event. For more information on DRC’s annual meeting, go to [www.drcinfo.org/annualmeeting](http://www.drcinfo.org/annualmeeting).

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