



Michelle Finley of Aurora, Wis. captured this image she calls "Just a few Hummin Birds."



Reader Scott Howard spotted this luna moth perched on a telephone pole in Spread Eagle, Wis.

Northwoods 21st Annual Summer Art Tour dates announced



Swanlife, photograph by Bob Kovar, BK Photography, Manitowish Waters. While his studio will be closed, Bob will offer online viewing and sales during the tour.

The artist members of Northwoods Art Tour will be welcoming visitors in a variety of ways this July 24, 25 and 26. The 39 studios and three guest artists each made individual decisions regarding their ability to safely be open to the public during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Open studios will welcome visitors from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. A status list of all the studios with links to their contact information including webpages is available on the Northwoods Art tour website: www.northwoodsarttour.com

Because tour members value and respect

their visitors, all open studios and galleries will be following recommended safety guidelines. Visitors should be prepared to wear masks and observe social distancing conventions.

The Northwoods Art Tour is pleased to introduce four new members.

Johanna Buwalda creates functional white stoneware pottery in her Johanna B Ceramic Studio in Eagle River. She also teaches pottery at the Warehouse Community Art Center and enjoys making the arts accessible to all people.

Sandra Cashman was bitten by a passion for art and nature at an early age and studied art throughout high school,

college, and workshops. After retiring to Manitowish Waters, she has given a high priority to pursuing her painting. She and her husband have converted a horse barn on their property into her new "Birchbark Studio" where she will welcome visitors, demonstrate her painting style, and share her new artistic voice.

Bob Kovar's creative process is deeply personal and evolved from his eagerness to share the beauty of the region and his love for this place. "I did not start photographing in order to sell pictures, rather I wanted to try and get at the essence of what makes this place so beautiful, and so attractive to



Powell Marsh: Homeward, 16 x 20 oil on canvas by new member, Sandy Cashman. Sandy's Birch Bark Studio, in Manitowish Waters is open to the public during the tour.

others. I hope visitors leave my studio with a smile on their face and a deeper appreciation for the region." Although Bob's studio, BK Photography in Manitowish Waters, will be closed to the public for the Summer Tour, he invites visitors to see his work through his website: www.bobkovar.com

Adam Mroz, designer, and woodworker will be opening his WOOD-ESIGN studio in Eagle River to the public for the first time during the tour. Woodesign is a hearty workshop that aims to

make custom designs and craft functional artwork that lasts a lifetime.

Tour members have been working throughout the year and all open studios will have new work to share and artists will be demonstrating their approaches to art making. Guests are invited to explore the backroads and quiet places in Iron, Vilas, Oneida, and Lincoln counties these where artists live and create. All the artists are pleased to welcome you to their creative space, to share their joy in creating, and their knowledge of process.

The tour is self-guided. Visitors select which studios to visit based on their interests and time. Colorful brochures featuring each studio with driving directions, contact information and a map are available at area Chambers of Commerce and brochure racks located in many area businesses and on the tour's website. Because brochures were printed early in the year, a list of the open status of each studio is only available on the website: www.northwoodsarttour.com