

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Local artists' work featured in film

Dolls in “Annabelle” created by Rosen, Dueck

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Artist Tony Rosen, with the help of his wife, Melanie Dueck, designed and constructed the Annabelle dolls used in the recently released “Annabelle” movie, and also those used in “The Conjuring,” released last year.

Rosen was inspired by International Falls High School art teacher Deb Ciminski to pursue his dream in an art career, specifically special effects, Randi Wherley, International Falls, reported to The Journal.



A lineup of Annabelle dolls.

Both Rosen and Dueck graduated from Falls High School and now live in North Carolina with their two children, ages 1 and 3, Wherley reported.

Rosen, originally from Cloquet, graduated from Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and moved to Pennsylvania to attend school with fellow artist Melanie Dueck.

At Tom Savani's Special Make-up Effects Program, offered by Douglas Education Center, Monessen, Penn., Rosen and Dueck

learned the skills they needed to put their passion to work in the movie industry.

After graduation, the two moved to Wilmington, N.C., with hopes they would get a chance to obtain work with a small movie studio there, Wherley stated.

They had their first break while Dueck, who is also trained in cosmetology, met a local independent movie director at the hair studio at which she was employed and arranged for he and Rosen to meet. Rosen shared his portfolio with the director,

which led to a few independent films. Those included “Pieces of Talent,” in which Rosen and Dueck also performed in small roles, Wherley reported.

Rosen has also provided special effects for other television series including “Under the Dome” and “Sleepy Hollow,” Wherley stated.

The opportunity to design Annabelle came when director James Wan was unable to secure the rights for the original doll scripted in the movie, and needed a replacement shortly before filming



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**Former resident and artist Melanie Dueck poses with Annabelle, which was created, with her help, by fellow artist and Falls High graduate Tony Rosen.**

in North Carolina.

The studio put him in touch with Rosen, and the director liked his design.

Since then, Rosen and Dueck have constructed nearly 20 Annabelle dolls, plus four additional collector versions.

Recently, Rosen was invited to display his work at an Ohio special effects award presentation earlier this month.

Rosen and Dueck are preparing for Halloween, an exciting time to put all their skills to use, Wherley stated.

## NAS offers workshops

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The Northland Art Society will offer the public the opportunity to learn about art.

These workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the society's art room, room No. 114, in Backus Community Center.

All art materials will be provided; participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

Space is limited, so participants are asked to sign up in the art room as soon as possible. The Northland Art Society's art room is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.


The following workshops are scheduled:

- Oct. 18: Watercolor with Barb Gray.
- Nov. 1 and Nov. 15: Beginner's clay with Jim Reid.
- Dec. 13: Stained glass with Diana Kangas.

For more information about the workshops, upcoming events and the Northland Art Society, see the website at [www.northlandart.org](http://www.northlandart.org)

The society also has a Facebook page.

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