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## Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge 2nd Annual Blues & BBQ Bash



Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame inductee Dee Miller will take the stage at 7 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge Blues & BBQ Bash. The event is open to the public. Admission includes beer tasting, all-you-can-eat BBQ Feast and three blues

Three blues bands on two stages, including Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame inductee Dee Miller, highlight a full evening of blues, barbecue and beer at the Ruttger's 2nd Annual Blues & BBQ Bash from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. The event is present-

ed by Bent Paddle Brewing Co. of Duluth and is open to the public.

The Dee Miller Band fronted by Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame member Dee Miller headline the show on the main stage. Minneapolis Delta Blues-style guitarist

extraordinaire Javier Matos opens for Miller. Brainerd bluesman Bruce Archer will perform his acoustic blues on the second stage during the all-you-can-eat BBQ feast.

This all-you-can-eat barbecue feast will be prepared by award-winning pit master Furlong's Smoke & Seafood of Minneapolis by way of Louisville, KY. The menu will

include competition-caliber ribs, chicken and pulled pork, plus salads and sides. Furlong's was the winner of last year's Deerwood Smoke on the Range BBQ competition. The meal will be paired with beers from event sponsor Bent Paddle Brewing Co. from Duluth.

"This is an amazing lineup of blues talent," Ruttger's President Chris Ruttger said. "And when you mix in award-winning barbecue, and great beer, it all adds up to big-time summer fun."

Miller's current hit single "Leopard Skin Dress" is No. 1 on the Minnesota Blues charts and reached No. 20 on the Contemporary Blues Charts. The song has spent 25 straight weeks on the Roots Music Charts.

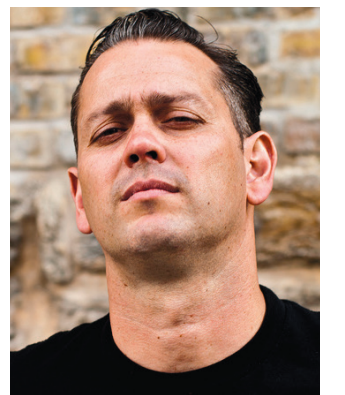
Miller's "barrelhouse" style of singing has earned her the title of "The Duchess of the Blues." Miller was inducted

into the Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame as a Performer of the Year in 2018.

Tickets for the 2nd Annual Blues & BBQ Bash are \$25 per adult (\$12 for children 12 and under) and include the BBQ Feast and all three concerts. Tickets and can be purchased on the day of the event or at [ruttgers.com/blues-bbq-bash](http://ruttgers.com/blues-bbq-bash).



Brainerd bluesman Bruce Archer will perform his acoustic blues from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the second stage during the all-you-can-eat BBQ feast.



Minneapolis Delta Blues-style guitarist extraordinaire Javier Matos performance begins at 6 p.m.

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## Riverboat Days Parade in Aitkin



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## Duda Road to Recovered benefit

Road To Recovered" is what Josh Duda has named his journey after surviving a medical helicopter crash on June 28, 2019 that took the lives of two of his co-workers near Brainerd. Duda suffered several injuries consistent with a crash including many broken bones which have resulted in several operations and a long recovery process.

A benefit is being planned for Thursday August, 15 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Northland Arboretum in Baxter by the Brainerd Lions Club. The benefit dinner and silent auction will include a "Touch A Truck" event coordinated by Karlene Lind, a North Memorial paramedic.

"I think its important for kids and the community to meet the teams of people

who serve in the community," said Lind. "We have asked local fire departments, police departments, Crow Wing County Sherriff department, and other 'on-scene' personal to attend."

The meal is being prepared and served by Big Bob's Backyard Barbeque and Q'ing for Community and will consist of pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and a cookie. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and are available at Brainerd and Baxter Cub Foods, at the Northland Arboretum, and online through the Brainerd Lion's Facebook page. "Getting your tickets in advance helps us plan for the event," said Vicki Foss, Executive Director of the Northland Arboretum. "There has been a huge

response to the event in the community and we want to make sure we have enough for all."

Also happening simultaneously, an on-line silent auction with more than 50 items up for grabs at www.32auctions.com/roadto-recovered. Items include gift certificates, baskets, collectibles, outdoor gear, and several grills. You need not be present to bid and win.

Direct donations can be sent to Joshua C. Duda/Road to Recovered Benefit Account c/o Bremer Bank, 7558 Design Road, Baxter, MN 56425.

All questions about the August 15th Benefit can be directed to the Northland Arboretum, 2168-829-8770 or to the Brainerd Lions on the event Facebook Page.

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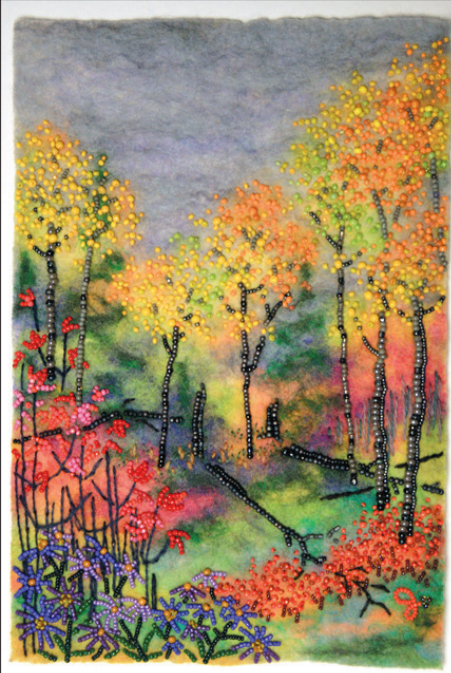








# Small bead paintings offer a sense of place



"Autumn Days" - bead 'painting' on felt, Jo Wood.

Some painters use oil, some use watercolor—Jo Wood paints with beads. Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake will feature Jo Wood's bead work beginning August 14. A reception for the artist will be held Saturday, Aug. 24 from 2-5 p.m. Wood's show will continue through September 15.

"I am a bead artist inspired by nature, my sanctuary," Jo Wood says. To create her

impressions of nature's ever-changing patterns, she sews tiny glass beads on felted wool. Wood, who lives in Hovland, explains, "My 'paintings' express my sense of place."

Living and working in northern Minnesota have given Wood an intimate relationship with the shorelines, forest trails and gardens where "flowers gesture, trees reach and water moves." Through her art Wood shares her connection to nature, celebrating its abundance and conveying qualities of peace and beauty. "I delight in botanical elegance, Each series of 'paintings' is a tribute to the beauty and enchantment of nature."

"For me, life is tactile and labor intensive...like my beadwork. It is a patient art form. Choosing one bead at a time and stitching up to 200 beads per square inch, it can take months to complete a piece," Wood said, noting that the way light plays in and on the glass creates amazing color possibilities.

Jo Wood's bead and fiber landscapes have been exhibited throughout the United States and can be found in the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, and Mayo Clinics, Rochester. Her work has been published in several books and periodicals. She travels to teach bead embroidery workshops both regionally and nationally. She will teach a class at Ripple River Gallery on Aug. 25.

Ripple River Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east

of Rutter's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2 miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

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"Blueberries" - bead 'painting' on felt, Jo Wood.

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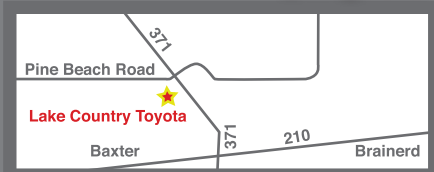
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