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Next meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 13

(6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center)

Reminder: September's meeting is pushed out a week due to the Labor Day Weekend holiday.

Please bring Art Fair yard signs to this meeting or contact Kathy Murphy for early delivery for storage.

Hospitality: Peggy McDaniel & Jill Marie Soik

Help us grow. Pass the newsletter on to a friend.

Save These Dates!

September 3 (Saturday)
Oshkosh Gallery Walk

September 13 (Tuesday)
Monthly meeting resume at
6:30 pm at the Senior Center

September 17 (Saturday)
OFAA Plein Aire Event

Elli Wollangk has a large supply of wool fabric strips.
If you make braided or hooked rugs you might be interested.
Contact Elli at 920-235-6446
Also, if you need bubble wrap or micro foam padding to protect your
art pieces, Elli has a renewing supply from her framing vendors.
Yours if you can use it.

President's Post

Looking forward to a great year for OFAA! The officers and committee chair people met on Aug. 9 to recap the art fair and plan for the upcoming months. We have a wonderful, enthusiastic group on the board this year! The art fair did very well in June. The income, including the art auction, and the number of exhibitors was up and expenses were significantly lower than in 2010. Thank you to all who worked very hard to make it a success.

Sept. will be a busy month with our meeting on the 13th and "Plein Old Oshkosh" at the Farmers' Market on the 17th. Thank you to the committee working on this new event for our club. It is exciting to be doing an event involving community participation making art! Please consider volunteering to help in any way you can.

We still need a few more people to chair (or co-chair) two committees. We have a need for a Workshop Chair/Co-Chairs to plan a couple of art workshops by contacting an artist/teacher and making the arrangements for the workshop. We also could use another person on the Scholarship Committee. Please consider taking a position. Past chairs are extremely willing to help you get started!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on Sept. 13. If you haven't been in awhile, come and get reacquainted. Traditionally it is guest night so please bring a friend who might be interested in meeting our group. All who have an interest in art, not just working artists, are welcome to join!

Kathy Murphy
President

Member Opportunity

Deb Bartelt will have art magazines and several frames for purchase at the September meeting. It will be a 'pay what you want' system and the proceeds will go to the OFAA Scholarship Fund.

Member News

Paint in Colorado. **Joye Moon** will be presenting another week long painting experience from September 25 to October 1, 2011 at the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort at Nathrop, CO. A female roommate is needed but rooms and space in the workshop are available. Non-painters will have time to golf close by along with horseback riding, hiking and relaxing in the many hot spring pools. Massage therapies are available at the resort. Huge studio space with amazing views and a full day of painting at a ghost town close by. All the details are available at www.joyemoon.com. *Note: A roommate is currently needed for gentleman on this trip.*

Karen Kurka Jensen has had one painting accepted into the 48th Annual Juried Exhibition of the Sumi-e Society of America. This year the exhibition is an online show beginning June 20 and the entire show can be viewed at the Exhibition Website, www.sumieshow.org through January 30, 2012.

Karen will also be teaching a sumi-e workshop this summer at Prairiewoods Spirituality Center, Hiawatha, IA. Sept 19-22, register at <http://prairiewoods.org/calendar>

Karen has two pieces in the Trout Museum of Art Member's Biennial Exhibition (Appleton) currently up until Labor Day weekend, Sept 2nd.

Karen is also the featured artist on the front cover of the latest issue (August 2011) of *Wisconsin Visual Artists*. Check it out!

Michele Missner will be the featured artist at Vorpahl Furniture, 513 W. College Ave, Appleton for the September 16 Art on the Town from 6-9 p.m.

Kathleen Teichmiller's submission to the WRAP State Exhibit has won the Robert J. Mosher award. Information about the WRAA/WRAP 2011

"Evening With The Arts" on the UW-Madison campus can be found at www.wraawrap.com

Steve Miller will also be showing his woodturned "heirloom gifts" (peppermills, kaleidoscopes, vases, bowls, etc.) at Art From the Barn on October 1 & 2. In a rebuilt Amish barn about 6 miles West of Oshkosh on Cty Trunk K (20th Street). Jennifer Frank sponsors the show and the web site is: www.artfromthebarn.com.

Tom Mengeling will also be showing his photos at Art From the Barn on October 1 & 2.

Local Color, an invitational exhibition hosted by **Ripon College**, includes artwork by **Sarah McGowan** and **Anita Hoffman**. Thirty participants are featured. The exhibit, held in the Caestecker Gallery of the college, opens with an artists' reception on Saturday, June 25 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. There is also a closing reception on September 9 at 7 p.m. During the run of the exhibit the gallery will be open by appointment only. Please call 920-748-5806 or 917-971-7595 to make arrangements.

2011 OFAA Scholarships

Ethan Cafilisch, from West High will be using the \$500.00 for school at California College of the Arts in Oakland, Ca. He will be pursuing a degree in community art.

The second recipient is **Sara Bose** also from West High and she will be using the \$500.00 toward tuition at UW-Stout in Menominee, WI. She will be pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

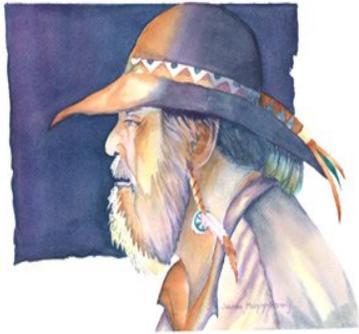
The third recipient is a graduate of Lourdes High School, **Gabrielle Van Aacken** who will be using the \$500.00 to attend the Milwaukee School of Art and Design in Milwaukee, WI. Her goal is an emphasis in communication design.

Member Scholarship

From **JOANNE MURPHY-HERWIG**

I wish to take the opportunity to thank all the members of OFAA for the \$500 scholarship awarded to me to attend a 3 day workshop by Joe Fettingis in June in Janesville to learn how to paint portraits of people and animals. We painted a Pioneer Man and an Amish Horse.

I was born in 1946 in Wausau, WI, the youngest of five. I began my



career as an RN in 1968, graduating from Marquette U. and eventually graduated from UW-Madison and became certified as a Nurse Practitioner in 1983. I worked in Geriatrics, Occupational Health, and Education as an NP. I married Warren in 1990 and took on the name Murphy-Herwig. I have two children and three grandchildren of my own, and an additional 5 step children and 4 step grandchildren.



I have always loved flowers and my dream for years was to learn how to watercolor them. I read about Joye Moon in the Oshkosh Northwestern and took my first classes with Joye starting in August, 1997. With work and family commitments, I put my watercolors aside until I retired in Dec. 2004. I joined OFAA 4 years ago and took workshops sponsored by OFAA with Karen Knutson, Kris Parins and Karen Kurka-Jensen. Other artists that have inspired me are: Shirley Lucas, Sue Spanbauer, Connie Glowacki, Ryan Radke and Phil Sealy. I still love painting flowers but with Joe Fettingis, I'm challenging myself with painting portraits of my grandchildren. Recently, I won my first awards; an honorable mention at the Waupaca WRAP show and the Milo Cushman award at the Winnebagoland Art Fair both in the same week. I attribute these awards to the



painting of my Door Co. Lilies, done from a photo that I took in Door Co. while Warren and I were celebrating our 20th Anniversary. I also enjoy gardening, camping, knitting, and spending time with my three grandsons. Those who know me better know that I also love dogs!

It's inspiring to hang around other artists!

THANKS AGAIN OFAA!!!

Susan Martin

Susan has an unending curiosity about human behavior, relationships, and a love for pets which she incorporates in her work. She loves to have fun playing with color, design, and composition and enjoys working narratives into her pieces, which are often whimsical and tongue-in-cheek. She loves the creative process because it connects her with others.

This year she won second place at the annual Waupaca Fine Arts Festival with her watercolor called "Spinning." This year's judges noted that she showed a commitment and personal language and used sophisticated colors in all of her entries. They also said that she doesn't choose typical colors, and used wonderful formal devices in a new way...not the same kind of thing one would typically see. Susan also won the Waupaca Arts on the Square poster contest for a second year in a row. Her winning watercolor, inspiration, is on this year's poster. The original, inspiration, is on display at Embellishments, 119 N. Main St. in Waupaca until the end of August. Her poster is also available for purchase at several locations and retail stores including Embellishments.



Susan sells her watercolors, acrylic paintings, and folk art carvings at the Amherst Coffee Company in Waupaca; the Blue Dolphin House Studio in Ephraim, Door County, the Bohlin Gallery in Mineral Point, WI, the Center for Visual Arts gift shop in Wausau, Cronie's Café and Espresso Bar and the Green Fountain Inn in Waupaca, the Silver Coach Restaurant in Stevens Point, and Simpson's Restaurant in Waupaca.

Martin is a member of the Bay Area Watercolor Guild, Door County Art League, Mid-Wisconsin Chippers, Oshkosh Fine Arts Association, Rural Rembrandt's Wisconsin Art Club, and

Wisconsin Visual Artists. She also contributes to the Trout Museum, the Center for Visual Arts, and the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival.

Susan taught school in Menomonee Falls and Waupaca, WI for 35 years. She loved teaching third and fourth graders and watching her students learn. Since retiring 6 years ago, she has been having a wonderful time being a student again taking various watercolor and acrylic workshops and carving classes at Fox Valley Technical College, Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College, Jack Richeson's, and Peninsula Art School.



To view more of Susan's work, visit www.bluedolphinhouse.com and www.susanmartinartist.com

“Plein Old Oshkosh”

When: Saturday, Sept 17

Where: 400, 500 blocks of N. Main St., Oshkosh

(Park behind Kitz and Pfeil or on side streets, NOT on Main.)

Set-Up starts 6:30 am

Art creation: 8:00 am until 12:30 am, (if artists wish to work past this time they must move to sidewalk location and not be in street)

Committee: Heidi Burnett- haburnett@charter.net 231-1312

Jenna Larson - jenna@jennalarson.com

Susan Osland- sunshine4susan@gmail.com 233-0474

Cost: None, but donation canisters will be at all Walk-Up Easel Locations

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to:

Drop off BAG STUFFERS and POSTERS at various businesses. These will be available in about a week.

Help SET-UP and CLEAN-UP Canopies, easels, will be set up around 6:30 am until 8, clean up will be from 12:30 until about 1:30. No one has signed up yet but Susan, and Heidi. Please email Heidi, Susan or Jenna if you can help with this. (Spouses and kids may be recruited also)

CREATE THEIR OWN ART at locations and of subjects downtown they select (using their own supplies) These works can be exhibited and sold if artists wish, at Oct 1 Gallery Walk, with small commission to benefit OFAA. (These works may be worked on at home before Oct 1 once Sat morning plein air event is over...) PLEASE email Heidi Burnett (haburnett@charter.net), Jenna Larson or Susan Osland if you plan to come down and do your own thing.

SELL ART KITS and be responsible for watching the cash. A small number of basic paint sets (watercolors, brush, pad of paper) will be sold at event.

Walk-Up Easels - this is where we hope to get the public involved hands on at several locations in a variety of mediums.

Watercolors: (2-3 set-ups) Shelley Ingala, Susan Osland (+/- Oil crayons), Heidi Burnett

Oil Crayons: Elli Wollangk

Pastels or Oil Paints: Jill Marie Soik

Collage/Multimedia: Sandy DePeaux/Carolyn Sturma

Kid's Station: Susan Osland, +/- Jenna Larson

Acrylic: Rich Norenberg?

Sidewalk chalk: Leif Larson?

IF you are WILLING TO LOAN: Heavy (wind-proof) easels, chairs, cash boxes, Canopy/tent preferably with detachable sides if rainy, windy day, please contact Committee.

Richeson Art Supplies has agreed to help sponsor (supplies for walk-up stations and kits) and perhaps even send a staff person to help at event.

We have people to assist at Gallery Walk and food donors for that exhibit Oct 1st, but more are welcome if available.

In the next weeks we will be sending out member e-mail blasts to update the volunteer lists and show you all where we still need more help.

Art Fair Report

The overall report shows that we had a great and profitable event.

Total Receipts - \$14,165.72

Expenses - \$5775.25

Net Income - \$8390.47

Some extra details for you: \$1650.00 was awarded to artists by OFAA, \$584.86 was spent on advertising, our Silent Auction raised \$1571.72, booth fees brought in \$9250.00, soda sales added \$819.00, we had donations amounting to \$1080.00 and so far our food vendors have contributed \$1422.72.

We are still expecting a check from Sister's that will add to our Net Income. Our agreement with our food vendors is that they pay a small booth fee and then contribute 20% of their profits from the day.



Membership Form

September 2011- August 2012

Individual membership \$20 - or - Joint membership \$30

_____ *New Member(s)*

_____ *Membership Renewal*

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ *E-mail* _____

Make check payable to: Oshkosh Fine Arts Association

Mail check and this form to: OFAA, P.O. Box 2805, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2805