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## April 2012 - Newsletter



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**Next meeting:**

***Tuesday, May 1, 2012***

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

**Hospitality - Sandy DePeaux & Laurel Nobbe**

***Program***

***It's down to the nitty-gritty details  
about our upcoming event!***

## Save These Dates!

*May 1, 2012 (Tuesday) - OFAA monthly meeting*

*May 5, 2012 (Saturday) - Oshkosh Gallery Walk*

*June 5, 2012 (Tuesday) - OFAA monthly meeting (in the Art Studio in June)*

*June 9, 2012 (Saturday) - Oshkosh Gallery Walk*

*June 10, 2012 (Sunday) - WinnebagoLand Art Fair*

## President's Post

**Election of Officers** will be held this month. Nominations can still be added to the slate that was proposed in April. If you've been thinking you'd like to become more involved in the club, a leadership position could be just the thing for you!

**Art Fair:** The yard signs and posters will be handed out at the May meeting. Think of places to display them and please take some to distribute so we plaster the word all over town! We will need someone to hit downtown with posters before the May 5 Gallery Walk.

**Club Committee & Event Chairs Please Note:** We hope you have been keeping good notes on your activities this year as your chairperson reports will be due in June. This is not optional! We're asking for a one page report listing what you did, contacts, problems you had and how they were resolved. The purpose of the report is to summarize the committee activities for next year and/or the next chairperson. It is exhausting and unnecessary to constantly be reinventing the wheel every time a new person volunteers to head a committee. The reports will be filed in the "Black Binder" and a copy passed on to the new chair.

**Kathy Murphy**

President

# Minutes from April 3

## Program

**Elli Wollangk**--member, artist and custom picture framer spoke to us about the finishing touches that can make our own art pieces ready to present to the public. She stressed the need for using the best materials and techniques possible from the supplies we use to create the art, to the final packaging whether that be mounted and sleeved or framed.

## Hospitality

Thank you to **Adela Baumhardt** and **Linda Nolin** for tonight's goodies.

## Treasurers report

\$11,334.18 regular account  
\$4,010.03 in scholarship

## Workshops

James Hempel workshop will be cancelled because we did not meet the minimum number of students required.

## Publicity

**Rosemary Eiden** would like to put together a list of members to show diversity of locations, medium, length of membership and also show the ways in which the club gives back to the community.

Can we also get an article in the paper before the fair?

## Scholarships

**Cori Conrad** announced that we may have one interested applicant. Again, please spread the word to students and teachers of all levels. We also welcome university level interest. The info and application need to go up on our website.

## Affinity Pop Up Gallery

For those members that are participating, Kathy will resend the contact information. If an art piece is sold or if you need to use your piece in another show you must coordinate the removal of your piece from the Koeller St. Clinic with Jeff from Affinity.

## Nomination committee

**Peggy McDaniel** reports the following ;

-**Kathy Murphy** would welcome someone else stepping into the presidents position.

-**Jill Marie Soik** would be vice president for another year

-**Elli Wollangk** would be secretary and newsletter editor

*The treasurers position needs a volunteer*

-**Cori Conrad and Michaelene Urban** will continue to handle scholarships

-**Rosemary Eiden** will continue with publicity

-**Susan Osland** would do hospitality

-**Nancy Kirst** will continue with programs but would encourage someone or other to join her

-**Joanne Murphy-Herwig and Maxine Nobbe** would like to work on workshops

-**Shelley Ingala** would continue as historian

*The Art Fair General Chairperson needs a volunteer*

*Thank you to Peggy for her work in contacting possible candidates for both the slate of officers and the committees.*

*We will be voting on the slate of officers at the May meeting.*

## Art Fair

-three poster ideas were presented and our choice includes a picture of the tents set up along the creek. It will be printed in black on colored paper.

-a sign up sheet is being passed around for working in the soda sales area - we voted to increase the price to \$1.50 per drink

-**Linda Nolan** has 10 food vendors (new and returning) signed up & paid

-**Shelley Ingala** has booked two musical options, the strolling minstrel and a bluegrass group call the Dead Horses.

- \$1100 has come in so far for awards

## Farmers market

-there was an over abundance of interest in full summer booths, so we are going with an "every other weekend" schedule

-a sign up sheet is going around tonight --our first weekend is June 9

## New Business

-We received a thank you note from Brinnae Bent for the high school student award from OFAA at the Bergstrom -Mahler Museum glass show.

-we voted not to send money to the Transparent Watercolor Society show.

## Might this be the year for you?

There are many benefits to participating in OFAA at the officer and chairperson level!

- ◆ Personal satisfaction
- ◆ Growth of friendships,
- ◆ Knowledge and more

Why not consider adding your name to the roster this month.

## Member News & Opportunities

**Joan Cason** will be having a solo exhibit of her paintings at Britton's Walk-over Footwear at 435 N. Main St. during the month of May. The opening reception for the exhibit will be Saturday, May 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. during Gallery Walk. Everyone is cordially invited to come.



**Carolyn Sturma** reports: Thank you to all who have signed up for soda sales. We have a late day opening from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. if you can help. Reminders will be sent close to the time of the fair.

The soda signs are being updated to the \$1.50 price increase.

The award ribbons have been ordered for the next three years (at last years' price) and the Bernard Peterson Plaque will again be donated by Oshkosh Trophy for a club member. Thank you again in advance for your help.



**Carol Thomas** reports: The following have signed up for the Members' Booth: **Joan Cason, Maxine Nobbe, Joanne Murphy-Herwig, Shirley Lucas, Kathy Murphy, Sandy De Peaux, Susan Osland** and **Carol Thomas**. There will be a sign up sheet for the Members' Booth at the May meeting.

You must also completely fill out the art fair entry form and get it to **Kathy Murphy** with your check for \$20.00. Mark "Members' Booth" on the bottom of the form. The entry information is for the artists list and the judges materials to be eligible for prizes.

Everyone will be limited to 3 paintings unless there is room for more. All work should be labeled with your name, phone number, medium and price (which should indicate tax is included). You may want to bring business cards. Anyone having unframed work will need to bring a folding rack to display this.

All participants must fill out the Members' Booth List of Items they are displaying which will be used to keep track of sales. Please get this form from **Carol Thomas** either by emailing Carol at [cjeanthomas2@gmail.com](mailto:cjeanthomas2@gmail.com) or at the May meeting.

Participants must help set up at 8:00 a.m. and take down at 4:00 p.m.. Everyone must also sign up for a time to monitor the booth and indicate if you are bringing a card table, chair, folding rack, easel or any other needed items.



**Joye Moon** will conduct two full day workshops in Oshkosh on May 16 and 19 for only \$40. The workshop will focus on a floral image but include color theory as well as heavy on design. This will not be your typical floral! Breakfast will be served as usual. Contact Joye to sign up at 235-4429 or email [joyemoon@northnet.net](mailto:joyemoon@northnet.net).



**Joyce Tornow's** husband, Roger is at Mercy Hospital after a fall at home. He is also battling the effects from a bout with pneumonia and some bleeding on the brain. Thankfully, no broken bones but lots of bruises. Joyce says that good thoughts and prayers are always appreciated.

## Member Opportunity

### Report from Michele Missner

A couple of years ago while wintering in Austin Texas I joined the Waterloo Watercolor Group. It is larger than OFAA and along with trips and daylong workshops they also have two big workshops a year with major artists. This year they invited Nicholas Simmons for the spring workshop held the first week in April and Judi Betts will be the fall artist. I volunteered to co-chair workshops because you get a large say in who gets invited. (we have Kris Paris coming in October 2013 and Gerald Brommer in October 2014 if you are interested). The name of the artist for spring 2013 has escaped me!

I had never heard of Nick Simmons but I was informed that he is a superstar in watercolor and the genre's bad boy! I did not know what to expect, but he is one of the most exciting teachers I have had in a while or maybe ever! He was wonderful with older participants, well organized, a great storyteller and teacher.

The day before the workshop he gave a two hour presentation to talk about his work which was open to the public.

We did little painting the first day with the morning devoted to techniques we would be using with acrylics as one would use watercolor. This included squeezing paint from a two inch brush into a wet area and painting an area after it was 75 per cent dry, using a squirt bottle to remove most of the paint leaving texture in the paper. In the afternoon he demonstrated how he uses Photoshop elements in his work.

During the next three days, he demonstrated a while and then we painted three paintings--two acrylics and one watercolor. He spent a lot of time going around to each of us to help or having students come up to him with questions.

We had 4 packed workshop days. If you get an opportunity to take one of Nick Simmons' workshops do not pass it up! His website is [www.nicholassimmons.com](http://www.nicholassimmons.com)

# Your input is needed!

Rosemary Eiden is gathering a list of what our members art mediums are, how long you have been a member, and what our organization has done in the past to support art endeavors in the Fox River Valley.

This information will be used as publicity material with the goal of getting more newsprint coverage for the OFAA. She has heard from 15 members so far.

***Please take a few moments and send Rosemary or Elli a return e-mail with your information input. A minute now will save us follow up phone time.***

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