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February 2012 - Newsletter



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Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 6, 2012

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

Hospitality - Steve Miller & Maxine Nobbe

Program

Jeanne Loehnis

Inspired to Act on Your Dreams
(see description on page 2)

Save These Dates!

March 3, 2012 (Saturday) - Oshkosh Gallery Walk

March 6, 2012 (Tuesday) - OFAA monthly meeting

March 9, 2012 (Friday) - Affinity Pop-Up Gallery Open House

April 3, 2012 (Tuesday) - OFAA monthly meeting

President's Post

Nominating Committee: Thanks to **Peg McDaniel** for volunteering to seek nominations from club members for officers for 2012-13. Please be open to putting your name in as a nominee when she contacts you. We'd love to have you get involved....and you'll love it, too. Really! The nominees are announced in April and voted for in May.

Art Fair: The plans for the art fair are moving along, thanks to the leadership of the people on the various committees. Please be willing to volunteer when someone asks for help. It takes a lot of people working together to make the art fair a success. But if we all do a little it's not overwhelming for anyone!

Affinity Exhibition: We are calling the Affinity Show a Pop-Up Gallery and the open house will be March 9 from 3:30 to 5pm at the Koeller St. clinic. **Elli Wollangk** will be e-blasting an announcement from Affinity that you can forward to friends. Hopefully many of our members and friends will come to the reception to see our members' work.

Kathy Murphy
President

March Meeting Program

Inspired to Act on Your Dreams

Do you have dreams, ideas, plans or goals that you keep putting off?
Do you have hidden or latent talents that are yearning to be expressed?
Do you feel the universal spirit calling you to move?
This program is about self discovery and commitment..

Ask yourself: *What dream, what desire, is ready for action? What am I ready to release?
What action will I take today?*

**Bring a journal to take notes. Bring an open mind and spirit. Bring your curiosity.
We'll try out a few tools that you can take home with you and reuse on your own.**

Presenter Bio: Jeanne Loehnis, Co-active Life Coach with Songs For Your Spirit, LLC, brings her passion for life and 25 years of personal journey through addiction and recovery, creativity as composer, writer, poet, and performer, Artist's Way facilitator, and a spirituality that infills everything she does to her workshops. Jeanne's unique mix of talent and life experience is witnessed in interactive workshops intended to encourage personal growth through self searching and sharing with others. Read about Jeanne's work at www.SongsForYourSpirit.com.

Minutes from February 7

Program

Nancy Kirst introduced Alice Tzakais who presented a program on bookmaking.

- Alice started as an elementary art educator, and was asked by teachers to do some adult classes
- did artist trading card book
- started with at risk kids with a timed collage project
- first collage was 1 minute, then 3 minutes, then 10 minutes, then a whole class time for a larger project. This helps eliminate fear.
- uses Arches cover paper (80 - 120#) with acrylic paint mixed with wallpaper paste to add painted details to pages (mix half acrylic, half wallpaper paste-- the paste keeps the pages from sticking together) (also try milk paint without mixing it with wallpaper paste)
- for book cover papers, Alice likes to use YES paste. This has a lot less moisture than Elmer's Glue
- for glueing details on, she suggests ULTIMATE glue
- books are intimate, you have to create a relationship with your book because you have to go in and hold it
- books can grow in size and complexity to include windows, hidden pockets and/or drawers, even metals and leather.



Guest Introduction

--Prospective renewing member-- Jean Thomas

Treasurers Report

\$11,061.29 regular account
\$4007.78 scholarship

--we finally receive \$450 from Sisters Catering

Workshops

- Alice Tzkias' bookmaking workshop will be held March 24. Eight people are already paid. Room for 7 more
- Heidi Burnett** suggested we have a drawing workshop with James Hempel. This is tentatively being talked about for April or May and the cost would be \$60 each (some of this may possibly be covered by the club)

March Program

--program next month is a motivational speaker about how to improve your art

Hospitality

Jenna Larson and **Carol Thomas** supplied hospitality tonight.

Publicity

--**Rosemary Eiden** has about 15 listing for the art fair already placed. Local and statewide
--next step is creating a letter for soliciting businesses for support of the fair. She will coordinate this mailing list with **Shelley Ingalla**.

Old Business

--Affinity art show--date of the show's open house will be March 9 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
--**Kathy Murphy** has 25 people interested in putting up art. Mike from Affinity is currently measuring places and spaces for art. Kathy will let us know when there is further information about this.

OFAA 2012 Calendar

-a little disappointment that the paper is thin and flat which makes the art work look flat. After the summer art fair we can look at what the options might be for a 2013 calendar.

Art Fair

--committees met before today's meeting and are beginning planning
--applications for the show have been mailed, and have been posted to our website.. 13 artists have already applied.

Plein Old Oshkosh

--the 2012 date will be August 18.

New Business

--February is the month that we put together the nominating committee to help fill the offices and committee chairs. We are looking for someone/a committee to do this. April is the month that we announce nominations, and the election is held in May

--the OFAA will have a weekly booth at the Farmers Market
--the cost is \$36 for the summer
--there is a calendar going around for sign-up to see how much interest there is in staffing this booth space

Message from Carolyn and Randy Sturma Soda Sales Chairpersons:

Please sign up at the March meeting for soda sales;
Jill Soik has the list as I will be absent.

Member News & Opportunities

Phyllis Dintenfass is teaching three beaded earring classes at the Art Glass and Bead Show in Madison on March 24 and 25: Toboggan Earrings, Cartwheel Earrings, and Lantern Earrings. Registration is now open. The website is: www.beadshowmadison.com. Vendors will be there both days. Contact Phyllis directly if you need more information at 920-731-0297 or phylart@new.rr.com



Susan Osland created a painting on a salvaged window for the Restore of Oshkosh's "Home is where the ART is" Benefit. Her piece was one of five with the most votes to be in the Live Auction. Her window was bought by Citizen's First Bank of Oshkosh and will be displayed in their lobby.



Michele Missner has become a member of the Waterloo Watercolor Group and has volunteered to be workshop co-chair. The group has two big workshops a year and several day long mini workshops. There will be a Judi Betts AWS, NWS workshop in the fall: Free demo 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012 with the full Workshop being Monday - Friday, Oct. 1 - 5, 2012.

www.waterloowatercolor.org



The Art in the Gardens Show at the Gardens of the Fox Cities in Appleton is being held from Feb. 19 through March 2. The show is a collaboration of Gardens of the Fox Cities, Trout Museum of Art, and Designing Women.

The Opening Reception and Awards presentations were held on Feb. 19.

Three OFAA members were in the show: **Laurel Nobbe, Joyce Tornow** and **Maxine Nobbe**. Maxine's painting, NM Cactus, took 3rd place.

Shelley Ingala wants to let everyone know that she has found a new coffee shop in Neenah with an art wall just looking for art work. The shop's name is Shellates' and the owner's name is Shelly. If you are looking to sell your work this could be a good venue. Here is the contact info: 920-886-3694. 330 N. Commercial St., Neenah, WI 54956
www.shellates.com



Art Fair Members' Booth from Chair, Carol Thomas

There will be a sign up sheet for the Members' Booth at the March 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.

The Members' Booth is limited to 3 paintings unless there is room for more. If you have art work that won't be hung, or be in the unframed rack, such as note cards, please think of how you are going to display that art work. 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.

All participants must help set up at 8:00 and take down at 4:00. 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.



Elli Wollangk has been awarded the first Vivian Kistler Scholarship from the Professional Picture Framer's Assoc. to take the exam for their Master Certified Framer's Certificate. The exam involves framing, using preservation methods, of a work of art on paper, a textile, an object, a work of art on canvas & an additional piece. All five will then be disassembled and reviewed by a panel of judges.

Member Spotlight



The Affinity Medical Group Koeller Street Clinic and the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association cordially invite you to a

Pop-Up Gallery

Friday, March 9
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
1855 S. Koeller Street, Oshkosh

Join us at 3:30 p.m. for a special welcome by Dr. Christine Griger, MBA, president of Affinity Medical Group and Kathy Murphy, president of the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association.

You are warmly invited to tour the Koeller Street clinic and view the many pieces of artwork supplied by local artists. Members of the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association will be on hand to discuss their work with you.

Light refreshments will be provided.



Bookmaking Workshop by Alice Tzakais

Three (3) slots still open - after March meeting this workshop will be open to the public.

Alice is a Bookmaking Artist & Art Instructor at North Fond du Lac Public Schools

Saturday, March 24, 2012 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (set up at 8:30 a.m.)

St. Paul's United Church 1250 Leonard Pt. Rd Oshkosh, WI www.stpauloshkosh.com (for directions)

Workshop Limit: 15

Space is limited, so get application in ASAP.

Members will have priority.

Deadline: Feb. 25th

Cost: Members \$28 Others \$35

Make check to: OFAA

Send money & registration to:

Joanne Murphy-Herwig

1515 Coolidge Ave.

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Supplies will be provided but if you have any of the following, please bring: Exacto knife, cutting mat, small metal ruler, bone folder, pencil, assorted beads, waxed linen, "YES" paste, &/or bookbinding needles.

Bring a sack lunch & beverage. Coffee, tea & juices will be provided as well as a continental breakfast. A refrigerator is available.

Alice says;

"Keep Art in your Heart" and you will go home with a completed book!!!

(Name) _____ Member _____ Non-Member _____

(Address) _____

(Phone) _____ (E-mail) _____

Portrait Drawing Workshop with James Hempel

James Hempel is an accomplished portrait artist. www.jameshempel.com

Friday, April 20, 2012 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (set up at 8:30 a.m.)

Oshkosh Seniors Center N. Campbell Rd. Oshkosh, WI (Main Facility)

Workshop Limit: 15 Deadline: April 6th

Cost: Members \$50 Non-members \$55

Make check to: OFAA

Send money & registration to:

Jill Soik

1693 Maricopa Drive

Oshkosh, WI 54904

920-231-5878 jsoik@sbcglobal.net

Materials needed: Vine charcoal, a kneaded eraser & sheet of drawing paper. Rives BFK or Strathmore charcoal paper (min. 14" x 18".)

Bring a sack lunch & beverage.

Coffee, juices & continental breakfast will be provided.

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

(Phone) _____

(E-mail) _____

Member _____ Non-Member _____