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## November 2013 - Newsletter



[www.oshkoshfinearts.org](http://www.oshkoshfinearts.org)

**Next meeting:**

*Tuesday,  
November 5, 2013*

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

**Program:** Chili Bash

Member Show & Tell

(Remember to bring your bowl and silver)

## Save These Dates!

**November 5, 2013 - OFAA monthly meeting**

**November 28, 2013 - Thanksgiving**

**December 3, 2013 - OFAA Christmas Party**

**December 7, 2013 - Downtown Gallery Walk**



***“Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast.”***

*- William Shakespeare*

## President's Post

It's Chili time!!! Come hungry and be ready to feast on tasty bone warmin' chili. Remember, bring your own bowl and utensils. I am sure there will be plenty of food to satisfy all! If there is any question as to where the meeting will be held, it will be in our regular space at the Senior Center as there is not an election at this time.

Lynn and Sandy have been busy setting up some interesting workshops for us. Be sure to check them out and sign up for any or all that strike your fancy. Thanks go out to Lynn and Laurel for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of updating, mailing and receiving the art fair registration forms. Your help is very much appreciated.

With the holiday season soon upon us, Max and Kathy, our very own Christmas elves, have been busy planning our Christmas party. Thank you Max and Kathy. And not to be forgotten, they have called on Sandy for her decorating savvy to make the Primo shine. I am sure you will delight us with a festive event.

Hey, we all have art supplies laying around that we do not use. So please bring them to the meeting and they will be donated to the Teacher's Closet. I am sure the supplies will be appreciated. Also our OFAA has a plethora of talented artists and this month is the time to show your talent and share with everyone a piece or two of your work. So please bring your work to the November meeting to allow everyone the chance to see what you have been working on. The art is sure to enhance our dining pleasure! Thanks. Stay warm! See you at the meeting.

**Jill Marie Soik**

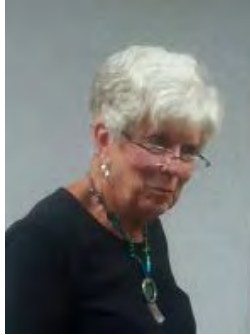
President

## Minutes from October 1, 2013

### Program:

Our guest speaker was Fond du Lac nature artist Shirley Higgins. She looks at her artwork as a recycling with Mother Nature.

The gathering process for her supplies takes place from spring through the fall



seasons. Different species require different harvesting and drying methods. Some flowers need to have some floral paint added to lock in their color. Shirley learned her techniques from her mother originally and at her peak was travelling to 17 art fairs in a season.

Any additional ideas should be e-mailed to **Lynn Artz**. Alternate locations are also being considered including the Terrace Room at Gruenhagen Conference Hall at UWO.

### Programs:

**Rita Mueller** reported that no programs will be needed for the Nov. & Dec. meetings and the Jan. & Feb. slots are being finalized.

### Publicity:

**Rosemary Eiden** submitted a great article to the Northwestern that was published on Sunday, September 22.

### Scholarships:

Instead of a basket/artwork auction at our holiday party the committee will give a written request to the members asking for cash donations to the scholarship fund.

Please make your commitment to travel to the Chicago SOFA Show Nov. 2 by Oct. 15th. Art students with their teachers are encouraged to apply, costs to be covered as scholarships. Member bus fees will be from the general fund, a perk for members, with tickets at \$12 which members will pay for. Guests are welcome at \$25 bus fare plus the \$12 ticket fee. It has been promoted to Ann Craig of the public schools art department.

The reservation form is on our website.

### Hospitality:

**Sharon Calkins** was a guest and by the end of the meeting became our newest member.

Treats were provided by **Sandy DePeaux** and **Laurel Nobbe**.

### Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report from the newsletter was accepted.

### Treasurer's Report:

General Account - \$13,773.23  
Scholarship Account - \$3,509.00

### Workshops:

**Lynn Artz** reported that three (3) workshops are being planned to reflect the members' input. In November a pastel workshop with Susan Klabak, Adirondack Inks with Jeannie Chase in February and watercolor portraiture with Nancy Kirst on April 5, 2014.

### Art Fair:

**Joye Moon** looked into getting more supplies from just one source - Modern Rental in Ripon will be able to handle everything but a dumpster so tables, port-o-potties, washing stations, trash barrels and such can all be delivered to the park.

Laurel Nobbe has offered to be the collector for the entry forms from the artists.

## Minutes from October 1, 2013 continued

### Art Fair continued:

**Lynn Artz** will be responsible for getting the updated entry forms to the printer and mailed out in January.

**Sandy Depeaux** will not be repeating next year as Silent Auction Chairperson.

The Members' Booth will also need a new chairperson.

### Plein Old Oshkosh:

Comments have been made that our event is not truly a plein aire gathering and perhaps a change in the name might give it a broader image.

### New Business:

**Cheryl McCarthy** announced Harvest Moon Madness, an Altrusa event, will be the last weekend in Oct. **Sandy DePeaux** suggested the club have a booth for membership and PR information. This idea needs further discussion and was tabled for a later agenda.

**Jill Soik** asked for volunteers to chair the holiday party.

### Announcements:

The Nov. meeting will be the Chili Supper.

We received a thank you note from The Teacher's Closet that let us know they were able to purchase handmade art paper, calligraphy pens, paper & ink, clear gel glue for batik projects, three special deep punches for making books and clay.

**Cheryl McCarthy** will be at Lara's Tortilla Flats for the upcoming Gallery Walk

The Wisconsin Regional Arts Program will be at the Fond du Lac Library on Oct. 26.

Next meeting is November 5. Remember to bring your unused art supplies for donation to The

Teacher's Closet along with your latest Show & Tell art pieces.

Get signed up on the 'Chili' list and bring your bowl and utensils.

Adjourned.

**The Oshkosh Fine Arts Association  
will be having a**

## **Pastel Workshop**

on

**Saturday, November 23, 2013.**

**Artist: Susan Klabak**

<http://www.susanklabak.com/>

### **Location:**

Gruenhagen Conference Center  
UWO

Terrace Room

<https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>

### **Time:**

**9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Please come at 9:00 for coffee, muffins, etc.  
& time to set up.

### **Cost:**

If 8 people sign up: \$37.50 per person

If 10 people sign up: \$30 per person

If 12 people sign up: \$25 per person

The workshop is limited to 12 people.

Please sign up by Saturday November 16, 2013.  
At that time we will know the exact fee.

**If you want to attend please email Sandra DePeaux at:**

[sandydp@charter.net](mailto:sandydp@charter.net)

*(If anyone is looking to get rid of their softpastels they aren't using there may be some interested people.)*

## Member News & Opportunities



**Kathy Murphy's** photo "Sunshine & Glass" won a state award at the WRAP show in Fond du Lac.



**Jenna Larson** is a part of the newest exhibit at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum: **Glass Artists of the New North: Creativity in Our Midst**. This exhibit features the innovative work of nationally and internationally renowned glass artists who live and work in economic development region of Wisconsin known as The New North. The glass artists of The New North enrich the intellectual, economic and creative environment of the region. They manage their own businesses as gallery owners and entrepreneurs, and create work for exhibit and sale to a national audience. The goal of this exhibition is to highlight the entrepreneurship and creativity of the artists in our midst.

Free general admission, always.  
September 15 — February 16



**Karen Crown** has been busy participating in the Harvest Moon Madness Sale on the 26th, teaching acrylic painting at the Fond du Lac Rec Dept. and has some mixed media pieces for sale at Saranya Artist Co-op in Plymouth.



**Joye Moon** has only one more workshop for 2013 in Oshkosh on Saturday, November 16th at St Pauls' United Church of Christ. As a "Thanks You" to past participants, Joye has dropped the price from \$40 for this day long workshop, to a one time only \$30! Breakfast will still be waiting for you when you arrive. She has decided to present an interesting landscape project, rather than having an "Anything Goes" class. Take advantage of this

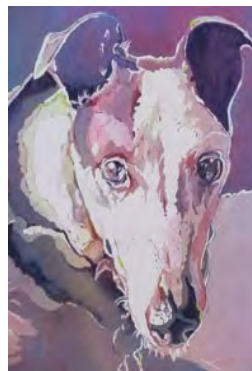
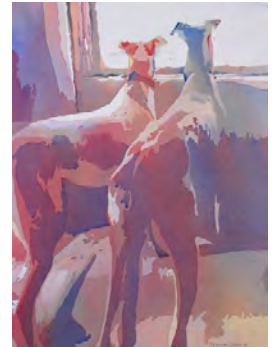
great price! But, if you do have paintings you need help with, do bring them along for help. Contact Joye to sign up at [joyemoon@northnet.net](mailto:joyemoon@northnet.net).

There are a few places left for travelers to join the Greece/Turkey Trip April 27 to May 9, 2014. 15 are signed up and there is a need for several gals as roommates. This is a truly amazing experience that will enrich your life! Contact **Joye** for a brochure.



**Maxine Nobbe** has had two paintings accepted into shows:

"Can We Come Too" will be in the MOWA (Museum of Wisconsin Art) Member's Show from Dec. 6 through Jan. 5, 2014. It is in West Bend, WI.



"Bubba" will be in the Watercolor Wisconsin 2013 show from Dec. 15 through April 26, 2014. This is held at the RAM's Wustum Museum of Fine Arts in Racine, WI.



**Gather up your extra art supplies.  
In addition to \$\$ this year, we are  
donating supplies to  
The Teacher's Closet.  
Plan to bring any extra supplies to the  
chili supper in November.**



# Member Spotlight

## Karen Livingood

I hope, we who love art and create art, use it to help others who we know or have opportunity to meet in our lives. It may be in your family, school children, handicapped in some way (physically or mentally), the elderly, nursing homes, or homeschoolers.

We have been given a great and wonderful God given gift to help others see the beautiful colors around us, and to create and use our imagination. We can help to show emotions and loving dearness and do therapy of joy and healing.


My experience has been: I always loved drawing and painting and tried to show my fellow school classmates my joy and the colors that are in the environment. Then with three years of art in college I taught the neighborhood and my children around the kitchen table with lots of art supplies to share getting them to have fun creating. In small schools in



Iowa (where no art was offered) I taught high school students on Saturdays and bought art supplies for them if they were poor. I gave talks to women's clubs. With my occupational therapy degree and art degree, I taught art therapy in my job to mentally ill, mentally challenged, and elderly. I shared with them the joys, and encouraged their creativeness. I made adaptive mouth devices to help quadriplegics paint. After retirement, I did visual illustrations on Bible Studies. God gave me ideas in dreams or reading spiritual pictures. Then I home schooled, including my grandchildren. Some of these children had ADD, dyslexia, or autism.

I thank the many teachers who helped me in so many ways.---Shirley Lucas, Joye Moon, and Sue Spanbauer. I also benefited from the art clubs and exhibits, with teachers critiquing me to help improve my art. My art friends helped me too when I found myself discouraged, and needed ideas. That is the importance of art clubs. I have been a member forever and tried to be helpful whenever needed, and have a few awards to boost my ego a bit and encourage me to keep creating and enjoying art. It is an honor that you asked for my thoughts and experiences. I hope I have helped you in some small way. Thank you, Karin Livingood ("The Artsy Grandma")





## OFAA Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

at  
Primo

Social hour, cash bar @ 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

Order from a menu of 7 entrées  
Dessert & Coffee/Milk

\$16 Paid Up Members \$21 guests

Optional Gift Exchange of Art\* and Non-Art items\*\*

\*Artworks for the exchange need to be created by participants

\*\*Suggested value of non-art gift is \$15

Mail the form (below) and your check made out to OFAA by November 26 to:

Maxine Nobbe  
5115 Kildeer Ln.  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

### Christmas Party RSVP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members \_\_\_ x \$16 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_ x \$21 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

It's 'that' time of year again.

*Time to renew your membership to OFAA.*

Please take an extra minute or two to completely fill out the Membership Form below and include it with your check.

By providing an up to date form we can be sure that our records for your contact information remain correct.

And we hope you'll pass a copy of your newsletter on to potential new members.

### *Membership Form*

*September 2013- August 2014*

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *New Member(s)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Membership Renewal*

*Name(s)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Make check payable to: Oshkosh Fine Arts Association*

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