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April 2014 - Newsletter



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Next meeting:

*Tuesday,
April 1, 2014*

6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

5:45 for Art Fair Committee Chairs

Hospitality:

Carolyn Sturma & Carol Thomas

Save These Dates!

***April 1, 2014 - April Fool's Day - Election Day
& OFAA meeting***

April 5, 2014 - Downtown Gallery Walk

April 15, 2014 - Passover

April 20, 2014 - Easter

May 3, 2014 - Downtown Gallery Walk

May 6, 2014 - OFAA meeting



April showers bring May flowers!

President's Post

No fooling! Spring has arrived and it is election day so our meeting will be held in the art studio at the Senior Center. Speaking of elections, it is time to take advantage of opportunities that the OFAA has to offer. Yes, election time for the OFAA 2014-15 season has arrived. There are openings to be filled, including Vice President, publicity and possibly more. Kathy Murphy will be calling members asking for nominations and letting everyone know if there are other openings to be filled. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the board of directors or any of the committees please do so. The positions call for all different types of talent so spread your wings and share your special talent with the OFAA. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

Excitement is in the air as our Art Fair is fast approaching! The Art Fair Committee chairs will meet at 5:45 pm, on April 1 before our regular meeting starts at 6:30 pm, to report on their committees progress. We are in need of one more person to help out with the silent auction.

Last chance!!! We will be voting on a poster design for the art fair so if anyone wants to submit a design please bring it to the meeting.

If you are participating in the Day by Day Warming Shelter art project and want to bring a smile to your team leaders face, please bring your finished art piece to the meeting for all of us to enjoy. What fun it will be to see the wide variety of artistic ideas on each canvas! See you at the meeting.

Jill Marie Soik

President

Minutes for March 4, 2014

Hospitality:

Treats were provided by **Jenna Larson, Joyce Tornow** and **Elli Wollangk**

Secretary's Report:

Corrections to the minutes of Feb. 4 are: 1) **Kathy Murphy** agreed to chair the Art At The Market, and 2) the scholarship committee gave a \$50 and a \$100 award to students in the Fox Valley High School Student Glass Show at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum.

Treasurer's Report:

General - \$10,607.76
Scholarship - \$3,173.64

Workshops:

Nancy Kirst will be e-mailing instructions to the attendees for the April portrait workshop. The class is almost full.

Scholarships:

The committee reports that one Berlin High School student is being awarded a \$500 scholarship and they have received five (5) requests from UWO students. Their decision is to award 1 at \$500 and 4 at \$300.

Programs:

Rita is working on one more program for either the April or May meeting.

Publicity:

Midwest Art Fair magazine has us listed and Midwest Living will have us in the May issue.

Historian:

Please send any pictures or articles to **Shelley Ingala**.

Newsletter:

An e-mailing will go out to members in March to share the 2014 Member List. Please let Elli know when you will be exhibiting your art pieces and if you receive any awards.

Old Business:

- ◆ The Day by Day 'canvases' have been distributed. Try to be ready to turn yours in at the April meeting for show & tell.
- ◆ "home is where the heART is" - March 29th
- ◆ The decision for the art fair poster will be made at the April meeting.
- ◆ The website domain and hosting has been paid out to two years.

Art Fair:

- ◆ March 13 is the meeting with the city to go over all the permit requirements. Jill, Carolyn & Linda will attend. The question was voiced about visitors to the park bringing in dogs - how are we suppose to prevent it?
- ◆ We have received a request for a space from a vendor who's product is dog biscuits. The general consensus is that it would not be a good fit for our venue.
- ◆ **Sarah Niebergall** has a sign up sheet ready now for the Member's Booth.
- ◆ Members wanting to have their own booth need to fill out the registration form and submit the documentation just as a non-member artist.
- ◆ The yard signs in storage will be counted and updated for June 8. They can be put out 30 days before the event.
- ◆ **Shelley Ingala** would welcome any additional suggestions for musicians. She has been talking to a strolling group and the University quartet.

New Business:

- ◆ **Kathy Murphy** reported that a UWO student is doing his social work project on mapping out the area art related groups. In addition to OFAA, the suggestions made listed Rural Rembrandts, the Fond du Lac art club, The Transparent Watercolor Society, Altrusa, ARC.
- ◆ **Carol Sturma** moved and **Laurel Nobbe** seconded a motion to offer OFAA members a seat on the bus trip to the Kenosha & West Bend museums at \$15 and non-members at \$30 with the club picking up the remaining value for our portion of the bus seats. Motion carried.

Minutes for March 4, 2014 - continued

- ◆ **Michaelene Urban** spoke about her recent visit to the Vines & Rushes Winery facility. At this time the venue may not work well for a member show. She encouraged us to visit.
- ◆ **Carolyn and Michaelene** brought up a concern about building the club membership and additional methods for raising scholarship funds. Elli will connect again with Karlene Grabner at the OACF to schedule a program on setting us a fund for that purpose. We will also poll the membership for ideas.
- ◆ **Kathy Murphy** will take responsibility for calling the membership to fill the roster for next year's board.
- ◆ The April meeting once again falls on an election day so we will be meeting in the art studio room.
- ◆ **Elli** reported that Sandy Prunty from AtomiKatz is willing to be a clearing house of sorts for artists looking to link up with a store for participation in the Downtown Gallery Walk.
- ◆ The Mears Art Exhibit is now installed at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Meeting Adjourned

◆ **Deb Bartelt** has arranged for Jim Evans, at the Art Haus downtown, to put in a supply of the tablets that Jeannie Chase recommended to the participants of the Ink Workshop. They should be in stock now. When you stop in, make sure to let him know you're a member and we appreciate his efforts.

Mears Art Exhibit

The annual exhibit features a variety of artwork by Oshkosh middle school students and honors Helen Farnsworth Mears (1871 - 1916), a sculptor from Oshkosh whose works are at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., the Smithsonian, the Wisconsin Capital along with many museums and public spaces.

The event began in 1927. It is a statewide competition that encourages and recognizes artistic development and achievement among 7th and 8th grade students in public, private and home schools. Seven schools and one home school in Oshkosh participated this year, submitting 90 art pieces in painting and sculpture categories. Oshkosh place-winners continue on to district competition in Kewaunee, where three winners in each category are selected to move on to state competition in Baraboo. Three Legislator Awards were designated and those art pieces will hang in the legislators' offices in the Capital in Madison for one year.

Member Spotlight

Laurel Nobbe



I have always been interested in art in some form or another. After 4 years of high school art, I continued to take classes at Fox Valley Tech, UW Fox Valley and any other classes that interested me. I have enjoyed many mediums, working in oil, acrylic and pastels. I have also enjoyed metal work including lost wax casting and cloisonné enameling.



After taking years off to raise my son I decided I needed to get back to art. I had always been drawn to watercolor, its soft transparent colors and the relationship of the colors meeting on the paper. I found a class at the Hang Up Gallery in Neenah and was able to get in because of a cancellation. The artist teaching the class was Delores Clark. She was a great teacher. I stayed in her classes for several years until she had to retire from teaching.



During my journey I have had the opportunity to work with some interesting artists. Among them Zolton Sabo, Steve Quiller and Joye Moon. I am continuing to explore watercolor and other mediums and someday I may just find myself.

Member News & Opportunities

Joye Moon has a group trip to Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich with an extension to Prague, Sept. 18 to Sept. 30. Extension, Sept. 30 to October 3, 2014. Experience the Oktoberfest in Munich, Castle district in Budapest, the Royal Lipizzaner's in Vienna and the Sound of Music locations in Salzburg. Prague is considered the 'Paris' of the East! And Much, MUCH MORE! Sign ups have begun. For an electronic brochure, contact Joye at joyemoon@northnet.net.



Kathy Murphy's photos will be or have been in several art shows in March and April:

Wine Women & Art, Women's Fund of Fox Valley benefit at UW Fox in Menasha, Art in the Garden, Arts Unlimited Spring Show, Art Garage in Green Bay, Oshkosh Area Photography Group show at the Affinity Jackson St. Clinic in Oshkosh.



Karen Crown was part of the GLOW (Glass lampworkers of Wisconsin) booth

at the Madison Art Glass and Bead show on March 22 & 23....they are also looking for other lampworkers to join them for every other month meetings and becoming part of this organization. Please contact her at crownkaren@gmail.com to join or refer others.



Joyce and Roger Tornow will be showing at the Waupaca Art Show from April 27-May 2 at the Waupaca Expo Center. "Premier Night" Sat. April 26, 6-9 p.m.

Portraits in Watercolor Workshop

Saturday, April 12, 2014.

Artist: Nancy Kirst

Location:

Gruenhagen Conference Center
UWO - Terrace Room

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

Time:

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Light breakfast provided.

Please bring your lunch.

Cost:

Member cost is **\$34.00**

If you have any questions please contact

Sandra DePeaux at:

sandydp@charter.net

or Lynn Artz at:

lynn.artz@yahoo.com

There may be one remaining slot for attendance. We will open the workshop to non-members after March 29th.

Member News & Opportunities

MEMBER'S BOOTH AT THE ART FAIR

This year, Sarah Niebergall will chair the Member's Booth. There will be a sign-up sheet circulated at the April OFAA meeting & future meetings for those intending to exhibit/sell their artwork at the Member's Booth on June 8, 2014. If unable to attend the meetings, please call 920-426-3162 or email Sarah @ swniebergall50@gmail.com. The sign up sheet will ask you to list up to 3 pieces of artwork. Depending on space, an additional piece or two may be added when all members have hung their first three.

Please be respectful of the number limits.

In addition, you may have note cards &/or unframed artwork. Please price each of your cards individually, not one price for individual cards & another price for multiples. The price should be a dollar amount without cents. Please label each piece that you hang with your name, phone number, medium, and price (which includes tax) on the back. Use a business card with this information on the front of the piece also.

This is a non-juried exhibit.

There will be a 5-6 foot table available for note cards. You will need your own rack for unframed work. We will need one card table & only a few lawn chairs. Each member needs to sign up for one hour of time to monitor the booth. Your help is expected at 8am for set up and 4pm for take down.

All members received a blue Art Fair Application sheet in the mail or at the meeting. Please fill out the bottom portion of that form and write "Member's Booth" on it & write a check for \$20.00 to OFAA and mail it in to Laurel Nobbe.

If a customer purchases items from multiple artists, the customer will be told they can write one check to OFAA. Money will be disbursed as cash or in the form of a check depending on the amount to members.

At this moment 8 members have signed up for the Member's Booth. Each member will be given a "Individual Member List of Items" form that should be filled out & then turned into Sarah before the June 8th art fair date.