



March/April 2011

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The mission of Art of the Lakes is to develop, promote, and encourage an interest in the arts in the area through art exhibitions and art related educational activities for people of all ages.

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Art of the Lakes - 2011

As most of you know, Art of the Lakes hired Reba Gilliland as its first Gallery Coordinator last October. Her presence in the gallery has been most welcome. You will enjoy reading her first newsletter article as follows:

We don't have many visitors during the winter months, but much goes on behind the scenes at AOTL. During late January and early February, the gallery floors were cleaned and waxed and now look spiffy for the summer season. As displays were moved, we discovered places where repairs were needed. John Mehl repaired several display cubes, and a local business repaired a floor joint. Along with the repairs, AOTL's building supervisor, Craig Haukebo, asked Otter Tail Power to come and do an energy audit. We learned that we are not candidates for either light bulb replacement or dual-fuel heating. At least now we know. As your new gallery coordinator, I've getting up to speed on AOTL's systems and processes including QuickBooks, MemberTies, Google calendar, filing, bill and artist payments, phone, equipment, and so forth. I've met with most of AOTL's committee chairs and have something of a handle on publicity, advertising, and the Art & Craft Affair. I still have much to learn. This time of year I work 10 hours per week and, beginning in late May, I will work 20 hours a week through the summer. I look forward to working with you and various committee chairs who will soon be returning from their winter haunts. - Reba Gilliland

Gallery Scheduling – Ila Osman

There have been some changes in the gallery schedule for this year. The AOTL Board decided to extend gallery hours by opening daily earlier in May (Friday, May 20) and remaining open later in September, and, because of the great success of the evening hours last summer, to stay open evenings on Friday and Saturday. Those hours were not indicated on the original signup sheet. The signup book will be in its usual place behind the counter. It is imperative that we have the schedule filled and workable for the rest of the year by April 15!

Help Wanted – AOTL Meeting Hostesses

There is an urgent need for members to volunteer as hostesses for monthly meetings. We especially need people for April, May, and June. If you're willing to help out, please contact Lou Miller at luj07miller@prtcl.com or 218-826-7391.

Member Happenings

Kate Scherfenberg will be exhibiting and selling her work at "60 Artists on 50th" at the Burroughs Community School in Minneapolis on Sat, April 2.

Sean Scott will be exhibiting and selling his work at the Brookside Art Annual in Kansas City, April 29 through May 1.

Joanne Cress will display her work at the Fergus Falls Hospital April, May, & June.

New AOTL member John House will unveil a large new original oil painting at the commencement of a new exhibit at the Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum of Alexandria, MN, beginning in May and running through mid-October 2011. The exhibit will include vintage duck boats, historic decoys, old hunting photos and John's painting of a Lake Christina hunting scene. More info available from the Museum at 320-759-1114 or mnlakesmaritime.org.

Jean Harney will have a reception for her feature show at the AOTL Gallery on Friday, June 17 from 5 to 7 PM.

Upcoming Special Events

The Minnesota High School League Regional Exhibit will be held again this year at Art of the Lakes Gallery. Art work will be put up on April 29; display dates are May 4 – 11. That exhibit will be taken down on May 12. This event requires that displaying AOTL artists remove their art. Removal of art can be done from April 19 to 23. April 19 is the date of the AOTL member meeting. Art may be returned on May 17 – 19 with the gallery opening on May 20.

School Art Day takes place April 21 at the Battle Lake School. Several AOTL artists are involved with this project working with 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders.

Luncheon/Bridge Fundraiser

Once again, Ila Osman will organize this fun and profitable event for Art of the Lakes. The party will be Wednesday, May 25, at 11:30 AM. If you want to help, please contact Ila at 218-864-0181 or ilamlo@arvig.net. If you cannot help out but want to attend, please let Ila know so she can plan accordingly. Contributions for that day will support AOTL's Battle Lake School projects.

Summer Season Plans

Mini Workshops

A series of mini workshops will be held this spring & summer season in the gallery on Thursdays with the hope of attracting more and different people into the gallery. The goal is to provide some elementary guidelines in developing beginner artists such as choice of media, paintbrushes, type of paint, glass for mosaics, etc. Workshops will last one hour and should have built into them a simple technique whereby participants can practice what is being taught. If you are interested in leading one of these workshops, please contact Jan Smith at jansmith@arvig.net or 218-864-5968.

Art of the Lakes Garage Sale

In order to clean out the AOTL storage area in the basement, we will participate in the community-wide garage sale in June. Artwork that is not claimed, as well as unclaimed supplies, and lost and found items in the coat closet will be included in the sale. Forgotten items include a navy blue fringed scarf, a Chico's long sweater with pockets (size L), an Eddie Bauer navy raincoat (size S), a denim shirt with pockets, a white sweatshirt, and a plaid flannel shirt. There are also various serving dishes, utensils, tins, etc. You may want to claim some of these items before they go into the sale. Also, if you have items to donate to the sale please bring them. Be aware, however, that the money received will go to AOTL. You will receive information about times and dates closer to the time of the sale.

Art of the Lakes cleaning day will be Friday, May 13, so that everything is done before the replacement of the art. Come give a helping hand at 9 AM. Bring rags and/or other cleaning equipment you like to use. Let's make this a community effort!

Art Classes & Demonstrations

Joanne Cress will give a Collage Workshop for Brush & Palette on April 13, 14 & 15 at the United Methodist Church, 2011 Sixth Ave., Alexandria. Fee for B & P members is \$95.00 and non-members \$105.00. Joanne will review basic elements and principles of design and students will be able to explore many options using a variety of materials. The goal is to have each student complete one or more compositions. To register, contact Jana Tonsfeldt at 218-943-1887.

Harley Refsal, internationally recognized flat plane figure carver, will lead a workshop sponsored by Leif Erikson Sons of Norway of Vining, on Tuesday & Wednesday, May 10 & 11 at the Vining Community Center. Cost is \$120 with a discount for members. Deadline for registration is April 25. For more information, please call 218-769-4296 or 218-282-0332.

Calvin deRuyter will be demonstrating at the Spring Meeting and Exhibition of the Artists of Minnesota. The meeting will be held this year at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset on April 16-17. More information about the Artists of Minnesota and participation in their spring meeting/show can be found at <http://artistsofminnesota.org>.

Calendar of Events:

Rural Arts Summit – June 8 – 11

The Rural Arts Summit is a region wide gathering of artists and art advocates which will be held from June 8 to 11. Art of the Lakes will participate in that event by being a part of their tour which will be on Saturday, June 11.

Phelps Mill Festival – July 8 and 9

AOTL Studio Tour – July 15, 16 and 17

Studio Tour Artists!

The first meeting of Studio Tour artists will be Tuesday May 17 at 6 PM at the gallery. Participants will be able to pick up brochures and signs then. This meeting will also give artists the opportunity to let others know where they will be placing brochures so that advertising may be maximized. This is also the date to bring your fresh artwork to the gallery to hang for the new season and the member meeting which starts at 7 PM. The follow up meeting for studio tour participants will be Tuesday, July 19. Time of the meeting is yet to be decided. We will discuss the results of this year's tour and ways to improve next year's. This meeting will also be an opportunity to return your signs and bring your 15% commission from your sales.

Art & Craft Affair - Saturday, August 13

Featured Artist Schedule

May	Lou Miller
June 1 -15	Annette Hochstein
June 16 – 30	Jean Harney
July 1 – 15	Nancy Lee
July 16 – 31	Winnie Collins
Aug. 1 – 15	Clarice Dieter
Aug. 16 – 31	Tracy Anderson
September	Glenace Metcalfe

If you are interested in signing up for 2012, please contact Marcia Olson at 218-864-3030, 218-371-9279 or marciamaei@mymailstation.com.

Available dates for 2012 are May 16 – 31, June 1 – 15, July 16 – 31, August 16 – 31 and September.

"Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do."

-Edgar Degas

New AOTL Members

Anderson, Sheila
Shoreview, MN
Bjorklund, Naomi
Farwell, MN
Bullock, Connie
Ashby, MN
Evans, Richard
Richville, MN
Hansen, Lynn
Shoreview, MN
House, John
Evansville, MN
Johnson, Ruth O.
Minneapolis, MN
Kolke-Bonk, Kerry
Appleton, MN
Riepe, Pam
Black Earth, WI
Schaefer, Vince
Battle Lake, MN
Schierer, Tessa
Fergus Falls, MN

Returning Members:

Connolly, Deb
Danvers, MN
Fuder, Diana
Battle Lake, MN
Krause, Sharon
Ottetail, MN

We will have a complete updated membership list available by June 1, 2011.

Summer Workshops at Art of the Lakes

Workshop Committee Chairs Della Conroy and Phyllis Joos have been busy setting up the following 2011 AOTL workshop season. Thank you to both!

Clay Sculpture: Instructor Mary Williams

June 23 (Thursday), June 24 (Friday optional) July 22 (Friday)
9:00 to 4:00

Member - \$60 Non-member - \$70

Contact person: Terry Oscarson, PO Box 333, Henning, MN 56551
218-583-4145

Still Life and Real Life (Watercolors) Instructor Grace Haverty

July 12 (Tuesday) July 13 (Wednesday) 9:00 – 4:00

Member \$40 Non-member - \$50

Contact person: Sharon Fleischauer, PO Box 222, Ottetail, MN
218-367-2365

Watercolor with Andy Evanson

June 14 (Tuesday), June 15 (Wednesday) and June 16 (Thursday)

9:00 – 4:00

Class cost \$200.00

20 participants maximum

Contact person: Della Conroy, PO Box 36, Hancock, MN
320-287-1414

Andy is a well known artist and teacher from Vermillion, MN. View his website at www.andyevanson.com to learn more.

Make It, Create It with Terry Oscarson

Children's art classes – date not yet set

Woodcarving: Instructor Richard Vandever

August 1 (Monday), August 2 (Tuesday) 9:00 – 4:00

Class cost \$60.00

10 participants maximum

Charcoal Drawing (Figures): Instructor Lorene McIntosh

August 11 (Friday) and August 12 (Saturday) 9:00 – 4:00

Members \$40 Non-members \$50

"When my daughter was about 7 years old, she asked me one day what I did at work. I told her I worked at the college – that my job was to teach people how draw. She stare at me, incredulous, and said 'You mean they forget?'"

- Howard Ikemoto

The next Art of the Lakes member meeting is Tuesday, April 19. The program will be about Ukranian Easter eggs.