

Art of the Lakes

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The Dish from Debbie

Debbie Ness • AOTL Administrator

Below are some New Year Wishes for AOTL Artists:

- Consider volunteering for important AOTL positions which have opened up (see page 2)
- Sign up for Workshops (see page 8)
- Create art for our “Art of Fishing” event in the spring in conjunction with the Governor’s Fishing Opener
- Be sure to renew your AOTL membership
- Attend the refresher on ShopKeep this spring
- The city is ramping up for a bigger and better year of activities during the summer on Thursday nights. What a great way for AOTL artists to share their talents and draw people to the gallery! If you are interested in participating by doing an Artist Demo in front of the gallery during summer Thursday nights, please contact Debbie.



**Be sure to read Debbie’s
“Looking Back over the Year” to
see what your Arts organization
accomplished in 2019**

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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 education activities for people of all ages.

Art of the Lakes is funded in part by a grant from the Lake Region Arts Council through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature.

The AOTL Needs YOU!

As a primarily a volunteer organization, our treasured volunteers sometimes are allowed to retire! The AOTL thanks **Winnie Collins** (2D and Membership) and **Lynn Hansen** (Webmaster) for their years of service.

Consequently, our organization are in need of:

Webmaster – person in charge of our website content

2D chairperson – is in charge of the committee who hangs the gallery in May and also updates the walls when new pieces are brought in

Membership chair — sends a welcome letter and trains new members

Hospitality chair-person – oversees/coordinates refreshments and supplies for member meetings

Please contact Debbie if you are interested.

It is with deep regret that we learned recently that AOTL artist Deb Connelly’s husband died unexpectedly. Our sincere condolences are with her and her family



AOTL ARTISTS:

If you have an upcoming show or presentation, or if your art is being featured somewhere, let us know so we can give you some ink!

email: thimgan@digitaljam.com

2019: Looking Back over the Year

Debbie Ness • AOTL Administrator

January

With the new year, we were busy renewing memberships, writing a grant application, launching the new Schedulista application for reserving shifts (John Olesen) and Zapplication application (Debbie Ness) for accepting and processing applications for the Art & Craft Affair. Final decisions for the Workshop schedule were being made (Nancy Little & Judi Celaschi)

February

The gallery was quiet which made for a great time to catch up on things like filing! Registration of members continued, applications for the Art & Craft Affair started coming in. Kristi Kuder and John Olesen attended the job fair – meeting with several parties interested in summer internships. Deadline to sign up for Studio Tour (Kristi Kuder). Featured artist schedule was being finalized (Donna Westerling).

March

The gallery was still closed and quiet. Art of the Lakes was awarded the operating support grant (Debbie Ness) from Lake Region Arts Council. An anonymous donation was received to improve back door of gallery and update the mural on the back of the building.

April

Gallery opened on weekends. The Battlistas (Kristi Kuder, Annette Hochstein, Rose Krantz, Dar Eckert, Debbie Ness) from Art of the Lakes won first place in the “Trashion Fashion” show through Springboard & the recycling center in Fergus Falls.

May

The annual member meeting took place on May 21st. There was a review of our mission, thank you to all volunteers, review of financials, new board members announced and demo by Brad Wegscheid. The gallery was rehung (Winnie Collins, Deb Connolly, Della Conroy & Phyllis Joos) for the season on May 22nd. New members are trained in through the summer by Winnie Collins. Featured artist May 15-31 was Donna Westerling. May 30th Faythe Mills had a workshop “Exploring Pastels”.

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June

Our interns, Hannah Baugardt and Lauren Wieber started working at the gallery and at Landmark Center in Henning. There was a sketch journaling group (Grace Haverty) that met weekly for sessions at various locations. Workshops began in earnest. June 12: a Sami bracelet workshop that was well attended. Michael Weatherly held a workshop in the gallery on Mono Printing. June 15: Brad Wegscheid held a workshop on making a garden sculpture at White Pine Studio. June 19: “Fabric is Paint” workshop. Grace Haverty had a two-day workshop on June 27 & 28 called “Flowers and Vegetables in Watercolor”. Thursday Nights in Battle Lake started in June – various artists volunteered to provide demos (Janet DeMars, Myron Sahlberg, Sue Reynolds, Sue Kalseim, Michael Holter, Clarice Dieter) in front of the gallery through summer. Featured artists for June: Katherine McDowell and Brad Wegscheid.

July

A peace flag project (Donna Westerling) took place in the gallery through the summer – people of all ages contributed by adding messages and ribbons. INKcredible Alcohol inks workshop by MaryJo Wentz was on July 11th. There was a reception/open house (Kristi Kuder) at the gallery on July 13th with special entertainment by DanceBarn. Phelps Mills festival took place the 13 & 14th. Art of the Lakes had a booth (Duane & Peggy Dahlvang, Dallas & Paula Sween) again at the festival with good traffic. Studio tour (Kristi Kuder) was July 19-21 with 20 locations! Art of the Lakes participated in the Wenonga Days parade with a car (Mary Williams) throwing candy to the crowds. Featured artists for July: Winnie Collins and Amy Schmidt.

August

Starting the month off on August 5-9th, Terry Oscarson led Art Camp for kids in Henning. August 6: Marcella Rose workshop “Creating Emotional Impact with Strong Design and Color Harmony”. The Art & Craft Affair (Debbie Ness, Mary Williams, Grace Haverty, Patricia Roehl, Jim Varner, Kristi Kuder, Janet DeMars, Judi Celaschi, John Olesen, Kathy Olesen) took place on August 10th. Marking the park took place on Thursday (John Mehl and Jim Varner). The event was well attended with many new vendors, the Art of the Lakes booth (Peggy & Duane Dahlvang) and a successful children’s activity tent (Sandy & Dan Thimgan, Coleen & Tom Behm, Sharon Fleischauer, Bonnie Pfeffer). August 19: Expressive Sketching was another workshop by Grace Haverty. The interns worked on the mural with Wesley Creigh and finished up their time in the area. Featured artists for August: Sue Wilson and Julie Smith.

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September

The gallery started its fall hours, only open weekends. The featured artist for September was Ruth Hanson. She had a successful reception for her opening.

October

The gallery continued to be open on weekends. Art of the Lakes artists (Winnie Collins, Mary Williams, Terry Shaw) along with other area artists volunteered at the school to lead elementary art day. Artists meet at Glendalough for community time (Mary Loecken) working on their current projects. The “Art of Fishing” theme was announced for the spring event in the gallery to coincide with the Governor’s Fishing Opener taking place on Otter Tail Lake.

November

Art of the Lakes participates in GiveToThe Max campaign (Kristi Kuder) and raised close to \$5,000! Holiday Market was smaller this year, but was successful.

December

The last board meeting of 2019 was on the 10th. The Holiday Party (Kristi Kuder, Annette Hochstein, Sharon Fleischauer, Sandy Thimgan, John Olesen, Debbie Ness) at the gallery on December 19th. The gallery was open through the 21st.

What an incredible year! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for all that you do to help Art of the Lakes and the gallery be such a great arts destination!

A few AOTLers who were not mentioned above, but do so much for Art of the Lakes are:

The Board—John Olesen, Kristi Kuder, Craig Haukebo, Annette Hochstein, Mary Loecken, John Shaw, Janet DeMars, JT Thompson, and Ruth Hanson

Diana Fuder — Treasurer

Sandy Thimgan — Jewelry chair person

Winnie Collins — 2D chair person, as well as our Membership chair person

Annette Hochstein — 3D chair

Dan Thimgan — Newsletter Editor

Lynn Hansen — Webmaster and Graphic Designer

Sharon Fleischauer — Sunshine committee chair person

Jim Wilkus — Building Maintenance chair

Patricia Roehl — Hospitality chair

Don't Forget:

Artist Feedback Forum

Studio K/Kaddatz Gallery • Fergus Falls
When: Third Thursdays
For more information:
kathrinemcdowell@gmail.com

Perham Area Art Group

Perham Public Library
meets every Saturday from 10:00 – 11:30
Watercolor, ink, pencil, pastels, etc. – all are
welcome, all skill levels welcomed. No
instruction or cost
Please call Catherine Erickson –
218-298-1517

Artist Gathering at Glendalough

The Artist Gathering at Glendalough is temporarily suspended. Watch your email and newsletter for when it will resume.

Registration is now open for the 2020 Studio Tour!

Although the cold, hibernating winter months have arrived, it's a good time to begin making plans for the active summer months that lie ahead. If making more money from your artwork is a 2020 goal of yours, participating in the AOTL Studio Tour should be included in your plans. The AOTL Studio Tour has grown to be the largest rural art crawl in the midwest and is a summer highlight for visitors and residents in Lake Country.

The dates for this year's tour are July 17, 18 & 19 with the Tour Reception on Saturday, July 11. All members of Art of the Lakes are eligible. If lack of exhibiting space is a concern, we can help you get connected to other artists with extra space. Don't let this be a reason for not participating.

Contact Kristi Kuder at kristi@kskuder.com and let her know you want to be included in this year's tour!



AOTL Board Members

John Olesen, chair (2022)
Diana Fuder, treasurer (2019)
Craig Haukebo (2020)
Annette Hochstein (2020)
Kristi Kuder (2020)
Ruth Hanson (2022)
Mary Loecken (2022)
John Shaw (2022)
Jon (JT) Thompson (2022)

Be a Featured Artist in 2020

Contact Featured Artist Coordinator Donna Westerling if you would like to be considered for Featured Artist in 2020.

Names will be put on a list, and the schedule will be formalized in the Spring.

Contact information:
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Artist News

Kristi Swee Kuder — in a solo show — and several other AOTL artists (see below) will be featured at an upcoming Lake Region Arts Council Exhibit from January 6 - March 9 with a reception on January 21. The show statement and reception invitation are below.

Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC) is pleased to invite you to our "LRAC Guest Juror, Anna Lee Exhibit" exhibit that features regional artists that work in a variety of mediums. Their work will be on display in our Main Gallery, January 6, 2020 through March 9, 2020. A reception for the exhibit will be held Jan. 21, 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Lake Region Arts Council Galleries, 133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN, and is open to the public.

Ms. Lee made her 16 selections for the exhibit from over 90 entries based on the following:

"My jurying process was to start with pieces I was intrigued by and wanted to know more about; artwork or artists I wanted to be "in conversation" with. Much of my work in trend research is to look for the cultural threads that are creating a shift in how we experience the world, and what dots seem to connect to create our greater story. So it became evident to me that some of the works were connected—almost like they had conversations to have with each other. The outcome is a collection of work that has not been deemed as "good" or "best" or "accepted", but more of a sense of "together in conversation". My intention is that this will spur conversations within the gallery, reminding us that art is an experience to engage with."

— Jess Torgerson, LRAC Curator

Artists chosen for this exhibit include:

Donald Clark, Lake Park
Dar Eckert, Fergus Falls
 Heidi Goldberg, Walcott
 Kathy Hagstrom, Fergus Falls
 Ross Hilgers, Moorhead
 Rick Kagigebi, Detroit Lakes
 Scott Kiemle, Vining
 Inkpa Mani, (Javier Lara-Ruiz), Wheaton
 Jim Park, Dilworth
 Amy Schmidt, Campbell
 Paul Seifert, Vergas
 Nancy Valentine, Fergus Falls
 Chris Walla, Moorhead
Michael Weatherly, Elbow Lake
 Erinn Webb, Fergus Falls
Mary Jo Wentz, Battle Lake

Your Invitation To A Gallery Reception

"Guest Juror, Anna Lee" Exhibit
 & **Kristi Swee Kuder** in the Solo Gallery

Tuesday, January 21, from 5-6:30pm
 Lake Region Arts Council Gallery, 137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN



Kristi Swee Kuder, "Delphis Med"



Mary Jo Wentz, "Magma"



Scott Kiemle, "Yesss"

LRAC Gallery Hours: Monday- Friday, 9 - 5pm

It's never too early to promote upcoming events, hence here is what is planned for the 2020 Art of the Lakes summer season. If there are other artists which would like to be part of the AOTL Workshop Schedule next year, contact Nancy Little at nalittle321@gmail.com as soon as possible to discuss opportunities. There is especially a need for beginning painting and drawing for those from 8 to 99 years of age! Michael Holter, featured guest artist from Plano, Tx, has been highly recommended, so we encourage early registrations. Also, Bonita Roberts, locally prominent artist, will be conducting a 3-day Pastel Landscape Painting for the intermediate/advanced skill level artist--- another you will not want to miss. Plan to enjoy these events plus many, many more options.

—Judi Celaschi, co-coordinator

Art of the Lakes — 2020 Events

		Time	AOTL Member Fee	Location
June				
10	Kim Bakken-Parr • Sami Bracelets w/ Silver Beads	9:00-3:00	\$80	LACC
15-17	Michael Holter • Landscapes for the Intermediate to Advanced Watercolor Artist	9:00-4:00	\$310	LACC
TBD	Brad Wegscheid • Garden Sculpture	TBD	\$85	White Pines Studio
July				
6-7	Diana Fuder • Resin Skin Painting	9:00-4:00	\$135	Fuder Studio
9	Mary Jo Wentz • Intermediate Alcohol Inks	12:00-3:00	\$75	LACC
12	Phelps Mill Art Festival		\$10	Phelps Mill
17-19	Art of the Lakes Studio Tour			
21	Ruth Hansen • Water Color Batik	10:00-4:00	\$55	LACC
August				
TBD	Nancy Little • 2 Day Beginners Mosaic Workshop	9:00-4:00	\$150	Little Studio
8	Art of the Lakes Arts & Crafts Festival			Railroad Park • Battle Lake
15	Michael Weatherly • Mono-Printing	9:30-12:00	\$55	AOTL Gallery
24-26	Bonita Robers • Pastel Landscape Painting	9:00-4:00	\$175	LACC
September				
12	Sue Kalseim • Alcohol Ink Jewelry	TBD	\$55	AOTL Gallery
Weekly Gatherings				
Tuesday	Sketching Group • locations notified in advanced		9:00-12:00	
Thursday	All Media Painting Group • Glendalough State Park		9:00-12:00	
Thursday	Art of the Lakes Demonstrations • AOTL Gallery		5:00-9:00	

AOTL Board Meeting

Tuesday, 12/10/2019

Attendees

Present: Annette Hochstein, Craig Haukebo, Kristi Kuder, Deb Ness, JTThompson

Absent: John Olesen, John Shaw, Janet DeMars, Mary Loecken, Ruth Hanson

Agenda

- Secretary's Report: Minutes approved - Annette Hochstein
- Treasurer's Report: Report Approved - Anette Hochstein, Seconded - JTThompson
- Administrative Report:
 - Member packets sent
 - Fundraising? - next mailing decided to be in November with Give to the Max
 - Member comment about AOTL brochure - include photography: will be taken under consideration when we go to reprint
 - Outstanding checks - in order to balance our books, checks over one year old which haven't been cashed will not be honored

Old Business

- Holiday Market - Gallery set up will be Friday, Nov. 21. volunteers: Annette Hochstein & Kristi Kuder. Gallery sitters still needed for December weekends
- Website - total updating needed. recommended Deb contacts the business instructor at the High school, student internship?, also check with Springboard for the Arts
- Legacy Grant Request - Collaborative project was partially funded (\$3,059 of the requested \$7,950.) board decided to put it on hold
- Art of Fishing - in conjunction with the 73rd Annual **Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener** to be held May 7-10, 2020 in Otter Tail County, AOTL will hold the Art of Fishing Exhibition/Contest. More information TBD
- AOTL Christmas Party - Dec. 19, 5:30 pm at the gallery. Volunteers needed for setup and take down
- Plans to hold a youth activity in the gallery over winter break (Dec 30th). Robyn Olson suggested decorating porcelain tiles with alcohol ink. Also see if other artists can lead activities. No fee, break age groups into 2 sessions (5-8 yr olds 9-11 am & 9-12 yr olds 1-3 pm). Kristi will create flyers to distribute to school kids.
- Critique group: prefer to shift it's intent to be a support group. Target early 2020 to initiate. Participants could work towards a show at the Otter Tail County Historical Society gallery in August 2020 as a possibility

New Business

- LRAC Spring Project Grant - TBD
- LRAC Operating Grant - Deb will be applying for this grant which is due January 7, 2020

Annette Hochstein motioned to adjourn, JTThompson seconded

— Submitted by Kristi Kuder