

# Art of the Lakes

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Art of the Lakes • 108 Lake Ave S • Battle Lake, MN

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## Give to the Max

By being a member of Art of the Lakes you have made a statement that art is an important part of your life, and we think that's pretty wonderful. Besides our wanting to celebrate your amazing artistry, we want more people like you! So we're asking you to help us make that happen.

During **Give To The Max Day, November 14**, we've made a commitment to raise \$5000. This gives AOTL the ability to purchase an LED video screen for the front gallery window to help us promote you and all our members to the many ice cream eaters, restaurant diners, and general passers by outside our gallery door.

*As an enticement, the first \$2000 dollars will be matched making your early donation doubly valuable!*

There are a number of ways you can help us achieve our goal.

1. Donate what you can anytime between Nov. 1-14 at [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org).
2. Post on Facebook your support for AOTL and ask followers to donate at [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org).
3. Spread the word via email to all your art network the role AOTL plays in your life and in our community and ask for their support.
4. **Join us at the gallery on Nov. 14** where we will be open from 10-5 pm. You are invited to bring an art project to work on. Or drop by to add your artistic talent to the graffiti wall in the back room with your favorite art quote. We want to show the community we're a vital organization in the community.

5. Help us distribute Give to the Max Day postcards to businesses in the area. You'll find a box of them on the shelf in the Gallery bathroom. You're also welcome to use these for mailing to your supporters.

Thank you for being part of this year's Give to the Max Day fundraiser. We're so grateful! And remember to **Give to the Max!**

—Kristi Kuder

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**NOV. 14, 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 Dish from Debbie

Debbie Ness • AOTL Administrator

We are continuing the tradition of the **Holiday Market** again this year. We are proud to be able to offer a unique experience in shopping for one of a kind gifts. Please plan to bring items appropriate for gifting by or on **November 19th** at our next Member Program.

## Thanks!

(because Volunteers never get thanked enough!)

**Sharon Fleischauer**

Sunshine Coordinator

**Patricia Roehl**

Hospitality Coordinator

**Diana Fuder**

Shopkeep Guru

**Judi Celaschi and Nancy Little**

Summer Workshop Coordinators



### 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](mailto:thimgan@digitaljam.com)

## Gallery Sitters

If you are unable to sit at the gallery on your chosen days, you are responsible for finding a substitute. You may find someone to trade days with you, or if you decide to hire a replacement, the fee is \$8.00/hour payable to the substitute.

### Substitutes available:

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Donna Westerling • 612-386-2868  
(weekends only)

## Artists:

### Check Your Inventory

The AOTL artist inventory was recently printed, and the book is in the back office. Every artist needs to check their inventory over the winter to make sure it is correct. If an item is not in the gallery and is never coming back to the gallery, draw a line through it so it can be permanently deleted. If you are removing an item that is a print and may be returned someday, there is no need to delete that item, but the quantity should be changed to zero. When that item returns, the quantity and can be adjusted using the same name. When an item is sold, Shopkeep adjusts the quantity automatically, but does not delete the item.

If an artist takes an item out temporarily and may return it, leave the barcode on it so we don't waste barcode paper and time retagging.

Thanks,  
Diana Fuder



### 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:  
(Email preferred) [donna@trumanrc.com](mailto:donna@trumanrc.com)  
Phone 612-386-2868

## Artist Opportunities

### Thorson Memorial Library • Elbow Lake

Holiday Art Sale The Friends of the Library Board at Thorson Memorial Library in Elbow Lake invite local artists to participate in our Holiday Art Sale during the months of November and December. Interested?

Contact:  
Shelli Allen  
shellimallen@gmail.com

### Red Door Art Gallery • Wahpeton, ND

Native American Exhibition featuring the Erdrich Family is on exhibit now at Red Door Art Gallery! The exhibit will run from October 1 - November 16.

Holiday Vendor Show will be Saturday, December 7 from 10 am - 4 pm in the Red Door Art Gallery. Artists and artisans will be selling their unique, one of a kind artwork suitable for gift giving!

## Artist News

### John Shaw

John had two of his ceramic pots accepted into the juried Show “It's Only Clay” at the Watermark Art Center in Bemidji. The show was sponsored by The Watermark and Bemidji State University. At the opening reception, he learned that his piece, *Hanging Moons*, earned 3rd place along with a \$300 dollar award.

### Michael Weatherly

Michael has a Solo Show entitled “Lasting Impressions” Beck Gallery, M-State Fergus Falls MN  
November 2019 - January 2020  
Tentative Reception Wednesday  
November 13, 5:30-7:30

### Sandra Shaughnessy

Sandra is one of 38 featured potters in the 6th Annual Yunomi Invitational, Nov 8-Dec 7  
Artist Reception, Nov 8, 6-8  
Raymond Avenue Gallery  
Saint Paul, MN

Part of AOTL’s mission is to support local young artists.

**Battle Lake High School** is performing the musical “Momma Mia” November 21-23 at 7:00 and the 24th at 2:00. Tickets are available online through the school website. Contact Debbie with additional questions.

## 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

Effective immediately, the Artist Gathering at Glendalough will be suspended until after the holidays. Watch your email and newsletter for when it will resume.

## AOTL Board Meeting

Tuesday, 10/8/20

**Attendees:** John Olesen, Janet DeMars, Annette Hochstein, Craig Haukebo, JT, Kristi Kuder, Mary Loecken, John Shaw, Deb Ness; **Absent:** Ruth Hanson

### Agenda

**Secretary's Report** • Minutes approved - JT

**Treasurer's Report** • Diana Fuder reported - Craig moved to accept, John Shaw seconded

### Administrative Report

October 26 Workshop by Clarice Dieter for \$20

Promotion: newspaper, LRAC Calendar, Facebook, member Newsletter

### Old Business

- City Grant - John Shaw sought clarification regarding role with Arts Advisory Committee. He's not interested in Sculpture Park effort.
- Rural Arts Council Summit report - October 3-5

John O.

- summary of events,
- Indigenous people education
- rural community empowerment
- networking opportunities

Robyn O.

- developing rural art within town structure require patience
- Collaboration amongst other communities is encouraged
- People to people communication always best

Kristi K.

- Be open to Urban-Rural exchange of ideas
- Think outside the box
- Grand Rapids Art & Culture Commission took 6 years to become effectively incorporated into the city plans

Deb N.

- Project evaluation is valuable in growing our organization
- Encouraged that BL already has much in place regarding the arts
- Critique Group - send out notice of interest in next newsletter, discuss at member meeting
- Workshop Marketing collaboration - John O. says grant proposal to LRAC has been submitted
- Holiday Market - Setup date TBD - John Shaw, Kristi Kuder, John Olesen; Deadline for art to be in by Member Meeting, Nov. 12.
- Gallery sitters needed for November & December

### New Business

- Name tags - Mary L. asked that we update our name tags. Suggestion was made to allow members to create their own name tag. No restrictions.
- Network Battle Lake letter - Board reviewed a letter drafted by Mary L. to be distributed describing our intent to grow and looking for growth opportunities.
- Board suggested changes including adding economic aspects of the arts
- Thank you notes - Janet D. & John O. will write a plan to propose how AOTL can gather addresses for thanking buyers of art
- Keys for building aren't tracked. Deb N. will look into mounting a keypad on doors to replace keys.
- Deb N. is taking over website management temporarily.
- Roof is leaking. Jim Wilkus has brought in tiles to replace damages. Neighbors need to be informed of damage incurred.
- Kristi K. led group through Give to the Max Campaign
- \$5,000. Goal set to purchase an LED Monitor for front window
- \$2500. Matching Fund to help achieve goal
- Target audience: Facebook followers, members' network, studio tour & Art & Craft Affair attendees, gallery guest book emails, & community-at-large
- Donation requests via Email blasts, Facebook & Instagram posts, postcards, member newsletter
- Ongoing event includes inviting members to participate in Affirmation wall in back gallery, use back gallery for member gatherings

**Adjourn** • JT moved to adjourn, Janet D. seconded

# Why Are You an Artist?

## AOTL Members reflect on their Art

### Ruminating on Art

Art is important! Very important.

Art is much more than a pretty object. Art is the process of making that object. The failures, the lessons, the discoveries, the stained furniture, and the fun are all part of it. Creating art forces us to use the mush inside our head in new ways. It forces us, as adults, to play and to explore. We can't just leave all the new discoveries and inventions up to seven year olds! The world needs more than glitter slime, tree forts, unicorn ranches and Minecraft villages. Art gives us the ability to imagine things like going to the moon, talking to cars and accessing a world of knowledge in the palm of our hands! Art enables us to tap into the full power of creative thinking and search for new ways of solving problems.

If we continued to add two and two to get four just like we were taught, nothing would change. We then would all still be running about naked picking berries and sleeping in holes. Now if we take a two and stack it on top of another two, turn them sideways and then color them orange we now have something new!

Art can be fun and beautiful to look at but the powerful part of art is the creative process that brought it to life. And maybe the end product is an ugly mess but that's cool too. Because maybe next time it will become a trip to the moon or a new Mona Lisa.

—Brad Wegscheid

Recently I came across a poster by Shepard Fairey saying “MAKE ART NOT WAR.” Art of The Lakes in Battle Lake is engaged in working to enhance the artistic expression of Minnesota Artists. My association with AOTL over the years has verified that people have been inspired by AOTL to take up the endeavor that results in creative images of a reality void of hate and fear that results in war. As artists and viewers of their art consume the works of art they become more likely to turn from fear to hope, from hate to love of all creation. When a work of art is produced, the viewer is presented with a vision of the beauty the artist has revealed in their work. AOTL is a jewel for West Central Minnesota that allows artists and consumers of art to be exposed to the alternative to hate, fear and war.

—Roger A. Parks

**AOTL Members are encouraged to “ruminate”  
on their artistic endeavors.**

**“I’m a member of Art of the Lakes because.....”**

**Send your thoughts to Kristi Kuder:**

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 of the AOTL Workshop Schedule next year, contact Nancy Little at [nalittle321@gmail.com](mailto: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, feature 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
<b>June</b>				
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
<b>July</b>				
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
<b>August</b>				
3-4	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
<b>September</b>				
12	Sue Kalseim • Alcohol Ink Jewelry	TBD	\$55	AOTL Gallery
<b>Weekly Gatherings</b>				
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	