

June • 2017

Art of the Lakes



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Thank you Ruth!

Ruth Crandall has officially retired from her multiple roles in the AOTL organization. Most recently, she served as board secretary, editor of the newsletter, "sunshine" coordinator, and membership information coordinator. Indeed, it will take four volunteers to replace her.

The AOTL profoundly thanks Ruth for her years of selfless service.



May AOTL Board Meeting Highlights

Kristi Kuder updated the group of 30+ attendees on the upcoming Studio Tour and displayed brochures, posters, and promotional materials.

Jody Augustadt likewise outlined the various AOTL workshops scheduled for the summer months.

John Olesen discussed plans for the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of AOTL.

Regarding board volunteers, both **Annette Hochstein** and **Craig Haukebo** were voted in for another term. **Kristi Kuder** was also voted in as a new member of the board, replacing the retiring **Ruth Crandall**. Ruth was heartily thanked for her years of service and presented with a gift certificate to the gallery.

Sharon Fleischauer will take on the role of Sunshine Coordinator, **Dan Thimgan** will be the newsletter editor, but there still is an open position for Membership Information Coordinator. Interested?

Longtime board chairman **Sandy Thimgan** stepped down from that role, but will continue as board secretary. She officially passed the reins over to the new chairman, **John Olesen**.

Thanks also went out to the **Tag Team** members (**Bonnie Pfeffer, Winnie Collins, Dar Eckert, Roger Parks, Diana Fuder, and Sandy Thimgan**) who dutifully have been marking all the displayed art work. The **Cleaning Crew** volunteers swept through the gallery on May 9, and **Winnie Collins'** team was scheduled to hang art on the 17th.

Reba Gilliland was profusely thanked for her role as AOTL Coordinator. She tirelessly tends the organization's business, aided by Craig Haukebo.

As the evening's finale, **Grace Haverty** entertained her audience with a watercolor demo.

Patti Donaldson oversaw the serving of tasty treats and beverages.

—Dan Thimgan

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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.

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Message from our new AOTL Chairman

Greetings from your new "fearless leader." It is with great pleasure that I take the reins of Art of the Lakes from Sandy Thimgan. I can only hope to do the job as well as she has done.

For those of you that don't know me, my name is **John Olesen**. I'm an artist/glass blower, and my "White Pine Studio" is located in Nidaros township. My wife Kathy and I moved to this area in 2002 from Minneapolis. Kathy is originally from the Vining area, and we purchased the farm where my studio is located from her mother. Even though I had been coming to the area for years before we moved here, I didn't realize what a vibrant arts scene existed here. It is my goal — in my business and as president of AOTL — to continue to grow the arts in this area, and with the help of a great board and a strong membership, we can continue this growth. I am open to new ideas and possibilities for AOTL, so if you have an idea you would like to talk about, let me know.

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Phone: (218) 405-0234, or come see me at the gallery most Friday nights till 10:00 pm and, of course, everyone is welcome to come to my studio when I am at work there as well. My regular studio hours this year are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:00 - 4:00.

50 years is an impressive run for an arts organization, even more so being a not-for-profit and member-run. We should be proud and encouraged by this, knowing we are in an area that will support the arts to this degree. I look forward to celebrating this with everyone on June 24th!

AOTL ARTISTS:

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

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June Events

AOTL 50th Anniversary
Open House/AOTL Gallery
Saturday, June 24

June Workshops

June 1-2

Myron Sahlberg

A Practical Perspective in
Landscapes, Figures, and
Still Life

contact: Jody Augustadt

June 6-9

Fealing Linn

Transparent Watercolor
Landscapes

contact: Jody Augustadt

June 30

Mary Williams

Clay Sculpture

contact: Terry Oscarson



Farewell from President Sandra Thimgan

Just a note to say thank you for the privilege of serving as your president of the Art of the Lakes Association for the past three and a half years.

It has been an incredible journey and learning experience to be leading an organization with a 50 year history and a bold, bright future. I have learned so much about how this organization functions, how the responsibilities and actions of so many volunteers are the key to its success. Clearly, few members realize the enormous task charged to the board of this organization.

I thank everyone, past/present/future who serves/served on this board. It truly "takes a village," so consider this a call for artists to take an active role in the future of your arts organization. I look forward to exciting and creative happenings for AOTL in the future.

This May, the Chair/President position was passed to John Olesen. Please welcome him, encourage him, and thank him for stepping up to be your new leader.

Onward and upward!



AOTL Board Members

- John Olesen, chair (2019)
- Diana Fuder, treasurer (2019)
- Sandy Thimgan, secretary (2019)
- Dar Eckert (2018)
- Sharon Fleischauer (2018)
- Stephen Henning (2019)
- Craig Haukebo (2020)
- Annette Hochstein (2020)
- Kristi Kuder (2020)

AOTL Featured Artists of the Month

(June 1 - 15)

Artist's Reception • June 2, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Jody Augustadt

Residence:

Round Lake in Battle Lake

Medium:

Works in oils, pastels, and watercolor
Paints plein air and in her studio

Artistic intent:

“To capture the simplicity of color and form. To let painting inform the viewer about lines and shape abstractions and how they create realism.”



Jody Augustadt • Monhegan Bay, Maine

(June 16 - 30)

Artist's Reception • June 16, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Grace Haverty

A signature member of the National Watercolor Society and a master signature member of the Pastel Society of America

Residence:

Otter Tail lake in summer, Scottsdale, AZ in winter

Medium:

Mainly watercolor but some oils for larger gallery wrap paintings

Artistic Intent:

“I paint different subjects, all of which are things I love. I want the viewer to feel the emotions I have when painting the piece — the reason why I paint what I love, not what someone else wants me to paint.”



Grace Haverty • The Harbor

A Special Thank You!

(Because volunteers never get enough thanks)

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for maintaining and updating
the AOTL Website

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Linda Andres
retiring co-chair of the
Workshop Committee

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and Bonnie Pfeffer**
for hanging the gallery for
summer

Thanks to
Diana Fuder
for being our technology
wrangler

Thanks to
Donna Westerling
Featured Artist Coordinator



Studio Tour Participants

If you are taking part in this year's AOTL Studio Tour, you are reminded to stop by the gallery to pick up Tour information, posters, postcards, and your "I Buy Art" stickers (see above).

Also, please consider signing up to contact local businesses to encourage them to take part in this unique cooperative venture!

HELP!

If you are interested in contributing treats for the AOTL's monthly get-togethers, contact:
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THANKS!