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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

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A Note from Your President:

Welcome to spring and our upcoming “summer of art!” We are gearing up for our celebration of FIFTY YEARS as an arts association! What a fabulous opportunity to share how the arts are contributing to our area and community. Various plans are in the works for events to highlight this momentous occasion.

Here are some thoughts on ways to “celebrate our anniversary” during your time working the gallery,...

- Welcome visitors to the gallery and tell them about our anniversary, about workshops, and about the Studio Tour
- Show and share brochures about our events and encourage visitors to take part
- Check out the artwork (on walls, displays, bins), while you work, pay attention to new artists or new pieces by regular artists, and point them out to visitors
- Take pride in your association, the gallery, our public art, and your supportive community - - share that with guests
- If guests ask about your art, share it gladly with them and why you love being a part of the art community of Battle Lake
- Learn about our featured artist so you can talk with visitors about that artist
- Invite visitors to take their time and enjoy the entire gallery, front and back, and sign our guestbook
- SMILE and enjoy your time in our “treasure” of a gallery, and the opportunity to work in this creative and beautiful setting!

Remember, “Earth without art is just ‘eh’.”

Looking forward to a celebratory season of art,
Sandy Thimgan

Exhibits

AOTL member **Faythe Mills** will have an exhibit called Tropical Travels – Paintings, Drawings, & Prints – at the Wheeler Gallery in the historic Terrace Mill in Terrace, MN. The exhibit features Stephen J. Gates & Faythe Mills.

Dates: June 30 – Aug. 31
Artists' Reception:
Sat, July 22 from 1 – 3 PM

Mary Jo Wentz has had a painting accepted into the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art in David City, NE. The exhibit celebrates Nebraska's sesquicentennial and runs from May 3 to July 30, 2017.

Mary Jo's artwork will be exhibited at Central Square Gallery in Glenwood, MN, March 13 – April 15, 2017.

Grace Haverty's painting "Coastal Birds" was accepted into the Missouri Watercolor Society 2017 International Exhibition to be held at the St. Louis Central Library April 3 – April 27, 2017.

2017 Workshops - Jody Augustadt and Linda Andres

Jody and Linda have coordinated another season of outstanding workshops. Brochures with more information are available at the gallery and on the website. Here is the lineup:

1. "A Practical Perspective in Landscape Figures and Still Life"

Instructor: Myron Sahlberg

Date: June 1 – 2, 2017

Time: 9 am – 4 pm (one hour lunch)

Place: Lakes Area Community Center (LACC)

Cost: Members - \$95 Nonmembers - \$115

Contact: Jody Augustadt – 925-212-6359 jaugustadt@gmail.com

2. "Transparent Watercolor Landscapes"

Instructor: Fealing Linn

Date: June 6 – June 9, 2017

Time: 9 am to 4 pm (one hour lunch)

Place: LACC

Cost: Members - \$350 Nonmembers - \$375

Contact: Jody Augustadt – contact info above

3. "Clay Sculpture"

Instructor: Mary Williams

Date: June 30 and July 28, 2017

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Bring a bag lunch

Place: Mary Williams' home on Stuart Lake

Cost: Members - \$85 Nonmembers - \$90

Fees: Materials - \$15 Model – students split \$75 fee

Contact: Terry Oscarson – 218-583-4145 toscarson@arvig.net

4. "Carry Basket Weaving"

Instructor: Mary Smith

Date: July 12, 2017

Time: 9 am – 4 pm Students bring lunch

Place: LACC

Cost: Members - \$40 Nonmembers - \$50

Contact: Linda Andres 218-948-2603 La55124@yahoo.com

5. "Fine Silver Jewelry with Precious Metal Clay"

Instructor: Kim Bakken-Parr

Date: July 22,, 2017

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (Students bring lunch)

Place: LACC

Cost: Members - \$70 Nonmembers - \$85

Contact: Sandy Thimgan 218-862-5594

thimgan@digitaljam.com

Exhibits (cont)

Mickie Edmonds currently has an exhibit at the Fergus Falls Center for the Arts.

Sandy Barnhouse has an exhibit at the Kaddatz in Fergus Falls during May and June. Artist's reception will be June 1 from 4 to 7 PM.

Artist in Residence

Mary Jo Wentz will be Artist in Residence at the Landmark Center in Henning, MN. The residency runs from April 3 – April 14, 2017. Mary Jo will be working with 5 art classes at the Henning High School teaching painting with alcohol inks. At the close of the residency, student art will be exhibited at the Landmark Center.

Classes

Grace Haverty will be teaching a 3 day watercolor workshop at the Art Barn School of Art in Valparaiso, Indiana, August 22 – 24. Contact: 219-462-9009

Sandy Barnhouse will be part of the Kaddatz lecture series during the summer. Watch for details.

6. "Realism Through Design and Hard Pastel"

Instructor: Sandra Barnhouse

Date: July 25 – 27, 2017

Time: 9 am – 3 pm Students bring lunch

Place: Sandra's studio in Underwood

Cost: Members - \$75 Nonmembers - \$90

Fees: \$5 if you want pastel materials supplied

Contact: Janet Demars 480-829-9365

janetkdemars@hotmail.com

Questions about workshop? Contact Sandra at 218-826-7412

artdome43@gmail.com

7. "Foraged Color – the Art and Science of Eco-Printing"

Instructor: Kristi Swee Kuder

Date: July 31 and August 1, 2017

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Students bring lunch

Place: Glendalough State Park (Vehicle permit required: \$5/day or \$25/year)

Cost: Members - \$70 Nonmembers - \$90

Fees: \$15 for materials

Contact: Ila Osman 701-403-0869 ilamlo@arvig.net

8. "Sami Bracelet: Reindeer Leather and Pewter"

Instructor: Kim Bakken-Parr

Date: August 5, 2017

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Students should bring a lunch

Place: LACC

Cost: Members - \$70 Nonmembers - \$85

Fees: Materials - \$30

Contact: Jody Augustadt 952-212-6359 jaugustadt@gmail.com

9. "Print and Stitch"

Instructor: Julie Crabtree

Date: August 7 – 9, 2017

Time: 9:30 am to 4 pm, one hour lunch

Place: LACC

Cost: Members - \$140 Nonmembers - \$165

Fees: Materials - \$28

Contact: Sharon Fleischauer 218-367-2365

frenchfry48@arvig.net

"Creativity takes courage."

Henri Matisse

Exhibits and Salons

AOTL member **Barbara LaValleur** will have a photo exhibit called "Hola, Cuba!" at the Kaddatz Gallery in Fergus Falls April 6 – May 13. The opening reception with artist talk will be April 8 from 3 to 5 PM. All are welcome! Also at the Kaddatz: Salon – April 22, 2 – 4 PM Barbara will present "My Story: How this BLHS graduate became and international photojournalist + 3 tips to take better photos Salon – May 6, 2 – 4 PM. Barbara will present "My Cuba trip & why I took and chose the photos for "Hola, Cuba!".
Barbara.lavalleur@gmail.com

Featured Artists – 2017

May 15-31 Della Conroy
June 1-15 Jody Augustadt
June 16-30 Grace Haverty
July 1-15 Dar Eckert
July 16-31 Mike Weatherly
Aug 1-15 Duane Dahlvang
Aug 16-31 Peggy Dahlvang
September Lou Miller

"Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen."

Leonardo daVinci

10. "Oil Painting Essentials"

Instructor: Jean Ranstrom
Date: August 29 – 30, 2017
Time: 9:30 am – 4 pm, one hour lunch
Place: LACC
Cost: Members - \$80 Nonmembers \$95
Students provide materials
Contact: Linda Andres 218-948-2603 La55124@yahoo.com

11. "Blown Glass Tumblers" – Private Lesson

Instructor: John Olesen
Dates available: June 10, July 22, August 12, September 16
Time agreed upon by artist and student
Place: White Pine Studios
44384 170th St.
Clitherall, MN
Cost: Members - \$75 Nonmembers - \$85
Contact: Bonnie Showers 612-423-9969
showersbonnie@gmail.com

12. "Kids Art Camp" (Grades 1 – 4, entering this fall)

Instructor: Terry Oscarson
Date: August 7 – 11, 2017
Time: 9:00 am to noon
Place: Landmark Center in Henning
Cost: \$75

13. "Art Academy" (Grades 5 – 12, entering this fall)

Instructor: Terry Oscarson
Date: August 7 – 11, 2017
Time: 1 pm to 4 pm
Place: Landmark Center in Henning
Cost: \$90
Contact for BOTH classes: Terry Oscarson 218-583-4145
toscarson@arvig.net

Notice to Featured Artists:

During your weeks 'in the spotlight,' we encourage you to have a reception on a Friday or Saturday night when the town is hopping – we have a great location between Granny's, the Boathouse, the Rusty Nail, and Stella's - - these venues all increase the traffic in the gallery. People stop on their way to dinner, after dinner, in between dinner and dessert. Make it a poin to meet and greet the visitors and share your spotlight and talents.

Signing Up to Work

If you haven't signed up to work your 4 days, please do so. Need some reminders on how to do that?

Here's the information from Dar Eckert:

Directions for signing up

*Log out of your personal google calendar

*Go to AOTL website

*Click on links

*Click on gallery sitting schedule

*User name:
aotl@arvig.net

*Password: 2017-calendar

Dar needs your email address in the calendar so if you have a new one or sign in from your work calendar, let her know by email

Please bring in new artwork for the gallery opening. This year we will try to prominently display new work and show new work on our Facebook page.

Please sign up to work in the gallery by April 1.

Signing Up to Work in the Gallery Guidelines

As you all know, the gallery opens for business on Friday, March 31, 2017. If you haven't signed up to work your 4 days, please do so by April 1. Need some reminders on how to do that? The directions are in the box at the left. Contact information for Dar is in the box at the left.

New and Old Gallery Training

If you need to be trained for working at the gallery, call or email Winnie Collins. (218-864-5925 or twcollins@avig.net) The date has not been set but will be announced in May before Memorial Weekend.

Gallery Re-hanging

The gallery will be rehung on the 17th and 18th of May. Bring in your new art before these dates as they will need to have the bar code put on them. The bar code tag on the art piece you taking out of the gallery should be put in the box by the bulletin board. Once again you must have your dues paid and have your working dates on the calendar as a requirement for having your art on display in the gallery.

Operating Grant

Art of the Lakes received a \$6000.00 operating grant this spring from Lake Region Arts Council. Many thanks to LRAC and, especially, to Gallery Administrator Reba Gilliland for writing the grant!

2017 Studio Tour

The 2017 AOTL Studio Tour plans are now under way with Kristi Swee Kuder and John Olesen, co-chairing the event. Dates are set for **July 14, 15 & 16** with the **Tour Reception scheduled for Saturday evening, July 8**. Last summer was the largest Studio Tour ever with 54 members participating in 22 venues scattered across the lake country. For many, sales were "the best ever!" We're looking forward to another **blockbuster tour** this year. Kristi Kuder – kristi@skuder.com

Dates to remember-2017:

March 31, 2017 - Gallery opens for season
April 11 – AOTL Board Meeting
April 18 – Member Meeting
May 9 – 12 noon: Cleaning day at the gallery. Lunch provided.
May 16 – 7:00 PM - Annual member meeting at the gallery
July 8 – Studio Tour Preview at the Gallery
July 14 – 16 – Studio Tour
July 18 – AOTL annual picnic
August 12 – Art & Craft Affair