

Art of the Lakes

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The Dish from Debbie

(Important Updates from
AOTL Administrator, Debbie Ness)

- **Art & Craft Affair.** I am looking for help at the information booth from 6:00 - 9:00 am and 12-3 and 2-4. I am also looking for someone to help mark the park with John Mehl. It is the biggest fundraiser we have at Art of the Lakes any and all help would be appreciated!
- The annual “**Tastes, Toasts, & Traditions**” event of the Education 542 Foundation is planned for September 14. AOTL artist **Barbara LaValleur** will be inducted in the Battle Lake school “Hall of Fame.” Two other AOTL artists will be publically humiliated in this year’s Newlywed Game.
- Also, **art donations** are being sought for the above “Tastes, Toast, & Traditions” event. Contact Debbie.
- Please check out the upcoming AOTL **Summer Workshops**. There is space still available in all of them. See page 3 or check the brochures at the gallery or online.



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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.

Wrong Labels Used & How to Handle It

Some wrong labels were used accidentally for barcoding, and the scanner will not read them. Gallery sitters have been using “miscellaneous not bar coded” but this creates a lot of work for Debbie.

Instead, here’s how to do a search:

- Click the search icon in the upper right hand corner of the transaction screen. The keyboard should appear. If not, double click the small button on the barcode scanner and the keyboard should appear.
- Type the artist name and the artist’s inventory should appear. Scroll to find the item, tap on it, and it should ring up.



These instructions are also on a clipboard by the front desk.
— Diana Fuder



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

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)

Summer Workshops

AOTL offers two more wonderful workshops during the month of July. Space is limited, so enroll today. See our website for more details. www.artofthelakes.org

Creating Emotional Impact with Design/Color Harmony

Marcella Rose

August 6

Contact: nalittle@gmail.com

Boat Bowls with Paddle Spoons

Sandra Shaughnessy

August 15

Contact: frenchfry48@arvig.net

Expressive Sketching

Grace Haverty

August 19

Contact: nalittle@gmail.com

Art Camp for Children

Terry Oscarson

August 5-9

Contact: toscarson@arvig.net

Blown Glass Tumbler

(private lessons)

John Olesen

Contact: showersbonnie@gmail.com



AOTL Board Members

John Olesen, chair (2022)
Diana Fuder, treasurer (2019)
Mary Dahl, secretary (2021)
Craig Haukebo (2020)
Annette Hochstein (2020)
Kristi Kuder (2020)
Ruth Hanson (2022)
Mary Loecken (2022)
John Shaw (2022)

Important Note:

Workshop Coordinator Nancy Little is retiring from that role next year, so the AOTL needs someone to step up and take on that responsibility. Interested? Contact a board member or Debbie Ness, AOTL Administrator.

What? You haven't seen the new back wall mural at the AOTL Gallery? Multiple community members of all ages contributed to the painting, but the design was the brain-child of artist Wesley Fawcett Creigh.

Read about this artist and her wonderful project through the eyes of Intern Lauren Wieber. She and fellow intern, Hannah Baumgardt, spent hours working with Wesley in the creation of the mural.

Wesley Fawcett Creigh

by Lauren Wieber

During the winters, Wesley Fawcett Creigh resides in Arizona but has been traveling up to Battle Lake with her family every summer for her entire life. Wesley went to school for art and focuses on community art and social justice projects. She is exceptionally good at coming up with designs that are aesthetically beautiful while still allowing people from all art backgrounds to contribute.

Wesley loves nature and her local independent movie theater back in Arizona. Working with her on the back wall mural to the gallery has truly been an honor. Wesley was so patient with both Hannah and me as she showed us the process of developing a design. She introduced us to Illustrator and to scannable graph paper to start sketching out our ideas.

Wesley is truly extraordinary in the scope of her knowledge of the mural making process. Her job heavily focuses on team work and building connections in communities. This means that even though she is technically in charge of each of her projects, she is able to listen and include ideas from all angles. Because of the nature of community engagement she is admirably flexible. Just walking alongside her through the project taught us the value of asking the right verifying question and truly listening to its answer.

The process also taught us the value of "mock-ups" and how important it is to have a visual that all parties involved can draw from and modify. The images and sketches helped to create a common language of imagery.

Wesley was recently brought forward by LRAC and chosen to be a displaying artist in the MSP airport for this next year. Also look for her work at the Community Center in Battle Lake. Her dedication of time and focus to this project was the fuel that allowed us to create the image we did. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with her this summer.



Be sure to visit Wesley's website: <https://wesleyfawcettcreigh.com>

AOTL Featured Artists

August 1-15

• Sue Wilson •



"This exhibit is about Minnesota flowers, birds, and animals painted realistically and abstractly.

I began painting in watercolor in 1996 after 57 years of marriage, 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and a 9 year career as a Registered Nurse.

I currently split my time between East Battle Lake and Tucson AZ. I love it when my watercolor paintings makes someone smile, ask questions, or have an 'aha' moment."

August 16-31

• Julie Smith •

"I live in Alexandria. Nature has been a constant inspiration in my work which offers an unlimited source of interest and beauty. Being an art teacher for many years has given me a love of different mediums and a curiosity in combining them.

In my studio work, I use a variety of mediums depending on what I want to portray. With oils or pastels, I am drawn to landscapes and the changing of seasons. My clay wall collages give me a chance to explore textures and creative designs. My pottery vessels are rich in texture and have recurring images of water and plant life.

In all these mediums there is a sensitivity towards portraying a sense of peace and harmony. My hope is that viewers would see something beautiful in my work."



Wood Artist Opportunity

The **Lake Region Arts Council** will be featuring the artwork of regional artists that work with wood, as our Oct. 1, 2019 through Dec. 20, 2019 Main Gallery Exhibit.

If wood is your artistic medium, they invite you to be part of this exhibit.

Eligibility: any artist residing in the LRAC region, which includes the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin, is eligible.

If you are interested in participating, please submit up to three images of your work online by Aug. 18, 2019. Submit images at this link: www.lrac.submittable.com/submit/143064/against-the-grain-wood-working

Notification of selected artwork will be announced Aug. 30, 2019. Work should be delivered to the LRAC Gallery from Sept. 23-27, 2019.

There will be a public reception for the exhibit on Oct. 15 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. We hope you will be able to attend the reception.

Please contact our office if you have questions, 218-739-5780.

Thank You "I Buy Art!" Merchants

Thank You to area merchants who generously took part in the recent "I Buy Art" campaign as part of the Studio Tour.

Battle Lake: Larry's Supermarket, Neverwinter Clothing, Swedberg Nursery, Petals & Posies, Rusty Nail, Granny's Pantry, Spruce, Boathouse, Art of the Lakes Gallery

Otter Tail Lake: Zorbaz

Clitherall and Vining: On The Corner, Sportsman's Bar, Big Foot Gas & Grocery, Vining Grill, Vining Palace, Justice Two

Perham: Bridgette's Mainframe

Evansville: Amoco Gas Station, Evansville Meat Market, Backroads Steakhouse

Alexandria: Potomac Beads

Anna Lake Animal Sanctuary Artist Opportunity

Danielle Pederson-Opsahl, the co founder and executive director of Anna Lake Animal Sanctuary, a non-profit farm animal rescue in Underwood, Minnesota, invites AOTL artists either collectively or separately to join them for their annual vendor event.

We host a large vendor event every fall, this being our second year, to help us raise money for our rescues and to bring the community together.

We DO NOT charge any vendor fees but we do let our vendors know if they did well and feel like giving a donation or percentage of profits to our rescues, its greatly appreciated. We want to support our local non-profits. We also do ask that all artwork sold is veg, so no animal products used. It is also free advertising in our lakes area, Fargo, and Minneapolis.

Please contact me if you are interested, would like the information, or have questions.

Thank you
Dini

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www.facebook.com/annalakeanimalsanctuary

www.instagram.com/annalakeanimalsanctuary

Event online: www.facebook.com/events/399876570635275

Artist News

Myron Sahlberg

has been invited to participate in the following art shows and is painting two works for each:

Small Works, Great Wonders

The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
November 8, 2019 • Oklahoma City, Ok

Contemporary Western Art Show and Sale

The Mountain Oyster Club
November 24, 2019 • Tucson, AZ

American Miniature Show

Settlers West Gallery
Mid-February 2020 • Tucson, AZ.

Check out Myron's website: www.myronsahlberg.com

Artist Opportunity: Holmes Art Cellar

Whitney Isaacson of the Historic Homes Theater in Detroit Lakes wants to attract AOTL artists interested in displaying and selling their art work in the new Holmes Art Cellar.

They are also seeking artists to teach classes.

The forms necessary for submitting your art or proposing classes are available at the AOTL gallery, or may be emailed to you by contacting **Debbie**.

Any additional questions, contact:

Whitney Isaacson
Historic Holmes Theatre
Intern
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Don't Forget:

AOTL's Art & Craft Affair

Railroad Park • Battle Lake
August 10, 2019
(information on Art of the Lakes website or at the gallery)

Sketch Journal Sessions

Every Tuesday
If you have any questions call:
Grace Haverty • 602-980-0468

Artist Feedback Forum

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

Upcoming Featured AOTL Artist

September: Ruth Hanson