

Art of the Lakes

July • 2019

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

Art of the Lakes Studio Tour

Over 15 demos!

July 19 & 20, 10-5 pm and
Sun., July 21, 11-3 pm

Now the largest rural art crawl in the midwest! Demonstrating and selling in venues scattered throughout Otter Tail, Douglas and Grant counties, we have watercolorists, painters, woodworkers, sculptors, ceramists, photographers, glass and fiber artists, and many more. Support our fellow artists and Art of the Lakes by promoting the tour to family and friends. Every \$10 or more purchase scores an I BUY ART sticker entitling them to special offers on beverages, menu items, and other services at participating local businesses. Brochures with maps are now available at the Art of the Lakes Gallery in Battle Lake and online at artofthelakes.org. This annual event is free, kid friendly and open to the public.

The Dish from Debbie

(Important Updates from
AOTL Adminstrator, Debbie Ness)

- Gallery Open House July 13th, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Board has decided not to hold a picnic this year, and instead make this Open House our primary membership gathering.
- July 16th, 7:00 p.m.: Program Diana Fuder Acrylic Pouring
- July 27 — Wenonga Days parade in Battle Lake Mary Williams has offered to drive her car representing Art of the Lakes
- Art & Craft Affair is coming up in August. Members receive a discount when registering. Booths still available, but it is filling up fast!
- Volunteers artists are needed to do demonstrations on Thursday evenings on the sidewalk or front window. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The City of Battle Lake is trying to promote businesses Thursday nights coordinating advertisement and events in town businesses. It is a great opportunity for artists to promote their talents and arts and for the gallery to get more traffic.
- New policy - New minimum for Artist payment checks. Artist payments will carried over till the next month if the total is less than \$25 or at the end of each quarter if still less than \$25.
- I am looking for volunteers to help with the Art & Craft Affair. Various opportunities – before during and after the event August 10th
- Artists can contact John Olesen if they need to change their gallery sitting shifts.

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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.

Be a Featured Artist in 2020

Over the course of each summer, 8 artists get to showcase their work, as Featured Artist.

The schedule starts with May 15-31, and continues on, with a new artist display on the 1st and 16th, of each month. (The September Artist, has the whole month of September to display).

Each scheduled artist is responsible for putting up and taking down their own display, hosting a reception, if desired, etc. Featured Artist is very popular, and there is usually a waiting list of artists waiting to display. For this reason, artists cannot be scheduled more than every 3 years.

Being a Featured Artist, means that your work is in the spotlight, in the gallery for a couple weeks over the course of the summer. As a Featured Artist, you can make this simple, by hanging some paintings or displaying your work, and adding a short description or bio. You can make this more elaborate, by having an artist reception, and/ or putting an announcement in the Battle Lake Review.

If you would like to be on the waiting list for Featured Artist in 2020, contact **Donna Westerling**. The schedule is done during the winter months and finalized in the spring.

Email (preferred) donna@trumanrc.com or phone 612-386-2868

—Donna Westerling



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 the days for which you signed up, 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:

- Theresa Hanson • 218-310-4721
- Craig Haukebo • 218-862-5510
- Sandy Thimgan • 218-862-5594
- Sharon Fleischauer 218-371-5567
- 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

INKcredible Alcohol Inks

Mary Jo Wentz
 July 11, 12:00-4:00 pm
 Lakes Area Community Center
 Member:\$45. Non-member:\$55
 Contact:
 Mary Dahl • 218.366.1613

Pine Needle Basket

Mary Smith
 July 31, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 Art of the Lakes Gallery
 Member:\$65. Non-member:\$75
 Contact:
 Mary Dahl • 218.366.1613



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.

Upcoming Featured AOTL Artists

- Aug 1-15: Sue Wilson
- Aug 16-31: Julie Smith

Meet Our Interns

AOTL is excited and delighted to introduce our two art interns who will spend the summer with AOTL.

Hannah Baumgardt

Hannah will be a senior English Major at the College of Saint Benedict. She calls Prairie du Sac, WI home, along with her twin brothers. She enjoys sculpturing with polymer clay and runs a small sculpting business called The Griffin's Treasure. You can find her at summer art fairs in Wisconsin, and this year at Battle Lake's Art and Craft Affair! She also loves writing sci-fi/fantasy stories, playing clarinet, and laughing with family. Her goals for the future include becoming a museum fabricationist, publishing novels, and expanding her sculpting business. This summer, she hopes to explore all the possible future paths her creativity and artistic passion could lead her down.



Lauren Wieber

I grew up in the college town of Northfield, MN. I currently study International Relations at Bethel University. I am an avid reader of almost all genres when I have time, love both playing and listening to music, and try to get outside to bike or go out on the lake as often as possible.



My whole life I have been involved in various forms of art within my community. I danced and took ballet classes, was in our town's youth choir, performed in local theater productions, and created lots of lovely random "art" for my mom. Throughout high school I always found my art classes joy filled. Once in high school, I saw the seniors' Honors Art exhibitions and knew that the art department was where I was going to be spending the majority of my time! My senior year I got to develop my own show using whatever media I wanted. I decided to take on wood-cut pewter casting which, to my mother's chagrin, I did with a blow torch and my mother's strainer in our house's basement. What was once a quirky and endearing hobby had turned into a slightly more hazardous past time! After putting on my own show and finishing out my senior year of high school I decided to take a gap year. I spent the year serving through a youth oriented missionary organization in the Dominican Republic and India. This experience completely changed the way

that I see the world. While abroad my eyes were opened to types of human experiences that were completely different than my own. The people and memories from that time have gradually seeped into my personal sketches. Art has been a powerful way to capture those memories. Though I am pursuing a minor rather than a major in art, I continually find that art is a way to slow down. Art has become a practice of gratitude and, in my sketching, to put voice to the questions and causes I am passionate about.

AOTL Featured Artists

July 1-15 • Winnie Collins •

“I became a member of AOTL in 2000 when I signed up to take a watercolor class, a medium I had never used. As a retiree I now had time to pursue my interest in art, since we moved to our home at the lake. I was fortunate to be able to go to Europe three times, with art groups to paint and tour. The majority of my work reflects scenes with architectural details or some elements of buildings. I also belonged to two art organizations in the Palm Springs area where we wintered. This gave me an opportunity to paint scenes of that area outdoors with art friends. My gallery at home consists of paintings that reflect a history of my life since 2000.”

—Winnie Collins



July 16-31 • Amy Schmidt •



Place of residence:
Campbell, MN

Artistic Medium:
“Primarily a watercolor artist, but I work in many different mediums.”

Artistic Intent:
“I don't really have an intent. I compulsively create things and am blessed to be able to do so.”

—Amy Schmidt

Phelps Mill Prep

Artists can bring items to be displayed at the Phelps Mill art show. Items can be brought in anytime between July 8th – 11th. You may bring in up to 4 framed pieces. Jewelry and 3D art is desired as well.

Important note: Everything needs to be wrapped and weatherproofed for transportation.

If you have questions, please contact **Peggy** or **Duane Dahlvang** or the gallery.



Studio Tour Brochures, Postcards and *I Buy Art* Stickers

Help us get the word out by picking up brochures and postcards to distribute to businesses near you and wherever else you go. We also get attendees from the Twin Cities, Fargo-Moorhead, St Cloud & regions beyond, so plan on circulating them about as you travel to these areas as well. Since postcards are replacing posters this year, feel free to pin them on bulletin boards, tape them in windows and mail them to all your family and friends.

—Kristi Kuder

Kid's Project: Make Peace Flags

Have you heard of The Peace Flag Project? Google it!

Kids of all ages, can help make strings of peace flags, in the gallery, this summer.

Peace flags are a way to send messages of hope, love, and peace to all.

The flags are based on the Tibetan Prayer Flag tradition. For centuries, these flags have sent out prayers for peace, harmony and compassion.

Tibetan prayer flags are traditionally hung in high places to catch the wind so the prayer will be carried out to bless and bring good fortune to all sentient beings.

Our project is to string ribbons and words, symbolizing Peace Flags. Finished strings will grace the back portion on the gallery. All the supplies are at the back table in the gallery... there are no complicated rules, or instructions. Be creative!

Our flags will provide a visual reminder that we live in one world and all share similar hopes and dreams. They will be a symbol of working for peace. "*We are all peacemakers*"

—Donna Westerling

Artist Opportunities

AOTL's Art & Craft Affair

Railroad Park • Battle Lake

August 10, 2019

(information on Art of the Lakes website or at the gallery)

Art in the Park

Detroit Lakes

July 28, 2019

(information 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

“I Buy Art” Campaign Needs You

We also need help enlisting local businesses to participate in the **I Buy Art Campaign**. Each year it grows a bit more. We are now finding attendees asking specifically for the stickers so please help by picking up the *business partnership form* along with postcards, and brochures which you will find in the AOTL “Library/bathroom”. Be sure to sign the ledger when you do.

It's important to remember that income from the Studio Tour not only helps support participating artists but it's also a major source of funding for our entire organization. So please help us promote this event any way you can—even if you are not in the tour. Thank you!

—Kristi Kuder

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Artist News

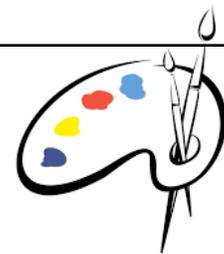
Mary Jo Wentz

Two of her works, “Prairie Bloom” and “Sun Vessel” have been juried into the 12th Annual Horizontal Grandeur Juried Art Exhibit. Held at the Stevens County History Museum June 20th - October 25 in celebration of life and art on the North American Prairie, all are invited to attend the exhibit featuring the works of 22 different artists.

Barbara LaValleur

Seven of her photos grace the office walls of 3rd District Rep. Dean Phillips, Minnetonka

Fifty of her Cuban photos are being exhibited at Cubano Gallery, Golden Valley



Need a Dehumidifier?

Art of the Lakes has the old dehumidifier for sale that was in the basement. It works fine, but was too small for the area. It was purchased in 2010 for \$178.00. Suggested price — \$90???