

Art of the Lakes

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Art Supply Garage Sale

June 1 • 10:00 - 3:00

AOTL Gallery

Stop in to reap the bounty of gently used or just-like-new art supplies priced very affordably. Great resource materials — Books & Magazines, as well as papers, paints, beads, fibers, canvases, assorted ephemera, and much more. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) to fill. We'll have coffee and cookies for your shopping pleasure!

Sketch Journal Sessions

Start June 4

Art of the Lakes will now have a sketch journal session starting on June 4th and meeting each Tuesday.

An email will be sent a few days prior to each Tuesday informing where the sketchers will meet.

This is not a class, so if something comes up and you can't attend there is no need to inform anyone. Just show up when you can.

Officially we will start at 9:00 a.m. but if some like to start earlier that is just fine and leave whenever you want.

If you have any questions call:
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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.

Studio Tour Brochures, Postcards and *I Buy Art* stickers are now in!

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.

“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



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
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(weekends only)

Attention Displaying Artists

In order to keep the AOTL Gallery fresh and current, displaying artists are reminded that art older than two years will not be displayed. Artists should please come pick up their work if it has been stowed in the basement. Also make sure your dues are up to date, and you've signed up for gallery sitting obligations.

Thanks for making our gallery run smoothly.

Summer Workshops

It is time to consider taking one of those wonderful AOTL Summer Workshops. You can browse the Workshop brochure at the AOTL website. Also, you may download the Workshop registration page from the site.

<https://www.artofthelakes.org/workshops.html>

June's workshops:

Sami Bracelets • Kim Bakken-Parr • June 12
Mono Printing • Michael Weatherly • June 15
Garden Sculpture • Brad Wegscheid • June 15
Fabric is Paint • Pam Collins • June 19
Flowers & Vegetables in Watercolor • Grace Haverty • June 27-28

Questions? Contact Nancy Little:

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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.

Team Battlista Takes Out The Trash and Brings Home The Gold!

Art of the Lakes set the bar high at the first annual *Trashion Fashion* event held on April 27th in Fergus Falls. After a quick tour of the Otter Tail County Waste Management Facility, Team Battlista members, **Kristi Kuder, Annette Hochstein, Dar Eckert, Deb Ness & Rose Kranz** set up shop in the Springboard for the Arts front office by hauling in rolls & boxes of trash which people generally leave for the garbage truck to haul away to landfills.

Rolls of house Tyvek, colorful birdseed and potting soil bags, plastic water bottles, glass medical tubes, ornamental garden lights that no longer work, stacks of discarded magazines and newspapers, old CDs, rusty mattress springs, wire coat hangers, gift bags, and spools of electrical cable wire—all came together in four hours to form a **Nick Cave** (Google *soundsuits*) inspired entry titled, *Trashesuit*. Carrying a bouquet of dead flowers while wearing *Trashesuit*, Annette jangled and rustled as she danced and shimmied down the runway in front of a packed room at The Spot. With a short deliberation after two other entries had presented their work, the judges awarded Team Battlista the 1st place trophy. Make a point to stop by the gallery to view this impressive award!

—Kristi Kuder



Upcoming Featured AOTL Artists

July 1-15: Winnie Collins
July 16-31: Amy Schmidt

Aug 1-15: Sue Wilson
Aug 16-31: Julie Smith
September: Ruth Hanson

AOTL Featured Artists June 1-15 • Kathrine McDowell



Artist Kathrine McDowell relocated to Battle Lake from the Twin Cities two years ago. Though she works in several mediums, ceramics have become her passion.

The majority of her work is lighthearted. Her goal is just to evoke joy and get the viewer to smile. "I want someone who owns one of my coffee mugs to start their day with a warm mug and smile."

June 16-31 • Brad Wegscheid

I live outside of Wadena where I work on my art and vigilantly watch for advancing hordes of the undead. Nothing will interrupt the creative process faster than the sight of zombies creeping up on your studio's large glass doors! My background is in graphic design but I currently shun the commercial arts in favor of the more playful fine art I create. I dabble in many creative processes because I like to tinker, create, and explore. To this end I have decided to focus my creative talents on public art and large installations. I enjoy the problem solving, stress and creative challenges large projects offer. I also make smaller works as ideas spark and time allows. My sketch book is full of ideas that need to be birthed. I currently do just a bit of illustration but focus on sculpture. My sculptures are done in ceramic (including raku), metal, wood and my current public works are in cement.

I try to never take myself too seriously and I do not want to make work that can ever be mistaken for having a deep meaning. I strive to make the viewer smile, or stop for a brief moment and ponder the obscure or whimsical. Life is short so enjoy each day and find fun where you can as often as you can... and of course avoid the undead because wandering about eating brains and smelling bad is no way to be.

Some of my work can be viewed at www.macaronicircus.com and to view current projects and work in process [facebook.com/macaronicircus](https://www.facebook.com/macaronicircus) or "macaronicircus" on Instagram.



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)

Feedback Forum

Kaddatz Gallery • Fergus Falls

With the help of the Kaddatz Gallery in Fergus Falls, Kathrine McDowell is starting an artist group. This great once a month opportunity is for artists to come together, bring their work (or images of their work) and receive helpful feedback from each other. The aim of the Feedback Forum is to help artists grow, improve, and problem solve in their practice.

When: Third Thursdays

Where: StudioK at Kaddatz Galleries

Cost: Free!!!

For more information: kathrinemcdowell@gmail.com



New AOTL Board member Mary Loecken has a deal for you! (see to the left)

Buy her used ceramic kiln — suggested price \$500 or make an offer — and, she will donate that money to the Art of the Lakes. Interested? Contact Debbie, AOTL Administrator.

Thanks!

(Because Volunteers Never Get Thanked Enough!)

Thanks to...

**Lauren Wieber and
Hannah Baumgardt**

for becoming our new AOTL summer interns. They will be featured in July's newsletter.

Thanks to...

**Steve Henning, Diana
Fuder, Sharon
Fleischauer, and Sandra
Thingan**

for serving on the AOTL Board for multiple years

Thanks to...

**Mary Loecken, Ruth
Hanson, and John Shaw**

for becoming new AOTL Board Members

Thanks to...

Nancy Little
for heading up the summer workshop program

