

Art of the Lakes

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AOTL 1st Annual Art Supply Swap & Sale

Saturday, June 1, 10 - 3 pm
AOTL Gallery

Have you:

- dabbled in a medium (or two or three) then moved on to something else?
- felt like your studio/craft space is bursting with partially used and unused craft/art supplies?
- been inspired to do an extensive spring cleaning of your studio/craft room?

We can help you with that. Lighten your load or come find supplies for your next creation at AOTL's **1st Annual Art Supply Swap & Sale!**

For a \$20 donation you'll get a 3' x 6' table in the gallery for yourself or you and friends to display and sell any art materials you're ready to part with. We'll do the promotion. You do the pricing and selling. No commission or sales tax. Enjoy treats and coffee while connecting with other members.

Out of town or don't have enough supplies to need a table? Donate your supplies to AOTL, and we'll be happy to sell them at our table! Proceeds benefit the AOTL Arts Programming.

Space is limited to the first 12 spaces. To reserve a table or to donate supplies please contact Deb Ness at aotl@arvig.net or call 218-864-8606.

Come find supplies for your next great creation! This event will be free to attend so invite friends!

Tools • Fiber • Paints • Beads • Books • Magazines • Fabric • Card Making Supplies • Paper • Kids Crafting Supplies • Glass sheets • Ceramic for Mosaics • Much More!

Have questions? Contact Deb at aotl@arvig.net or call 218-864-8606.

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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.

Attention All Displaying Members

The gallery will be rehung on May 22nd. Bring new hanging art starting **May 19th**, NO SOONER, please. You may take out your existing art on the walls at that time. We need to keep the gallery wall intact until May 19th. If you have not paid your dues or signed up for the four working days, you will need to take your art out of the gallery starting May 19th.

Place new hanging art on the counter by the chair storage or along the walls in the back gallery. Please do not put new art in the office. If you have questions call me at 218-864-5925 or email me at twcollins@arvig.net

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Here's looking forward to a fresh new art season.

— Winnie Collins

Sign Up for Shifts

The calendar is available online. Go to the AOTL website, click "Gallery," scroll to bottom, and click "Gallery Sitting Calendar"

Be sure to :

- READ through the instructions
- Include your Cell Phone number for text confirmation
- Include your email for reminder email

If you have questions about the calendar, you may contact John Olesen via email at: johnolesen@whitepinestudio.com or call him at 218-405-0234



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

AOTL Annual Meeting May 21 • 7:00

Be sure to attend the AOTL Annual meeting (the year ahead, election of new board members, treats).....

...AND

as a bonus, be sure to come early and enjoy AOTL artist **Brad Wegscheid's** show-and-tell demo of the "Marana Stone" cement sculpture medium. Brad sez: "This process is easy for anyone to start and requires no expensive or special tools."

behind the gallery
from 6:00 - 7:00

Artist Opportunities

Battle Lake Dairy Queen

The owner of the Battle Lake Dairy Queen is renovating inside after the busy season and would like to work with an artist to design and paint a mural on an interior wall. The design work is to be done this summer and the installation done in the fall or winter. If interested or for more information, contact **Leigh Shebeck** at 218-205-7517.

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)



AOTL Board Members

- John Olesen, chair (2019)**
- Diana Fuder, treasurer (2019)**
- Sandy Thimgan, secretary (2019)**
- Mary Dahl (2021)**
- Sharon Fleischauer (2019)**
- Stephen Henning (2019)**
- Craig Haukebo (2020)**
- Annette Hochstein (2020)**
- Kristi Kuder (2020)**

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>

The first scheduled workshop is "Exploring Pastels" presented by **Faythe Mills**, May 30.

Coodinator Nancy Little notes that the four-day **Frank Eber** workshop, "Atmospheric Watercolors" (held June 4-7) requires a commitment from people planning on taking this workshop **by May 4th** in order to make arrangements for his travel. Interested? Act soon.

Questions? Contact Nancy Little:
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AOTL Artist News



Jillyne Hanson • “At the End of the Day”

Check out the upcoming exhibition opening in the Main Gallery at Lakes Region Arts Council in Fergus Falls. Works by past LRAC McKnight Fellowship Grant recipients are the focus. Several AOTL members are in this exhibit including **Mary Williams**, **Sean Scott**, and **Kristi Swee Kuder**. The exhibition will run from April 29-June 28 with an artist reception on May 21 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Kerry Kolke-Bonk has been accepted into the Red River Watercolor Society National Show that will be held at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead MN. Her piece titled “Bittersweet” was selected to hang in the juried show mid June through mid August.

Phyllis Joos and **Shirley Arsenault** have an exhibit opening at the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance in Morris. Artist reception at the PRAC, May 3rd from 5-7 p.m.

Deb Connolly’s watercolor “Out to Dry” was juried into the 26th Annual Red River Watercolor Society exhibition. Show dates are June 17th – August 10th.



Deb Connolly • “Out to Dry”

Jillayne Hanson’s 5” x 30” watercolor/acrylic on paper “At The End Of The Day” was accepted into the Red River Watercolor Society National Exhibition at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead from June 17-Aug. 10. Reception is June 18, 6-8 p.m.

AOTL Featured Artist • May 15-31

Donna Westerling

Artist Statement

"I have been painting for 21 years, and it still amazes me that I am on this journey! It is my hobby. I am generally self-taught. I have taken classes over the years and they have all played a part in my process, in one way or another. I started painting in 1998, as a way to work through grief, after the death of my father. At the time, I was taking various art classes, and decided I really liked to paint. I joined a group in the Twin Cities called "The Attic Artists"... we were a group of painters that got together once a month to paint, and that opened the door to other artists and art shows. About 12 years ago, my husband and I built a lake home in Evansville, and we spend our weekends there. Our slice of Heaven is on Ruby Lake (we named the lake ourselves, after our beloved dog, Ruby). I call my space there, "The Studio at Ruby Lake." I found AOTL soon after we landed at Ruby Lake, and I feel honored to be a part of such a wonderful group of artists.

"I still paint traditional watercolors, but prefer to paint on illustration board, Yupo, or Terraskin Paper. I use Daniel Smith Watercolors, a variety of brushes, and various tools to apply paint, including spatulas, sponges, paint rollers, and even bubble wrap. My process is intuitive painting, and I don't plan my paintings. I paint, and see what happens, making it a creative, free experience. For me, painting is a time to lose myself- relax, have fun, and have no expectations. For me, painting is a Spiritual, spirit filled, experience.



"The Oasis"

watercolor on silk with fibers, metal threads, wire, and vintage jewelry

"Eight years ago, I decided to try painting on fabric, and it led to my paintings that I call "Threads." This has been an amazing experience. It has evolved into painting on silk, and adding fibers, including vintage silk threads, ribbon, metal thread, wire, beads, and vintage jewelry. It is especially fun, because there are no rules, and I make everything up as I go along! There are no straight stitches and lots of knots. People ask about the process, how it is done, how much time it takes, etc, and it is hard to know what to say. All I know is that I love it, and it makes me happy.

"My husband, Roger, and I maintain our home residence in Shoreview, MN. We have an array of dogs and cats (currently 2 of each). My "real job" is psychiatric nursing, and I am also a Spiritual Director. I am so blessed to be an artist!"

Upcoming Featured AOTL Artists

June 1-15: Katherine McDowell

June 16-31: Brad Wegscheid

July 1-15: Winnie Collins

July 16-31: Amy Schmidt

Aug 1-15: Sue Wilson

Aug 16-31: Julie Smith

September: Ruth Hanson