

# Art of the Lakes

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Debbie Ness

## Meet Debbie Ness: AOTL's New Administrator

Hello! I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Debbie Ness, and I have accepted the administrative position at the Art of the Lakes Gallery. I am anxious to learn more about the gallery, the Board and members as I transition into this role.

I have lived on Otter Tail Lake for 19 years with my husband, Paul and three kids, Dawson (20), Morgan (18), and Madison (15). We have made our home at our resort, The Lodge on Otter Tail Lake. We are in the process of turning our resort into a condo association, which has changed life for us.

I also work at the school, during the basketball season, coaching basketball cheerleaders. The interactions with the students is rewarding, and I enjoy supporting the athletes.

I love this area and all that it has to offer. In my free time, I love hiking, biking, walking our dogs, gardening, knitting, traveling, watching sporting events, musicals, choir and band concerts at the school.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the future!

—Debbie Ness

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Fall Festival at Art of the Lakes

**Color Me Red, Yellow, Orange**

Sept 21-Nov 1  
Vote for People's Choice art.

**Don't Miss  
Our Fall Art Exhibit:  
"Color Me Red, Yellow,  
and Orange"**

The annual Fall Art Exhibit began on September 21 and runs through November 1.

This year we are encouraging visitors to vote for Peoples' Choice art. Voting will be in two categories, 2-D and 3-D art. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three artists in each category.

— Roger Parks



## For Your Calendar: Upcoming AOTL Events

### Holiday Market

November 24 - December 15

### Christmas Potluck

December 18

5:30 at the Gallery

Come and celebrate the holidays with your fellow artists! Always great food and fellowship, including a fun gift exchange. Bring a gift (or two) if you care to participate.



### 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)

## AOTL Artist News

### Dar Eckert

will be participating in a Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND invitational called "A Seat at the Table." The show runs from Friday, September 7 through Saturday, January 12, with the reception on November 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ceramic artists each have designed a place setting for the show.

Dar was honored to have won the 4th place ceramic award and Minnesota State Fair Founders Award for her piece titled "Gift". Check out the interview video (she's in the middle"):

<https://youtu.be/ufqvOwyanFM>

### Barbara La Valleur

has two upcoming photo exhibits:

#### ¡Hola, Cuba!

First Universalist Church  
3400 Dupont Ave. S., Minneapolis

August 29th - October 16th

Artist Reception, Sunday, September 16th,  
10:30 - 1:30 p.m.

#### European Women in Traditional Male Professions & Trades

Pearson Lakes Art Center  
Lake Okoboji, IA

October 10th - January 17th

Opening Reception, Thursday, October 11th,  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Barbara will also have her fifth photo essay published on tpt's website for people over 50. Check out: <https://www.nextavenue.org/slideshow/fabric-art-class/>

## A Message from AOTL Chair

Another successful season has come and gone!

The 2018 summer saw some big changes and impressive gallery sales. Art sales during the peak months of June thru August totaled \$25,895: Good Job Everybody!!!

I wish I could say exactly why we had such impressive sales this summer, but I don't think it was just one factor.

The new facade certainly got a lot of people's attention and was helpful in drawing them into the gallery which could account for some of the great sales.

The other big change this summer was having the interns, Claire and Lisa, working at AOTL. Their presence added continuity and stability to the day to day operation of AOTL. I personally think these two ladies benefited the bottom line as well and improved how the gallery worked this summer.

So, Good Job Everybody!!!! Let's build on this success in 2019.

— John Oleson

## Don't Miss: Reba's Retirement Party

Tuesday, October 16

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

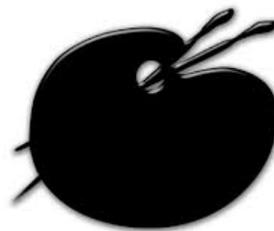
AOTL Gallery

## Reba's Retirement Wing-Ding

Be sure to join the Art of the Lakes membership in thanking Reba for her years of dedicated leadership of AOTL. As AOTL administrator she oversaw a nearly ten year transition period as the organization morphed and adapted to changing times.

Stop by and wish her well on her next adventure.

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided.



### 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!

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