

Art of the Lakes

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The Dish from Debbie

AOTL Administrator, Debbie Ness

The Art & Craft Affair was a huge success this year thanks to our many volunteers. We couldn't have done it without each of you!

- **Phil Smith** and **John Mehl** for marking the park
- **John Olesen** for placing the sign, working with food vendors, setting up the children's craft booth tables, information booth and clean up
- **Mary Williams, Grace Haverty, Judi Celaschi, Kristi Kuder, Janet DeMars, Patricia Roehl** and **Kathy Olesen** for helping at the information booth
- **James Varner** for transport art and helping set up and tear down the Art of the Lakes booth
- **Peggy Dahlvang** and **Duane Dahlvang** for setting up and selling the art at the Art of the Lakes booth
- **Paul Ness** for helping with set up and tearing down.
- **Sandy Thimgan, Dan Thimgan, Sharon Fleischauer, and Bonnie Pfeffer** for coming up with the "Wiggly Walleye" craft for kids, materials and for manning the booth
- **Colleen Behm** and **Tom Behm** for coming up with the wooden toys, materials and for helping the kids decorate the wooden toys
- Thank you to **Everts Lumber** for donating supplies for the "Wiggly Walleye"
- **Brian Nordstrom** for setting up and taking down his tent for the children's craft
- **Lauren Wieber** and **Hannah Baumgardt** for all of their help in various ways to help make the Art & Craft Affair run so smoothly!

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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.

MnArtists Info Workshop in Battle Lake

A Mn Artists Info Workshop 2019 has been scheduled for Battle Lake.

MnArtists Informational Workshop Alanna Morris-Van Tassel

This workshop will introduce you to MnArtists digital platforms and public programs. You will learn how to register an account and create a profile on Mnartists.org. Learn how this website can benefit you as an artist through networking, collaborations, sharing artwork, creating events and more! Please bring a device (laptop, iPad), digital copies of your artwork, and your CV.

LOCATION:
ART OF THE LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER
108 LAKE AVE S BATTLE LAKE, MN 56515
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 @ 6:00-8:00P

Attendance is free, but pre-registration required. Please fill out the form to pre-register.

Click to load the pre-registration form:
<https://forms.gle/ZnuB5WJsA8MnBXjk6>

For information regarding the presenter:
<http://www.mnartists.org/event/mn-artists-info-workshop-saint-paul-facilitated-alanna-morris-van-tassel>



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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(weekends only)

Artist News

Jodi Peterson

Jodi Peterson has received a Career Development Grant through the Lake Region Arts Council. New works are being created that will be in the Battle Lakes Art Gallery, as well as the FMVA Studio Crawl in October.

Mary Williams

Mary Williams is featured in a show for the northern district of the Sculpture Society of Minnesota at the Kaddatz Gallery in Fergus Falls.

Deb Connolly

Deb Connolly's watercolor painting "Out to Dry" was juried into the Fine Art Exhibition at the MN State Fair.

Kerry-Kolke Bonk and Deb Connolly

These two artists open their studios for The Meander Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl. Dates this year are October 4, 5 and 6. For more information:

www.artsmeander.com

Facebook.com/MeanderArtCrawl



AOTL Board Members

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

Rosemaling Workshop

Clarice Dieter will be presenting a rosemaling workshop on October 26 from 9-4.

She will teach the different rosemaling strokes, and attendees will make a plate to take home.

The cost will be \$15. This workshop is sponsored by the Malmstrom Grant.

Contact Debbie at the gallery for more information

Interns Farewell: Thanks for the Memories

Hannah Baumgardt:

This summer has been wonderful for me. I learned so much, and not only the traditional ‘intern’ things which I expected. Certainly I learned about how Art of the Lakes works, how to barcode art, and how to open and close up shop. But what will stick with me most are the things I didn’t expect to learn. I learned a lot about talking to other people - how to really listen and enjoy each story and how to keep a conversation going on my own end. Other things I learned are among my favorite memories - glassblowing with John, surfing with Debbie, and joining Mary Williams for her ceramic figures class at the Landmark Center. I’ve really appreciated this chance to meet new people, develop new skills, and live in one of the most generous and friendly areas in the world. I want to thank Art of the Lakes not only for offering this internship and giving students the chance to engage art on a professional level, but also for taking me in and making me feel at home.

Now I’m headed back to St. Benedict for my senior year in school. I will be finishing up my degree in English, as well as my art minor. On the side, I plan to continue sculpting in polymer clay, as well as writing creatively, and filling the role of President for the campus Irish Dance Club. After this year, I will move into the real world and find a job! I’m not completely sure what I’ll be doing, but I sure hope it’s creative and artistic.

Lauren Wieber:

Over the last 3-ish months, the Art of the Lakes internship has taught me so many surprising and wonderful things. There are skills that we picked up in the gallery that will absolutely apply across life but, to echo Hannah, not all of them are in the ways that we expected. This summer held a lot of firsts for me: my first time living completely on my own, the first time I literally walked to get my groceries, the first time I co-lead painting a mural project, the first time I held an “account” at a store and could purchase anything without actually handing over any money (I still can’t believe that this exists!). These may seem like small things years from now, but this summer’s particular mixture of responsibility and fun all thrown in together made for the perfect conditions for a lot of growth. The time spent in the gallery sitting with each of the truly unique artists has allowed me to hear hundreds of stories of different walks of life. As is the case with everyone, but especially artists, I’ve found that I can’t assume to know anything about another person’s life after only the first ten minutes, but after an hour or two in the Gallery the depth and breadth of what people had done and experienced popped out and astounded me. Other’s stories gave me permission I didn’t know that I was waiting for: to dream about how I want my future to look, and even if those ideas are crazy, to go chase them down. At the Landmark Center of Henning I learned just how much water roses and lady slippers need each week (which by the way is a LOT!), how to spackle and tape, the value of trust in your word not just in small towns but anywhere, and that I really love small communities! From Hannah I learned that letting go of being afraid of discomfort is one of the most freeing things and that nature is infinitely curious. Each person that passed through this summer left me with a new tidbit of wisdom or courage or inspiration. It will probably take me just as many months long as this internship has been to sort through all of what’s-what, and how each tidbit applies to my life going forward. Thanks to all of you who sat in the gallery with us this summer. I feel so blessed by this entire experience and especially by all of you.

This fall I will be heading to Segovia, Spain for a semester abroad through Bethel University. While there, I will be taking some history and literature courses in order to complete my Spanish Minor. I will continue to pursue my major in International Relations and my other minor in Art.

AOTL Featured Artist

September

• Ruth Hanson •

“Moving back to a small lake on the dairy farm I grew up on south of Vining, MN, I've long been surrounded and inspired by nature, farm life, and people.

Years ago, I taught art in a school classroom, more recently, I've been teaching workshops. The techniques and mediums I have concentrated on developing are oil pastel, watercolor with gouache, watercolor batik (layering melted wax and watercolor on rice paper), drawing and calligraphy.

Working on compositions I find peaceful and interesting gives me a sense of anticipation, and at the same time, brings comfort and enjoyment. I love seeing what develops on a blank surface! Hopefully, these feelings flow through to the viewer. Artwork has become something I can't not do.”



There will be an artist reception on Friday, September 13, from 3-5pm

Artist Opportunities

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

Perham Area Art Group

Perham Public Library

meets every Saturday from 10:00 – 11:30

Watercolor, ink, pencil, pastels, etc. – all are welcome, all skill levels welcomed.

No instruction or cost

Please call Catherine Erickson – 218-298-1517