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September 2011 - Newsletter



www.oshkoshfinearts.org

Next meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 4

(6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center)

Please bring Art Fair yard signs to this meeting or contact Kathy Murphy for early delivery for storage.

Hospitality: Jenna Larson & Elli Wollangk

**Help us grow. Pass the newsletter
on to a friend.**

Save These Dates!

October 1 (Saturday) - Oshkosh Gallery Walk

October 4 (Tuesday) - Monthly meeting at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center

November 1 (Tuesday) - Annual Pot Luck meeting at the Senior Center

November 5 (Saturday) - Oshkosh Gallery Walk

President's Post

Congratulations to the Plein Old Oshkosh committee on a successful event on Sept. 17! Thank you for all the time and creativity you put into it. We look forward to hearing the details about it and the Gallery Walk exhibit at our October club meeting. Thank you to all members who volunteered to make this new community event one we can be proud of!

We are still looking for members to chair (or co-chair) two committees. First of all we need a Workshop Chair/Co-Chairs to plan a couple of art workshops by contacting an artist/teacher and making the arrangements for the workshop. We have artist information for two possible workshops but we need someone to step up and take the reins to organize the workshops. No need to reinvent the wheel, we have lots of experience setting up workshops in the past.

We also could use another person on the Program Committee to help Ellie Buckley and Rita Hermanson-Mueller. Shirley Lucas has had to step down due to health issues. This committee plans the program for the monthly meetings, whether a visiting artist, speaker, or demo. Please consider taking a position. Past chairs are extremely willing to help you get started. Plus, Nov. and Dec. are already planned.

Check out the rest of this newsletter for information on a bus day trip to the SOFA Show (Sculptural Objects & Functional Art) in Chicago on Nov. 4. Also, our holiday party and biennial silent auction for scholarships is coming up in December.

Kathy Murphy
President

Member Update

Shirley Lucas had surgery on Wednesday, September 21. All our good wishes go out to her for a speedy and complete recovery!

Meeting Minutes for Sept. 2011

Treasurer report

Balance \$16,3385.95

Altrusa did donate \$400 for an art fair award and the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation gave us \$300 toward Plein Old Oshkosh

Art Fair

Quite successful! Expenses were down, vendor numbers were up and we had good attendance.

--lots of great feedback from artists

--expenses and finances were listed in the August newsletter

Plein Old Oshkosh

September 17, followed by a gallery walk exhibit on October 1

--Come and create art!!!

--Contact Susan Osland or Jenna Larson for more info

Programs

We need a chair or co-chairs for this year's committee to plan the programs.

Scholarship committee

This is our year to do our scholarship auction which is held in conjunction with our Holiday Party. **Michalene** and **Cori** will take any suggestions or ideas for auction stuff, choice of restaurant, ...

--should this be on a Saturday, or on our typical first Tuesday

--6-7 for cocktails, dinner at 7

--anyone have a connection for a high school musical endeavor?

--Carolyn will do decorations with someone

SOFA show is first weekend of November (Friday November 4) in Chicago

--Talking about taking a bus and offering a scholarship to some high school and college students and a chaperone

\$1183 for a 56 person bus or \$1113 for a 38 person bus.

--SOFA (sculptural objects and functional arts)
--Moved and seconded to give money from our scholarship fund to fund students to go to the show - vote passed.

Hospitality

Thank you to **Jill Marie Soik & Peggy McDaniel** for our meeting goodies. Chili dump potluck will be in November.

Carolyn announcements

--Empty Bowls Fundraiser will be held on November 13 at Becket's

--From the Land gathering will be Oct 22-23 in Green Lake

--Hidden Studios Tour is the first weekend in October in Waupaca

--if anyone wants to carpool to this event call Susan Osland

--Art from the Barn-Oct. 1 and 2 near Omro, call Steve Miller for more info

Michaelene Urban wants to know if we want to create and sell calendars using member art
--yes! Great idea!!!

Shirley Lucas is having surgery--she is also on the program committee (with **Elli Buckley** and **Rita HermansonMueller**) and will need someone to fill in for her.

Empty Bowls is a nation-wide, grass roots movement to benefit local food pantries. Local artists create ceramic bowls, which are used to serve a simple meal of soup and bread. Area restaurants donate soups. Local bakers bake artisan breads. Guests select a bowl for their meal and are allowed to keep the bowl.

November 13 at Becket's at City Center 4-7p.m.
Tickets: \$28 (bowl & meal), \$25 (advance price), \$15 (meal only), and \$10 for a child 12 & under.

Tickets & order forms available at:

Bergman's Fine Jewelry 420 Main St. (233-8525)
Becket's Restaurant 501 City Center (230-3333)
Advance sales appreciated, but also at the door.

To participate contact: Beth Olson(233-8525) or Suz Heft at sheft@new.rr.com

Member News

Maxine Nobbe has a painting juried into the upcoming Neville Public Museum's 67th Art Annual Show. The dates are Nov. 5 –Feb. 12, 2011.

Michele Missner will be the featured artist at Coldwater Creek in the Fox River Mall on Thur., October 20. Stop in and see the painting and shop!

I'm sorry to say 'goodbye' to all my new friends...

But my husband and I are moving to Minnesota this fall to help out with my dad. If you're in the Appleton area sometime before the end of October, stop by.... (920) 843-8108.

Thanks to all of you for making me feel so welcome and at home in the Oshkosh Fine Arts group. Good luck in all your endeavors!

*Best,
Karen Kurka Jensen*

Potterita, Rita Mueller received a second place ribbon at the Wisconsin Dells WoZhaWa Days Art Festival.

Potterita: A hidden jewel of creative clay concepts was the title on the front page of the feature section Thursday, Sept. 15. This article can be seen in the Berlin Journal, Princeton Times, Green Lake, Omro Herald and Markesan Press. Jim Wolff wrote a wonderful article and included six pictures.

Joye Moon will be presenting her last workshop of the year on November 16 and 19 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. The project will be creating a sampler of many different ways to paint skies, trees, rocks, foliage, grasses, water, etc. Great for beginners or a good refresher on different ways to construct elements of a landscape. Complete information is at www.joyemoon.com, under local workshops.

Joye Moon has had a painting accepted into the Rhode Island watercolor Society National Exhibit in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Joye will present a workshop for the Lakes Region Watercolor Guild at Spring Grove, IL on October 20 - 22. She is also scheduled to present a workshop for the Minnesota Watercolor Society on November 12 & 13 at Hopkins, MN.

Member Opportunities

Michealene Urban is ready to put together a 2012 OFAA Calendar showcasing member artwork. If you are interested in participating, you will need to submit a photo of your artwork. There will be spaces for 13 pictures. Calendars will be available later this fall. Cost to purchase the finished calendar will be \$12 each. More details to follow after the October 4 meeting. We will e-blast directions for size and resolution of pictures and give a final deadline for submission.

Friday Nov 4 bus trip to see the **SOFA** show in Chicago. Members \$20 each and friends \$30. Food and admission fee (\$12) is additional. Also, we are offering travel/study scholarships (cost of bus ride and admission) to students from our area high schools (chaperone will need to be included for anyone under 18) and UW-Oshkosh. If anyone knows someone who would want to receive one of these scholarships, let us know a.s.a.p. Limited space to one bus size. Bus will leave TARGET lot in Oshkosh at 9am.

Anyone interested in helping with the Christmas party and the auction should contact Cori or Michaelene.

Hidden Studios Tour: A Tour of Working Studios in Central WI www.HiddenStudiosArtTour.com
for map and all info 9/30, 10/1 & 2
(F & Sa 10-5, Su 11-4)

Steve Miller

Steve Miller works in accounting by day but dons the protective gear of a wood turner in the off hours. He has been honing his craft for the last seven years. Turned vessels represent one of the oldest methods of woodworking. His



favorite wood is cherry but he tries any he can get his hands on. Finishes include Danish Oil, oil based polyurethane, and a high grade wax product. Safety measures include a fan, dust collection system, gloves and breathing masks.



It can take 1 yr. per inch of thickness for wood to dry so drying is sped up after rough turning. Holes or knots can be left alone, glued or epoxied in, or precious metal dust and /or crushed soft gem stones could be epoxied in. Blocks of wood can be purchased that are made up of many layers of different wood that have been pressure laminated. End grain is handled a bit differently in the gauge turning process and sanding can cause a lot of dust so using the gauges efficiently can eliminate most of the need to sand. Also, wood cut from fall harvesting is easier to cut right away than spring harvest because of the sap.

Last year, Steve did 10 shows and is always in conversation with other artists to find new show locations. His display shelves are filled with a variety of objects from the traditional bowls to urns, bottle stoppers, ornaments, and this season's addition, necklace pendants.



“Plein Old Oshkosh”

Take a look at pictures of the farmer's market online at www.thenorthwestern.com ; click on the word photo's in a blue rectangular box towards the top, then click on Sept. 17th's farmers market.

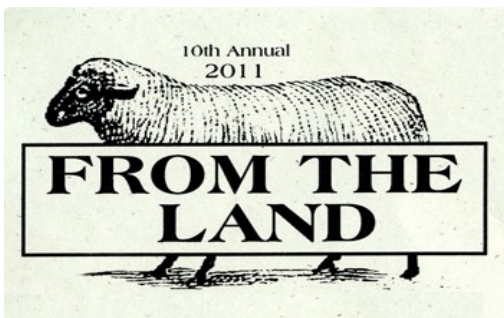


Join us for our event in review at the First National Bank building on Saturday, October 1 from 6 - 9 pm during the Oshkosh Gallery Walk.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh is seeking artists to donate their time and creativity to help Habitat support the dream of homeownership for local families in need. They're having a fundraiser where they will supply each artist with a window to create a unique and interesting work of art. The art work will be auctioned off at the second annual "Home Is Where the Art Is" event in February, with pieces also on display during the Gallery Walk in January. Windows are currently available for pick up at the Habitat offices and need to be completed by Dec. 15th. All proceeds will go to benefit the building of affordable, simple, decent housing in the Oshkosh area for families in need. An artist wanting to participate should contact Beka at: rsmith@habitatoshkosh.org & phone#: (920) 235-3535.

From The Land



A Gathering of Traditional Crafts and Skills With Demonstrations

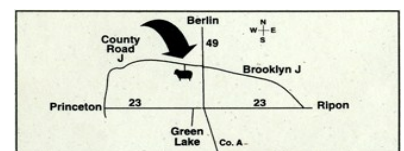
October 22 - 23
Sat. 10 - 4 & Sun 10 - 3

On the Toll/Londowski Family Farm
 One mile west of the
 Hwy 49/Co. Rd. J intersection

Green Lake, WI

Speaker (Sat only) Jerry Apps
 11 am & 1 pm
 Music - Jim Anger
 Antique Tractor Show

Knowledge & techniques given from the heart by people who truly enjoy what they do.





Sat., Nov. 5, 2011
\$1 Admission
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
at the Oshkosh Convention Center

Featuring A...

 **SCHOLASTIC** **Book Fair**

In Addition.....
The Convention Center will be open for
The Gallery Walk 6 - 9 pm

For more information, email: bmccarth@northnet.net
www.altrusaofoshkosh.org

Proceeds to benefit: Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin & Altrusa Club of Oshkosh

Good News

The mural ordinance was passed, finally, on Sept. 13 by the Oshkosh Common Council. The Oshkosh Community Mural will find a public home space on the Sparr Building across from the Grand Opera House. It will be mounted on the west facing wall above the parking lot. The finished mural panels will be on display at 100 N. Main St. for Gallery Walk Oct. 1 from 6-9pm for one last close up viewing.



Membership Form

September 2011- August 2012

Individual membership \$20 - or - Joint membership \$30

_____ New Member(s)

_____ Membership Renewal

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Make check payable to: Oshkosh Fine Arts Association

Mail check and this form to: OFAA, P.O. Box 2805, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2805