



Newsletter

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Welcome

I wonder if I'm alone in doing this or do others have a similar issue. Every once and awhile I'll start a painting only to become somewhat apprehensive about where it's going, or my ability to achieve what I want with the painting. So I'll slide it into a drawer and try to forget about it. From time to time I'll pull it out and work a bit on it only to slide it back into the drawer. One painting I worked off and on for over three years before finishing it, another took about two and a half years to finish.

If nothing else I have learned not to destroy a work in progress until I'm convinced it's going nowhere. You just never know where you and your painting are going to end up. Maybe it's just my style. My approach to painting is a lot like my keyboarding skills. It used to be called "hunt and peck". Eventually, I accomplish what I want but it's not the prettiest of processes. I could never see myself as a production type artist where you have to pound out so much work every day. I know others who are excellent at this, to each his or her own.

Maybe that's why I find our Plein Air artists so fascinating. It's in their ability to be in the mood and well-focused to finish three or more paintings over a three day period. I guess it takes a whole different mindset and set of skills and abilities than what I have. It's another reason I'm looking forward to watching and learning from our Plein Air artists while they do their thing.

Maybe next month we can delve into the subject of "is it done" or "knowing when to put the brush down!"

Clay Quick—OFAA President

May 5

Oshkosh Gallery Walk

May 1

OFAA meeting

6:30 p.m.

June 2

Oshkosh Gallery Walk

June 5

OFAA meeting

6:30 p.m.

Next meeting:

Tues., May 1, 2018

UWO Alumni Welcome &

Conference Center

6:30 p.m.

Minutes for March 6, 2018

Terri Einer introduced Bernie Tennis from Madison. He is a caricature artist.

Kathy Murphy, called the meeting to order.

We had 12 members in attendance.

Business meeting:

Secretary's report:

The minutes for February 6 were approved as written.

Treasurer's report:

General fund—\$ 9,913.97

Scholarship fund—Student: \$2180.75

Member: \$341.00

Kathy Murphy shared the news that **Sharon Calkins** had lost her husband and a card was passed for condolences and signatures.

Art Break

Workshops:

There are 11 members and 2 non-members signed up for the Mel Kolstad workshop on Sat., March 10 at the Oshkosh Town Hall.

Scholarships/Awards:

Cori Conrad reported that she facilitated giving out 2 \$50 awards to participants in the Bergstrom-Mahler Fox Valley Area High School Glass Exhibition. The recipients were Katie Pitzrick from Berlin High School and Gabriel Mueleman from Freedom High School.

Vines & Rushes:

Lynn Artz encouraged everyone to visit the facility and talk to the owners. They are always looking for artists to fill their exhibit calendar. **Lynn** will not be organizing a member show for them this year but if someone else is interested that should be looked at.

Art In The Garden:

Maureen Mezera and **Kathy Murphy** reported that 6 members are currently signed up to participate in the Members' Booth. There will also be OFAA brochures and pamphlets about the plein air event available.

Plein Air Event:

Lynn Artz with **Terri Einer**, **Teresa Moucha** and **Joye Moon** have set up an online presence for information and signing up to volunteer for the fall event. They are looking for suggestions and contacts for event sponsors. Friday evening will be listed as a painting event at the Fox River Brewing Co. They have set a price of \$20 per person for the art reception & sale event on Sunday morning. Info cards will be available for handout at the Farmers' Market and Art In The Garden.

Art In The Market:

Kathy Crook has registered OFAA for Sat., June 9. there will be 3 locations for us to work that day.

Other Business:

Teresa Moucha is facilitating the collection of donations of art for the upcoming SOAR Event.

Chuck Emery moved and **Teresa Moucha** seconded a motion to purchase a 1 yr. membership to the NEWAA (Northeast Wisconsin Arts Assoc.) @ \$75. Carried.

Shelley Ingala announced the Helen Farnsworth Mears 7th & 8th Grade Student Exhibit is now showing at the library with 114 pieces.

It is time to put committee reports together and to consider our annual nomination and election of officers. We need a volunteer to canvas the membership. We have an opening for a Vice-President and we also need a Program Chairperson.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Apr. 6, 2018

The Koeller St. Clinic is a venue for OFAA members to get additional exposure for their artwork. If you are interested in hanging a couple of pieces please contact either:

Carol Thomas

cjeanthomas2@gmail.com

Elli Wollangk

elli@customdesignworkshop.com.

Playtime

On Saturday, May 12 from 10-4 **Teresa Moucha** has reserved the art room at Carl Traeger Elementary (3000 West 20th Avenue Park in back parking lot.... take side walk by dumpsters to art room door) This will be a play date for Collage! Bring your own everything. Nothing but space will be provided. I have a ton of magazines... if you have paint you want to get rid of bring that... papers... old jewelry... rubber stamps... gelli plates...anything goes. We will set out materials and play with each other's stuff.

Bring your own lunch. There are soda machines.

Anyone interested please let **Teresa** know by email or text. 920-904-3973

Teresa.moucha@yahoo.com

Member News

Deb Bartelt has been working on this creature for a couple months. It is finished and heading for it's final coat before it descends on the Leach Amphitheater for public viewing on May 5.



Shirley Lucas exhibited two ink works in the annual spring show at Indian Rocks Beach Art Center (Florida) in March. She was also a speaker at the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) spring convention held in Oshkosh in April and conducted an art demo and workshop at the convention.

Shirley also gave a brief talk on an art method at the Oshkosh Women's Art Club (OWAC) in April.



Joye Moon will be exhibiting these 2 paintings at the Wisconsin Watercolor Society at the Schauer Art Center at Hartford, WI. Exhibit is April 27 to June 17, 2018.



"The Web We Weave"

"Celebration"

Terri Einer received an Honorable Mention award for her piece, "Morning Beautiful" as part of the Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery Flora & Fauna exhibit.



Joyce Tornow has sold 2 of her paintings that were being exhibited at the Ascension Mercy Koeller St. facility.



The following have been juried into the SECURA Fine Arts Show at the Trout Museum in Appleton. The show runs from May 4—May 26.

Joye Moon—"Red Hot Texting", **Kathy Murphy**—"Feeling Blue", **Maxine Nobbe**—"Shades of Innocence", **Sandy DePeaux**—"The Miners" and **Sarah Niebergall**—"Imagine".

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Guest Artist

For

May



Kathy Boettcher-Ceramics

Membership Form

Individual Membership: \$20/year

Joint Membership: \$30/year

Name _____

Name #2 (if joint) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Membership runs from September through August of the following year.

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