



Newsletter
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Welcome

This past January I took the liberty of creating New Year's Resolutions for OFAA Members. As summer draws down, I thought it would be a good time to revisit those resolutions and see how I'm doing.

OFAA Members New Year's (2019) Resolutions

- ⇒ Step outside your comfort zone and try a new art discipline just for fun
- ⇒ Attend a Gallery showing
- ⇒ Commit to working the Plein Air event
- ⇒ Volunteer to help out or donate to support any community fine arts event
- ⇒ Support OFAA on social media platforms
- ⇒ Bring a friend to an OFAA meeting
- ⇒ Commit to sharing one of your art projects at an OFAA meeting

First, I have not tried a new art discipline, but I did give Plein Air painting a go several times. I wasn't expecting a masterpiece but if I want to get better, I need to practice, practice, and practice. I have a long way to go. I did find a couple of new tools useful; a simple view finder and a proportional divider. Truly, one is never too old to learn.

I did make it to several gallery shows and like many of you helped out at our Plein Air Event. I'm trying to do more OFAA Tweets on Twitter. Are you following us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram?

Did you know that the first art fair dated back to around 1957 and that OFAA was incorporated on November 30, 1975? Just think of all the people/members involved over the past 60+ years to keep our mission alive. Many of us are members because we were invited by a friend to just come and see. We liked what we saw!

Invite a friend; let's keep this going for another 60 years.

Best regards, Clay Quick—President

Next meeting:

Tues., Sept. 10, 2019

**UWO Alumni Welcome &
Conference Center**

6:30 p.m.

Oct. 5

Oshkosh Gallery Walk

Oct. 8

OFAA meeting

6:30 p.m.

Minutes for June 4, 2019

Clay Quick called the meeting to order. We had 21 in attendance.

Joye Moon shared the slide show from our 2018 Plein Air Festival.

Business meeting:

Secretary's report:

Minutes from May 7, 2019 were accepted.

Treasurer's report:

General fund—\$14,180.98

Scholarships—\$1,595.00

Plein Air:

Lynn Artz shared many thanks for helpers. T-shirts should be worn during the event days and nicer outfits for Sunday. We will use OFAA name badges. Bring your own chair for event days.

Kathy Crook will have her son take pictures on Sunday.

Kathy Murphy will be taking pictures during other event days.

Lisa Baltes reminded all that now is the time to push Facebook posts and our Instagram account. On Instagram use—#oshkoshfineartsassociation, #oshkosharts, #pleinairartists, #positivelyoshkosh or #visitoshkosh
On Twitter use—@oshkosharts

The following is the timetable for Sunday:

7:00—8:00 set up

8:00—9:00 artist registration

9:00—10:00 judging

10:00—open to the public

12:00—awards

1:00—tear down

Lynn Artz asked if anyone had a contact for napkins & plates. **Julie Zinth** has a connection. **Joye Moon** and **Clay Quick** will be interviewed by Bob Bernell on WOSH. **Terri Einer** is working with Good Day Wisconsin for an interview. Another publicity spot will go into the Herald on June 10. Publicity is set for Art At The Market.

Elli Wollangk reported that we have 102 easels and need more. Out target is 150.

Clay Quick will host the judge on Sunday.

Final e-mails will go out to our artists about lodging and/or attending with a separate e-mail to the waiting list.

Kathy Murphy will provide a small hand stamp for entrance verification.

Sixteen flower vases will be needed.

Carolyn Sturma moved and **Joye Moon** seconded to set the date of June 25—28, 2020 (the 4th weekend), as our next Plein Air Festival. Motion carried.

Art Break:

Scholarships:

Nothing new at this time.

Art At The Market:

Kathy Crook will be having rocks to paint and will also feature advertising for OFAA membership and the Plein Air Festival.

Election of Officers:

Elli Wollangk moved and **Joye Moon** seconded to accept the roster of Officers as:

Clay Quick—President

Shelley Ingala—Vice President

Sandy DePeaux—Treasurer

Stacie Gelhar—Secretary

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Workshop Options: Golden Paints from Minneapolis could provide a 2 or 3 day workshop along with a lecture for their acrylic paint line. Member cost would be \$300—\$400.

Elli Wollangk will e-blast info on the Phantom Art Gallery of Waupaca.

Cori Conrad shared that Jumbalaya has Farmers Market dates of 6-22, 9-7, 9-28 and 10-19 that they will not be able to use. They are willing to sell those dates off.

Our annual Chili Feast will be at the Oct 1 meeting at the Oshkosh Town Hall.

Our target for our annual Holiday Party will be for December 4 at Primo Restaurant.

Next meeting will be September 10, the **second** Tuesday, at 6:30 at the Culver Family Welcome Center—formerly the UWO Alumni Welcome and Conference Center. Meeting adjourned.

Update! - Holiday Party

Joye Moon has arranged for our annual party at Primo's for Dec. 10, 2019.

More info to come.

A note to the membership

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who helped put on the Plein Air Festival this year. We had some amazing artists participate and got a lot of good feedback from them. They were all very positive and many commented that the members of OFAA were very welcoming and helpful and that our community was supportive and excited to have the artists in the city. Going above and beyond, as well as supplying lodging, made our event stand out from other Plein Air events in the state.

We could not have made this event happen without all the numerous volunteers. I want to give a special thanks to the committee for the tireless job they did: Terri Einer, Kathy Murphy, Joye Moon, Clay Quick and Teresa Moucha, as well as some of the volunteers who took on multiple roles before and during the event: Elli Wollangk, Stacie and Mike Gelhar, Lisa Baltes and Shelley Ingala. No matter how big or small a role people took, we could not have pulled this off without all of the members who helped.

We learned a lot in the last two years and have more ideas for next year to make it a memorable Plein Air Festival.

Sincerely
Lynn



Guest Artist
for September

Stacie Gelhar

will be sharing tips with us about navigating
the world of social media.

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Individual Membership: \$20/year **Joint Membership:** \$30/year

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Membership runs from September through August of the following year.
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