

Message from the President

Time Flies!

Just think, it's been two years already and my term as president is over. It has been a special journey and I thank all of you for your part in it.

By having to write this monthly letter I've discovered that I have something to say even when I don't think I have anything to say. It has given me a platform to encourage people whom I know and don't know, to surrender to their creative spirit and to begin or to continue on a journey of growth and discovery. So, even like I who so many times have started a President's Message with no earthly clue of what to say; you too by just picking up a pen, brush or chisel, may develop a platform from which you too can speak in such a way that those who need to hear it can receive it.

Thank you for supporting me as your president. And thank you to all of you who have given of your time to help make this club the strong, successful and dynamic organization that it is today.

Just pick it up!

Maxine Burton
President

MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, September - June, at a location and time announced in the monthly newsletter. An art-related program follows each luncheon.

FUNSHOPS are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fee: members: \$4 - nonmembers: \$5.

Unless otherwise noted, Funshops are held at Lutheran Church of the Master, 2617 S. 114th St., Omaha
Schedule for 2009-2010

Sept 16: Gourds

Oct 21: Acrylic/Wildlife

Nov 18: Pot Luck & Artists Trading Cards

Jan 20: Polymer Clay

Feb 17: Watercolor

Mar 17: Glass Beads & Jewelry

Apr 21: Acrylic Texture & Collages

May 19: Fused Glass-Pendants, Tiles & Plates

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Maxine Burton

VICE PRESIDENT: Jo Anne Nielsen

SECRETARY: Carolyn Otte

TREASURER: Nick Ericksen

ADVISOR: Dorothy Tuma

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

ANAC: JoAnne Nielsen, Sara Wamsat

ART SHOWS: Sharon Clawson

COURTESY: Dorothy Tuma

ART REACH: Sara Wamsat

SUDANESE PROJECT: Carol Coppi

FUNSHOPS: Mary Lavigne

HISTORIAN: Diane Kujawa

HOSPITALITY: Josie McKissick

HOSTESSES: Marilyn Hanson

MEMBERSHIP: Lavonne Tripp

NEWSLETTER: Jeri Martinez

PROGRAMS: Katrina Methot Swanson

PUBLICITY: Sharon Clawson

TELEPHONE: Sr. Barbara Loomis

WEBMASTER: Judy Rohwer

Dates to Remember

ANAC

▶ June 9-12 – ANAC CONFERENCE IN FREMONT

Board Meeting, Members Meeting and Potluck

▶ June 23 – TABLE SALE & POTLUCK LUNCHEON AT COOPER'S FARMS

▶ June 30-Deadline for all membership applications to be include in roster

Note: In case of event cancellations due to bad weather, check the cancellation lists on the local television news stations.

Minutes from May Membership Meeting

The May 26 meeting of Omaha Artists Inc was called to order by President Maxine Burton at Tussey's Casual Grill. New members and guests were welcomed. The April minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report- Balance is \$3,890.08.

ANAC- Awards were presented by JoAnne and Sara. ANAC Conference runs June 9-12, in Fremont, NE..

Art Show- Sharon reported there are 63 paintings represented by 23 artists. There has been one sale.

Takedown is Friday, 11-1.

Community Artreach- Carol said the art classes have finished up. The students were very appreciative. Carol shared their thank you note with us.

Courtesy- Sara asked that members send artist trading cards to Virginia Hemingway and Sister Barb, both of whom are ill.

Historian-Book is up to date and here for review.

Hospitality-Margaret won this month's door prize, donated by Lavonne.

Hostesses-June's meeting will be a potluck lunch on the 23rd at Cooper's Farms.

Membership- There 112 members. Lavonne asked that members renew as soon as possible by the end of June.

Opportunities - "'Create", located in the Hillrise Shopping Center in Elkhorn is seeking a watercolor teacher.

Newsletter-Maxine asked that info being sent to the newsletter be sent both to Jeri and a copy to the President.

Programs-Carol reported that the agenda for June will be election of 2010/2011 officers and a table sale.

Webmaster-The OAI website has been averaging 675 visits weekly.

Vice-President- JoAnne asks that roster information be sent as soon as possible. Deadline is August 1 for the 2010/2011 roster .

President- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business- Officer nominations for 2010/2011 are President - Lavonne Tripp, Vice President - JoAnne Nielsen, Secretary-Carolyn Otte, Treasurer-Nick Ericksen and Advisor: Maxine Burton. Nominations were unanimously accepted by attending members.

Motion to adjourn- Brian

Second Motion- Marilyn

The meeting was followed by a tour of the Florence Old Mill by Linda Meigs.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Otte, secretary

Art Show Important News!!!

Important News for next year's show!!! --I am pleased to announce that we have secured the gallery room on first floor at Hot Shops for our Fall 2011 Show. I thought we had it for this year, but just heard back that they meant for it to be in 2011. So we will have it in one year, and we will have a theme - this was requested by the Gallery manager. The theme will be "At The Movies" -- so you should choose a movie, and choose a way to illustrate something about the movie - you can create your own movie poster type art or just illustrate some scene from the movie, or maybe something abstract that is your impression of something from the movie. You will have a title for your piece, and also the title of the movie, and a short explanation of your artwork to describe what you are trying to convey to the viewers. You will be judged as always, on the merit of the art, not on your statement.

So this means that right now I am still looking for a place for this Fall's show, and I will get it taken care of ASAP.

Have a fun summer painting!!!--Sharon Clawson, Art Show Chairperson

DID YOU KNOW

Continuing our walk through the Joslyn Sculpture Garden we come across a bench titled Bronze Bench #5.

The artist is Betty Woodman born 1930. She is internationally recognized as one of the most important sculptors working in clay today. While her primary medium is clay, Betty also works in bronze, glass and is a printmaker. One of her most significant innovations is merging painting and ceramics, using glazes and paint to coat her pieces and drawing on the low-fire, colorful folk traditions of Mediterranean ceramics, mainly Italian.

Woodman has travelled quite a bit and finds her inspiration in cultures throughout the world.

Drawing no boundaries between traditional fine art and craft, Betty Woodman takes elements from each and makes them her own. She uses the motif of the vase and the vessel over and over. "The centrality of the vase in my work is certainly a reference to a global perspective on art history and production. The container is a universal symbol - it holds and pours all fluids, stores foods and holds everything from flowers to our final remains".

Betty lived and worked in Colorado for part of every year from 1956 until she retired from the University of Colorado Art Department in 1998. She and her husband, George, a prominent painter and photographer now live and work in New York City and Antella, Italy.

Pat Lontor

PROGRAM/ JUNE PICNIC

Installation of officers
Jaskiw Award
Table Sale/Art Supplies

Mark all items with your name & sale price.
Collect your own money. Free "stuff" welcome.
Take home all unsold items. This is a great opportunity to pick up some bargains.....

Carol Coppi/Katrina Methout-Swanson, Programs
339 - 7289

BOARD MEETING

10:00 a.m. at Cooper Farms

Maxine Burton, President

OFFICERS FOR 2010- 2011

President: LaVonne Tripp
Vice President: JoAnne Nielson
Secretary: Carolyn Otte
Treasurer: Nick Ericksen
Advisor: Maxine Burton

MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE NOTE: All membership dues for the upcoming year should be mailed by the end of June if you wish your name and information to appear in the 2010-2011 roster. **MAIL YOUR DUES TODAY!**
Please see Membership form on next page.

Lavonne Tripp, Membership

ANAC

ANAC Conference in Fremont, June 9-12.

After the Conference, pieces may be picked up at the Cooper Farms Potluck on June 23.

Joanne Nielson, ANAC

2010 -2011 OMAHA ARTIST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE: _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME (_____) _____ CELL (_____) _____

Medium(s) _____ Check # _____

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WEB SITE ADDRESS: _____

NOTE: Do you wish to be contacted by Phone/cell E-mail

How would you like the newsletter sent to you? Postal Mail E-mail

Dues Sept. 2010 through August 2011 \$20.00

Web site dues, Sept. 2010 through August 2011 \$20.00

ANAC dues, March 2010 through February 2011 \$ 7.00

Membership dues are payable in April, May and June, thereafter names may not be placed in the roster for the new year. After June, the names will be included in your newsletter.

ANAC (Association of Nebraska Art Clubs)

Dues that are paid by February 28th allow participation in the competition for that year.

Omaha Artists Inc. Web site, HYPERLINK "<http://www.omahaartistsinc.com>" www.omahaartistsinc.com, includes one page featuring four photos and a short biography. Contact Judy Rohwer, web master, at HYPERLINK "<mailto:rohwer@huntel.net>" rohwer@huntel.net, or call 402/426-5879.

We encourage you to participate, please indicate your areas of interest.

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What are your recommendations for Fun Shops and Meeting Programs? If this is not enough space please write on the back.

Make all checks payable to: Omaha Artists Inc. Mail to:

Lavonne Tripp
12704 Sky Park Drive,
Omaha, NE 68137

For Questions call 402-896-1441.

June Meeting

Cooper Farms
8602 Mormon Bridge Road
Wednesday, JUNE 23, 2010

Our annual end of the year picnic will once again be held at Cooper Farms picnic grounds (see map) on JUNE 23, 2010.

Bring a Pot Luck dish to share and join us for a lot of good food and conversation. Your utensils, plates, napkins and beverage will be provided.

Board Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
Lunch will begin at 11:30 SHARP! RAIN OR SHINE. The picnic tables are in an enclosed pavilion.

IF YOU BRING A DISH THAT REQUIRES A SERVING SPOON OR FORK, PLEASE PROVIDE THESE ALSO.

ALL CLUB TABLE SALE

Remember to bring items for the "All Club Table Sale".



Marilyn Hanson, , Hostess
333-0260 or 669-4445

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