

# Portfolio

## Omaha Artists Incorporated

### President's Message: By Carolyn Ransom



Dear Friends

Another month has passed and we are getting close to Spring – thank goodness! I hope you all had a chance to see the show at the Jewish Community Center. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated. Now it's time to gear up for our next show which will be at the Designers. See the newsletter for more details.

For the Funshop this month (March 21), we will enjoy the company of our own Sara Wamsat with the intriguing topic of "Make Your Own Muse". Don't miss this opportunity for fun and learning. For our members meeting which takes place on the 28th, the menu will feature Italian inspired entrees and a program sure to inspire.

Spring brings new activities for many of us and sometimes we can get too caught up in responsibilities. It can be easy to put off taking that little break for yourself.

I look forward to the activities of Omaha Artists as a small respite from the stresses of everyday life. I hope you do too!

"A broad margin of leisure is as beautiful in a man's life as in a book. Haste makes waste, no less in life than in housekeeping. Keep the time, observe the hours of the universe, not of the cars." Henry David Thoreau

### March 28: Meeting/Lunch: Chair Jeannie McCarthy



**Lunch \$11.00 : Westside Community Conference Center, 3534 South 108th St., Omaha, NE 68144 402-390-3331 Enter through the North Door**

11:00 am Board Meeting Lunch 12:00 pm

### Reservations must be received by **Friday; March 23-( 3-23-12)**

- If we need to include a space for program and meeting only, no meal, you need to make a reservation as such.
- *Reservations dates are FIRM, no cancellations or additions after the deadline time. Please consider this requested etiquette and the difficulties presented to do otherwise.*

**Email your reservations to [jndschaefer@yahoo.com](mailto:jndschaefer@yahoo.com)** (Jean Schaefer)  
 This is the club's preferred method Or you can CALL Barbara Mitchell 402-339-2604

**[Menu on last page \(6\)](#)**



#### Dates to Remember

- **March 21** Fun Shop  
3rd Wednesday Lutheran Church 114th & Center
- **March 28 Meeting-**  
Westside Community Conference Center, 3534 South 108th St.
- **March 31** Newsletter articles due
- **April 18** ANAC Selection Show
- **May 14** Designer Art Show

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**March 21: Fun Shop** Chair Marilyn Bieg



**Sara Wamsat** will be teaching 3D mixed media class “Make Your Muse”. Large or Small – Human or Animal-A Face or a Symbol Represent yourself or an unknown Spirit Character

**What to Bring:** A small mask or doll face/head (fuzzy, naked, hairy); scrap fabric, yarns, papers, tinfoil, junk drawer miscellaneous goodies that represent You!! (Old brushes, keys, broken jewelry, etc

I will have side cutters/pliers, newspaper, hammer, metal punches for you to use and faces & bead will be available to purchase. Your “Muse” will be whatever size your “Head” or “Face” begins as...To scale>>>the smaller the less you have to bring. The Larger.. the more ”stuff” you’ll need to make the rest of the body>>>it’s up to you. The more detail, the more you may need you have everything on hand>>Use your imagination>>assemble one or make a tribe. Start compiling your supplies. **Use YOUR imagination>>**

**FunShops**  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Dates:** Third Wednesday of each Month (Except Dec.) Lutheran Church 114th & Center  
*P.S. Note: We would appreciate volunteers to bring light snacks for our fun-shop group*

**Basic Supplies:**

Scissors; , tape, pencil, ruler, clothes pins/clamps, tools if you have them  
 Small bottle white glue (Aleen’s tacky or Elmers) or hot glue gun, thread & needle, wire (scrap or roll flexible wire (floras or baling; bobbed wire @ your own risk!)

**ANAC (Association of Nebraska Art Clubs)**  
 by Jo Anne Nielsen 253-8162 & Sara Wamsat 884-2277  
 Web site: [www.nebraskaartclubs.org](http://www.nebraskaartclubs.org)



Jo Anne



Sara

**ANAC SELECTION SHOW**  
**Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

**Registration: 9:00-10:00 a.m** (Same time as the Fun Shop)  
**Pick up time: 12:30 p.m.**

Three pieces of art allowed for selection, but only 2 are eligible.  
 Label all 3 pieces of art on the back of your art with your **own label**.  
 ANAC paperwork and a \$5.00 fee per art piece if chosen.

**ANAC**  
**Conference**  
**2012**  
**June 13-16,**  
**Aurora, NE.**

Name _____ _____  Title of Piece _____ _____	Name _____ _____  Title of Piece _____ _____	Name _____ _____  Title of Piece _____ _____
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**New and Re-New Members :** Membership Chair Lavonne Tripp



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**GENIE SCHAFFER ART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
 There are 2 recipients selected and each shall receive \$250.00 each.  
 Congratulations to: Linda Bernett and June Luebke

**Web Master :** Chair Judy Rohwer [rohwer@huntel.net](mailto:rohwer@huntel.net) or 402-426-5879

Interested in having a page in the Cub Website?

With membership renewal coming up soon, I hope you'll consider joining our website. The fee is only \$20 a year and you get your own page containing your bio and up to five images of your work. The site is a great tool to introduce your work and to use as a reference for potential clients.

The number of views to the site averaged 250 per day during the month of February. Check out the website to see other members' work: <http://www.omahaartistsinc.com>  
 Images for the site may emailed to me in jpg format, or photos may be mailed to me and I will scan them. I will help photograph your work if needed. Just give me a call or email if you have any questions.

Also --- Please help me keep the site up to date by informing me of opportunities and information about events and club members to be posted on the site.

And thank you to those who have provided information about shows and classes.

I am always open for suggestions

**March 28 Meeting** Program Chair: Katrina Methot-Swanson-



The March program is **Ken Heimbuch**. Ken Heimbuch creates abstract paintings based on the emotions one experiences when interacting with nature. Retired from teaching for 35 years in Westside Community Schools, Heimbuch experiments with transparent glazes and surface textures. "While I am painting, I might start thinking about how the composition is starting to show a feeling like snow falling, bugs swarming around a light bulb, water rushing down a sink drain, or frost on a kitchen window," Heimbuch said. "When this happens, I follow that inspiration in finishing the painting."



Courtesy Chair Dorothy Tuma 402-334-0975 Email [dtuma@tconl.com](mailto:dtuma@tconl.com)



**Cards Sent and Return Comments:**

**Get Well:** Lois Pillen

**Thinking of You:** Margaret Nussrallah

**Sympathy Families:**

Maxine Burton [death of her mother]



**From:** Melody Stohlman

Dear OAI, Thank you so much to all the Omaha Artists Club members for the cards sent to my husband and me. It really meant a lot and lifted my spirits to open each and every one

**Art Bridge 2011-2012**

**Chair** Carol Coppi



All classes on 2nd Wednesday of the Month: September to May; 9:00 11:00 AM

**Location:** Harvest Community Church, 3903 Cuming Ave



March 14

Fabric Design

Josie McKissick 402-592-0056

April 11

Collage

Pat Lontor 402-397-1747

May 9

Watercolor

Maxine Burton 296-4557

**Art Shows**

**Chair** Sharon Clawson 572-8486



**The Second Annual Artists in Residence Art Show"**

Located at : The Designers showrooms, 12123 Emmet St., Omaha, NE

Registration: Monday, May 14, 11 - 1

Reception : Tuesday, May 15, 5 - 8 p.m.

Take Down: Monday, June 11, 11 - 1 p.m.

**There is no theme and no size restriction, anything goes.** The Designers will take a 25% commission

**By The Way and FYI Members**



**5th Annual Drawing from LIFE Show 2011: Jeannie McCarthy sold two pieces at the Exhibit**

**Hot Shops Art Center 1301 Nicholas St., Omaha** March 2-25th will be having a "Fundraiser Art Show for the American Heart Association".

## 2012 General Meeting Minutes

Secretary Linda Bernett



**GENERAL MEETING** February 22, 2012 held at Westside Community Center  
 Call to order by president, Carolyn Ransom. New members & guests welcomed.  
 Newsletter secretary minutes were approved with corrections.

**TREASURER:** No Report

**ANAC:** Sara Wamsat- reports that Paul Levele will be the judge at the Aurora convention. He will be providing a 3 day class in watercolor, oil, and pastels, for portraiture with live models

**ART SHOW:** Sharon Clawson– Reminder; Take down winter show is February 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 to 1:00. See pictures and winners in last newsletter. Spring show will be at The Designers set up is May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 to 1:00.

**COMMUNITY ART BRIDGE:** Carol Coppi- .March classes will be fabric painting by Josie McKissick

**ART REACH:** Sara Wamsat-:A Thank you from the hospital Dept. Head and Child Life Services area ; for the hospital donations that were received. A request was made for more canvas and paint. Sara is using Omaha Artist Club donations to purchase and provide these items.

**COURTESY:** Dorothy Tuma– Get well cards sent to Lois Pillen, Margaret Nussrallah, and sympathy card to Maxine Burton

**FUNSHOPS:** Marilyn Bieg-”Make Your Muse” with Sara Wamsat in March; See newsletter for supplies and additional information

**HOSPITALITY:** Margaret Nussrallah– Door prize winner Pat Lontor; Gift donated by Gracie Schroeder; Second prize winner Sara Wamsat, donated by Margaret Nussrallah

**HOSTESSES:** Jeannie McCarthy- Westside Community Center luncheons will continue thru June; Next Luncheon is March 28; See newsletter for options. As usual reservations to be made by the Friday prior to the luncheon. Members should continue to email; Jean Schaefer for reservations. Calling will be handled by Barbara Mitchell. . When paying in cash bring correct change or check.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lavonne Tripp– See newsletter for new members

**NEWSLETTER:** Ivy Miller– no report.

**PROGRAMS:** Katrina Methot-Swanson- Today’s program is with Linda Hatfield, “pyrography”

**PUBLICITY:** Sharon Clawson-No Report

**WEBMASTER:** Judy Rohwer– : Please send information on shows requests in order to continue to update the website ; website receives about 300 views daily

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Dick Brown– No Report

**PRESIDENT:** Carolyn Ransom– No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Judy Rohwer advises that the Washington County Museum is having art show again in August. Theme is “The Country Life”. More information to come

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lavonne Tripp spoke regarding the Genie Schaefer scholarship award; which is presented on or around the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, which was Genie’s birthday. The award is used to promote and pay for an art workshop. Lavonne presented a letter of award and a check of \$250.00 to Linda Bernett and the same is available to winner June Luebke

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Reminder that the Opal Paramenter Fellowship award application is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This award is to be used to apply for attendance to an art workshop, then bring back what you have learned to share with the Omaha Artists membership



**Motion to adjourn:** Pat Lontor

**Second motion:** Carol Coppi



March 2012  
We're on the Web!  
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Reminder: Articles due  
Friday after the monthly  
meetings

**LUNCH Menu**

**Westside Community Conference Center**

**\$11.00/person**

**Meals include:** They both come with a Italian salad {romaine, radicchio, scallions, red and green peppers, grape tomatoes, and balsamic vinaigrette. Both these entrees also come with coffee, water and iced tea. There are also vending machines available for those who would like soda.

**Selections: Meat or Vegetarian Entrée**

1. Meat Option: Lasagna Supreme { made with sausage and beef, cheese, and ricotta blend}
2. Veggie Option: Eggplant Parmesan, with rosemary garlic roasted potatoes

*Pay by **check** made payable to **Omaha Artist's Inc.** (Cash must be exact, no change available.)*

**NOTE: A reservation is a commitment of space and money.**  
**No show you still owe.**

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