



# Omaha Artists Inc. Newsletter

April 2013

Omahaartistsinc.com

**President's Message:** by Carolyn Ransom 402-250-8911



Dear Friends,

Welcome Spring! At Mulhalls we struggled to chop through the frozen soil in the outside pots just to plant a few pansies. And yet, as I walk through my new yard I see delicate crocuses and daffodils push through the perma-frost with seemingly no effort at all! I am continually amazed and humbled by Nature's strength, versatility and diversity. There is always something new to observe and appreciate.

By the same token I appreciate the diversity of talents within our Club. Just over the past few months alone I have learned how to decorate gourds, frame art to its best advantage, use watercolor in a new way, and even how to make a mask. Fun shops, Programs and good conversations make Omaha Artists a wonderful outlet. What is best, in my opinion, is how we all respect each others' media and truly appreciate the variety of artistic expression among us. Thanks everyone!

"I want all my senses engaged. Let me absorb the world's variety and uniqueness." Maya Angelou(1928- )

Carolyn Ransom

**April 24 Meeting / Lunch: Chair:** Jeannie McCarthy 402-880- 9793



Westside Community Conference Center, 3534 South 108th St. Omaha, NE. 68144  
North door entrance. Board Meeting 11:00 am, Lunch 12:00 pm.

Reservations must be received by **Apr. 19**. 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. Please consider this requested etiquette and the difficulties presented to do otherwise. Members please bring correct change of \$11.00, we can't make change

- 1)meat option: Macadamia nut crusted chicken with strawberry sauce.
- 2) veggie option: Fettuccine and Broccoli with 3 cheese.

All comes with chef's choice starch and vegetable and salad, rolls... water, ice tea and coffee are available.

Email your reservations to [jndschaefer@yahoo.com](mailto:jndschaefer@yahoo.com) (Jean Schaefer)  
Or call Barbara Mitchell (402) 339-2604

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**Fun Shop**

Chair: Marilyn Bieg 402- 453- 6248



Wednesday April 17th Fun Shop will be ' Silk Painting or Painting on Silk ' with Dori Settles. Dori is a new Omaha Artists member, Welcome Dori. She has a degree in English, communications and knows sign language. She started working with fabrics and dyes about 3 years ago, took additional art classes, and worked hard.

Make a silk scarf in your own colors to wear or give as a gift using Sharpie pens or alcohol inks.

What to bring:

Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) in a spray bottle

Sharpie Pens—your choice of colors, or alcohol ink dyes left from February fun shop.

Portable ironing board if you have one

An iron (only need a few)

gloves if you wish

salt

Dori will have scarves to purchase for \$3.00 a piece.

Thank you to Pam Patton for her great tips on framing at the March Fun Shop.

Fun Shop at 9:00 Masters Lutheran Church, 114th and Center Please bring snacks for the group.

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**Courtesy**

Dorothy Tuma 402-334-0975

Email dtuma@tconl.com

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Get Well: Lavonne Tripp and Carol Coppi



Welcome: Sharon Latham

**Art Bridge 2012-2013**

Chair Carol Coppi 402-339-7289



All classes on the 2nd Wednesday of the month... September thru May 9 - 11am

We now teach 60 ESL students English as a Second Language each month.

Art truly bridges the culture and language gaps!!!

Wed. April 10 ... Maxine Burton will instruct on "Abstract Painting" using oil pastels and watercolors.

Carol Coppi Co - ordinator

**Programs:**

**Chair:** Katrina Methot- Swanson



Our program at the April meeting April 24th, will be Kate McNutt and Julie Gompert.

See their bio below and check out their website, [www.KatydidSimpleAccents.com](http://www.KatydidSimpleAccents.com).

"Julie and I are sisters and we design upcycled, durable and eco friendly products with you in mind. Our products range from soft rugs to fun owl purses. Each one is one of a kind and we hope it will make your life a little more happy. We have been owners of Katydid Simple Accents for 4 years and enjoy every minute of it." Kate



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**Art Shows and Art Shows**

Chair: Sharon Clawson 572-8486



**SPRING THIRD ANNUAL "ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE" ART SHOW**

The Designers Furniture Studio , 12321 Emmet St in Omaha.

THREE PIECES, LARGER SIZE IS ENCOURAGED

NO THEME, 25% COMMISSION TAKEN.

DATES : Registration Tuesday, May 14, 11 - 1 p.m.

Reception Wednesday, May 15, 5 - 8 p.m.

NOTICE: The registration forms will be included in next month's newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: The entry fee for all future art shows will be \$15 for up to three art pieces. This was recommended by the art show committee and passed by the executive board at our January meeting.

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**FYI and By the Way**

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I want to express my sincere appreciation to Omaha Artists, Inc. choosing me to receive the Genie Schafer Scholarship, and to the Dave Schafer family for funding this most generous award. I plan to use the award to take classes with John Miller in oil painting at the Hot Shops. There is much for me to learn, and re-learn about oil painting, and I appreciate the opportunity to use the scholarship to further my growth as an artist.

Sharon Clawson

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Duane Pieper wishes to share that his work "A Great Miracle", "Bountiful", "Ezra", "Noah's Story", "Qumran: Preserving the World" and "Shelter of His Wings" has been selected for the

"15th Annual Judeo-Christian Juried Online International Art Exhibition".

The exhibition will debut worldwide on April 1, 2013 at [www.Upstream\)PeopleGallery.com](http://www.Upstream)PeopleGallery.com)

This show will be featured for one month and then moved to the "Archive" section of the web site. The exhibition will run for a complete 12 months.

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Donation schedule for hospitality gifts for upcoming monthly meetings:

April– Maxine Burton

May– Dick Brown

June– Linda Hatfield

**ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA ART CLUBS (ANAC)  
SELECTION SHOW**

Lutheran Church of the Master  
2617 South 114th Street

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

**Registration: 9:00-10:00 a.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.

**Pick up time: 12:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call an ANAC committee member.

Jo Anne Nielsen - 253-8162 Sara Wamsat - 884-2277

Dick Brown – 712-328-8603

Selection show will be going on at the same time as the Fun Shop.

Artist
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Title
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Artist
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# Omaha Artists Inc. Website Survey

## How often do you use the omahaartistinc.com?

- Never     Once or twice a year     Every three or four months  
 Monthly     Weekly

## What are the reasons you visit the site? (choose all that apply)

- Read the latest newsletter     Look at or show the artwork in the gallery  
 View photos of the winning entries of the shows     Find out when events are happening  
 Access the sites that are listed in the Art Resources page  
 Learn more about the scholarships that are offered     Access scholarship entry forms  
 Copy page address to email or post to Facebook/Twitter/Pinterest  
 Other reasons not listed

What do you like or dislike about the current site \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see added or changed about the site? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of the website?     Yes     No

If not a member, please indicate why (choose all that apply):     Don't have a computer

- Dislike using the Internet     Confused about what is needed to participate  
 Too much work to photograph artwork/write profile     Costs too much (\$20 per year)  
 Don't see a benefit to having my work online  
 Nervous my artwork will be copied without permission     Dislike the website  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Which of the following would you like to be able to do on the site:**

- Have your own art blog
- Easily update your profile and images yourself
- Sell your artwork on the site
- Have an @omahaartistsinc.com email account
- Share pages to Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest or by email

**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like to do the online version instead of having to print and mail one go to

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8CTHKHC>

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**Mail to :**

**Susan Stevens**

**13961 Poppleton Cr**

**Omaha, NE 68144**



## General Meeting Notes

The Omaha Artists Inc. general meeting was called to order by President, Carolyn Ransom. Held at the Westside Community Center on Wednesday, March 27th, 2013.

Treasurers Report: Joanne Nielsen advises balance of \$4425.27.

Committee Reports as follows:

ANAC: Joanne Nielsen states that the ANAC selections will be held during the funshop in April. See newsletter for application information. See either Joanne, Dick Brown, or Sara Wamsat for questions.

Art Shows: Spring show at The Designers, 120th and Maple, across from Mulhalls. Sharon Clawson reminds that the fee is now \$15.00 for up to 3 pieces. Registration is Tuesday May 14th 11:00 to 1:00 and Reception is Wednesday May 15th 5:00 to 8:00. There was 1 sale at the Spring Show at The Center by Jane Walker.

Community Art Bridge: Carol Coppi advises upcoming location move to new site. Art Bridge currently has about 70 students, and truly bridges the language barrier with visual arts. Maxine Burton will be the instructor for the April class with abstract painting.

Courtesy: Dorothy Tuma states cards sent, Get Well to Carol Coppi and Lavonne Tripp, with Welcome to Sharon Latham.

Funshops: March funshop was Tips on Framing and Matting with Pam Patton from the Frame Shop. April funshop will be painting on Silk Scarves with new member Dori Settles announced by Marilyn Bieg.

Hospitality: Julie Jenowe a new member and new volunteer to handle our gift raffle. Diane Kujawa was the March recipient, and the gift was donated by Dorothy Tuma.

Hostesses: Reminder to either call Barbara Mitchell, or email Jeannie Schaefer for luncheon reservations.

Membership: Lavonne Tripp reports currently 111 members. The membership drive begins in April. The yearly fee is \$20.00. The upcoming year is September 2013 thru June 2014. Membership must be confirmed paid by the end of July to be in the upcoming year's roster.

Newsletter: Deadline for articles to be placed in the newsletter is always the Friday after our monthly meetings. Please let Linda Bennett know of any issues in delivery or issues with newsletter.

Programs: Kristina Swanson announced March program will be Diane Mattern a metal sculptor from the Hot Shops. April program will be with weavers Kate McNutt and sister Julie Gompert.

Publicity: Postcards to be created and distributed for the Spring show at The Designers, and also placed on web facebook page for the Omaha Artists, Inc. per Duane Pieper.

Webmaster: Susan Stevens stated that the Omaha Artists have a new facebook page. Promotion of shows to be placed on the public site, and also a member only for sharing of work. She has sent out survey and to see newsletter. Susan has also created a logo for the Omaha Artists Inc.

See next page 9 for remaining minute notes:



## Continuation of General Meeting Minutes

New and Unfinished Business: Lavonne Tripp reminded that the Genie Schaefer scholarship was awarded in March. Dave Schaefer and family created the scholarship in memory of Genie. The scholarship provides a \$250.00 award to 2 recipients per year, this year was Carol Coppi and Sharon Clawson.

Lavonne also announced the Opal Paramenter Award is presented in March, and the recipient of the award agrees to attend a workshop and present a fun shop to the club to share the knowledge and skills learned from that workshop the next year. Pleased to announce that this years award is presented to Lisa Lathop. Thank you to the applicants, and reviewers of these awards.

Selection for club officers will be done in April, and voted in May. Installation of officers will be at our June meeting. Request to encourage more members to become involved in the board and committees.

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**Membership:** Chair Lavonne Tripp 402-896- 1441



### New members:

Carol A McCall  
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email—camccall7@hotmail.com  
spouse-Ross  
acrylic, pencil, watercolors

Katie Johnson  
5871 S 104th Ave Omaha, NE 68127  
402 310 0349  
email— Kt50@windstream.net  
spouse-Dan  
acrylic, oil, sketch

Sharon Latham  
9520 Chicago St Omaha, NE 68114  
c- 402 672 6815  
email— sdlatham@cox.net  
oil and acrylic

**Dates to Remember:**

**April 17 Fun Shop**

3rd Wednesday at  
Lutheran Church  
114th & Center 9:00

**April 24 Meeting and Program**

Luncheon 12:00  
Westside Community Center  
3534 So. 108th St

**May 14 Spring Art Show**

**Registration** 11-1:00 Tuesday

The Designers  
12321 Emmett St

**May 15 Reception**

5-8:00 Wednesday



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