

Omaha Artists Incorporated News

February 2013

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President's Message: by Carolyn Ransom



Dear Friends,

Well, 2013 has started off great for Omaha Artists, Inc. We have already had our first Show with another coming up in May at The Designers. The January Funshop boasted 32 attendees! Lavonne Tripp's "Let the Water Do the Work" took us into a new and exciting way to use watercolor. In February we will venture into another artistic arena... creating with gourds with our own Linda Bennett. Hope everyone can get away to enjoy this chance for fun, food, and fellowship. For all the details on this and our monthly Luncheon and Program please be sure to read our newsletter.

Speaking of creativity, I sometimes wonder what it is that drives us to create. I researched "creativity" a bit and came across some insight spoken by a woman considered by many to be the "Picasso of Dance". Here is what she said:

"There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all of time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and it will be lost. The world will not have it. It is not your business to determine how good it is not how valuable not how it compares with other expressions. It is your business to keep it yours clearly and directly, to keep the channel open. You do not have to believe in yourself or your work. You have to keep yourself open and aware to the urges that motivate you. Keep the channel open...No artist is pleased. (There is) no satisfaction whatever at any time. There is only a queer divine dissatisfaction, a blessed unrest that keeps us marching and makes us more alive than others."

Martha Graham (1894-1991)

May your "blessed unrest" inspire and encourage you in all that you do!

Carolyn Ransom

February 27 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 **Feb. 20**. 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.

1: Meat option.. will be Pulled pork sandwich with optional bbq sauce on plate, and potato chips.

2: Veggie option..Gourmet grilled cheese sandwich with tomato basil bisque, and potato chips.

All meals include a salad, rolls, coffee, iced tea, and water.

Email your reservations to jndschaefer@yahoo.com (Jean Schaefer)

Or call Barbara Mitchell (402) 339-2604.

Fun Shop February 20 Chair: Marilyn Bieg 402- 453- 6248



January Funshop was "Let the Water do the Work" with Lavonne Tripp. This was a great Funshop and very well attended. See the product of our final exercise below.



The February Funshop will be on Wednesday, February 20th at the Masters Lutheran Church at 114th and Center at 9:00 am. Please bring snacks. Have fun painting, trying something new and socializing with your fellow artists.

February Funshop will be with Linda Bennett, Making Art with Gourds.

Linda will bring gourds for purchase. Alcohol inks and other additional supplies. We will need:

dried cleaned gourd

several small pieces of soft household sponge

at least 2 contrasting colors of alcohol ink

(this can be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, JoAnne Fabrics, in the scrapbooking section). 3
pack of different colors are \$10.00, use your store coupons for savings. Single bottles at Mangelsens about \$4.00 each.

Latex gloves

Sandpaper scrap

You may want to bring frisket/masking fluid.

Any embellishments you may wish to use, such as feathers, beads, buttons, shells, pods, lacing, yarn etc.



Courtesy

Chair: Dorothy Tuma

402-334-0975 Email dtuma@tconl.com

Cards sent:

Thank you to: Lavonne Tripp, John D. Schafer & Julia Yuhas White, Lewis & Lois Harding

Welcome to: Patricia Kounkel

Sympathy to: Barb Linder's Family

Thinking of you to: Margaret Nussrallah



Art Shows and Art Shows

Chair: Sharon Clawson 572-8486



Winter "Blast of Color" Art Show Results

Twenty-four artists entered 59 works of art into our winter show at The Center, 714 South Main St, Council Bluffs. Again, I believe we are coming up with some of our best pieces of art ever! Please take the time to check out the show - it will hang until February 28th and the building is open Mon - Friday, 8 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 - 5 p.m. Our judge, Bonnie O'Connell, spent a good amount of time judging the art, and was very pleased with the quality and diversity of the entered artwork.

Winter "Blast of Color" Art Show Results

Barb Linder Watercolor Award Tamara Tsvit "Baby Deer" watercolor
1st place - Mike McLaughlin "Friday Night" acrylic
2nd place - Judy Freeland "Look Up" watercolor and ink
3rd place - Marilyn Beig "Artist at Rest" mixed media
4th place - Jeannie McCarthy "Happiness" mixed media
Honorable mention Barbara Mitchell "United Seed Company" mixed media
Honorable mention Linda Leary "Platte River Sunset" photography
Honorable mention Albert Rhea "Japanese Orange Tip" photography
Honorable mention Mark Hunsicker "Winter Tree" linocut print
Judges Recognition Award Carol Coppi "Lily Pond" oil

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Any art that is sold at this show will be charged a 20% fee by The Center. I apologize for not letting you know this sooner - I did not ask about fees, so didn't know. Sorry for this inconvenience. Also, if a piece of art is sold, The Center will call the artist and let them know about the sale, and will handle all monetary transactions. The artist can pick up payment from the art show office on the day of **take down, Thursday February 28, 11 - 1 p.m.**

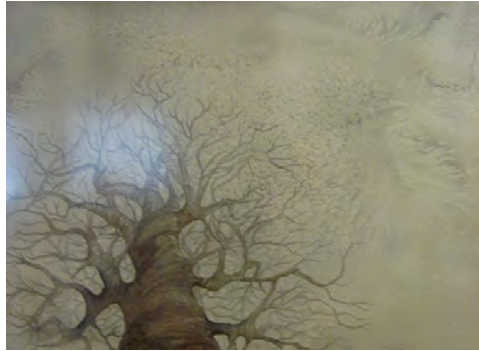
Keep in mind our SPRING THIRD ANNUAL "ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE" at The Designers Furniture Studio at 12321 Emmet St in Omaha. THREE PIECES, LARGER SIZE IS ENCOURAGED, NO THEME, 25% COMMISSION TAKEN. DATES - tentatively - May 14 - June 11, 2013. Keep painting, artists!!

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.

GOOD NEWS - WE WILL BE AT THE HOT SHOPS 1301 GALLERY NEXT OCTOBER!!! The theme for the show will be: "The Illustrated Song". For this theme, find some lyrics to a song that you would like to illustrate - (up to 150 words) - it could be the chorus, or a verse - and you will again have to do some typing - type up the title to the song along with the words that you are illustrating, so we can print this up and put next to your piece of art. This should not feel too restrictive - after all, there are so many themes that are possible - and it should be a fun way to come up with ideas for your art.



"Friday Night"
Mike Mc Laughlin
Acrylic
1st Place



"Look Up"
Judy Freeland
Watercolor
2th Place



"Artist at Rest"
Marilyn Beig
Mixed media
3rd Place



"Happiness"
Jeannie Carthy
Mixed Media
4th Place



Barb Linder Watercolor Award
"Baby Deer"
Tamara Tsvid



"United Seed Company"
Barbara Mitchell
Mixed Media
Honorable Mention



Honorable Mention
"Japanese Orange Tip"
Albert Rhea
Photography



Untitled
Mark Humsieker
Linoleum Black Relief
Print



Judges Recognition Award
"Lily Pond"
Carol Coppi
Oil



Honorable Mention
"Platte River Sunset"
Linda Leary
Photography

Art Bridge 2012-2013

Chair Carol Coppi 402-339-7289



Wed. Feb. 13, Carol Coppi will be teaching a lesson on "Heart Designs" to our largely Burmese students. We originated this lesson when we saw that the students did not understand our American 'Valentine tradition. However, they do enjoy design work.

Our thanks to Diane Kujawa who cut 200 8" x 10" matts for our 60 - 70 students. These sturdy matts are used for all our painting/ glueing lessons.

Carol Coppi, Co-ordinator



Meeting Programs

Chair: Katrina Methot- Swanson



January program was Judith Anthony Johnston, a member of the Artists Cooperative Gallery. Judith spoke about her work as an artist and her continuing journey to find her calling in art. Judith can be contacted per her web site www.JudithAnthonyJohnston.com.



February program is Dar VanDeVoort. She does beautiful work with acrylic and uses puzzle pieces in her paintings.

Membership: Chair Lavonne Tripp 402-896- 1441



New member information to be added to your rosters:

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spouse Linda
pen,pencil,watercolor,oil,acrylic,photography

Dori Settles
10710 Bruhn Ave
Bennington, NE 68007
402 660 2329
Dori@funkydori.com
spouse Jim
fiber and glass

Vivian Colgan
3372 Prairie Trail
Logan, Iowa 51546

FYI and By the Way

Donation schedule for hospitality gifts at our upcoming monthly meetings:

February– Lisa Lathrop
March– Josie McKissick
April– Maxine Burton
May– Dick Brown
June– Linda Hatfield

General Meeting Notes

The Omaha Artists Inc. general meeting as called to order by President, Carolyn Ransom, Held at the Westside Community Center on Wednesday January 23rd, 2013

Treasurers Report: checking balance of \$4425.27

Committee Reports as follows:

Anac: Dick Brown provided information regarding the Associated Nebraska Art Club, Nebraska is unique in having 40 clubs within the state. This years event will be in June in Alliance, NE. Deadline for payment of dues is February 28th.

Art Shows: Report by Sharon Clawson on the Winter show, Blast of Color, at The Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. 24 Artists with 59 pieces submitted. Take down will be February 28th from 11:00 to 1:00. Also announced that 20% commission is applied to all sales, and that The Center is handling sales and contact with the artist. The spring show is at The Designers, 120th and Maple. The fall show will again be at the Hot Shops, the theme will be the Illustrated Song. See newsletter for more information.

Community Art Bridge: Carol Coppi brought a display of the January potato snowman prints. December was snowflakes, and February is heart designs.

Courtesy: Dorothy Tuma advised of cards sent. See newsletter for specifics.

Funshops: January funshop was by Lavonne Tripp on watercolors. 34 attended, reported Marilyn Beig. February will be Linda Bennett with gourd art.

Hostesses: Luncheon held at Westside Community Center. All luncheon selections will consist of a salad, a meat and a vegetable selection. Make sure to email Jeannie Schaefer or call Barbara Mitchell for reservations. May meeting and luncheon will be at the Joslyn Museum.

Membership: Carolyn Ransom reports for Lavonne Tripp that membership is at 103 current members.

Newsletter: Linda Bennett asks if not receiving newsletter by email to check spam file, or let her know.

Programs: Kristina Methot-Swanson presented January program with Judith Anthony Johnson. Her work in metal and gold leaf, traditional and contemporary icons. See newsletter for example of her work.

Publicity: Duane Pieper advised regarding meeting with the Nebraska Arts Council on how to promote art and shows. Also advised of opportunities for mini grants.

Webmaster: Susan Stevens discussed features to improve website and possible addition of facebook.

Vice President: Dick Brown advised of Barb Linder funeral, which was well attended. Barb designed her services and included an artists statement in the program.

Unfinished Business: Carolyn Ransom reminder on Genie Schafer scholarship due 2/1/2013 and Opal Paramenter application due 3/1/2013

Other Announcements: Show at Hot Shops-Ravel Unravel for 2013 Project Interface. Life show-drawing class at Hot Shops, Tuesdays starting January 26th 6:30-9:00. Joslyn Museum with Jennifer Steincamp digital art. Forty flowers displayed across the wall. Masterpieces from the Whitney museum.

Dates to Remember:

February 28th

Winter Art Show

Takedown 11:00-1:00

February 20 Fun Shop

3rd Wednesday at

Lutheran Church

114th & Center 9:00

February 27 Meeting

Luncheon 12:00

Westside Community Center

3534 So. 108th St



