

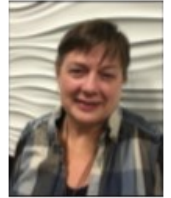


# Omaha Artists Inc. Newsletter

MAY, 2017

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**President's Message:** Linda Bennett 712-566-2322 [gourdartstudios@aol.com](mailto:gourdartstudios@aol.com)



Congratulations to the winners of our of Spring Art Show! Reminder that the reception at the Hot Shops is this Sunday, May 7 2-4 pm.

On a sad note, long time member of OAI (almost 40 years), Bev Zyla passed away 4/27/2017.

At our April general meeting, we raffled off 5 pieces done by Mima Barrett that were donated to the club. The winners of the raffle were Susan Stevens, Mary LaVigne, Cheri Oelke, Bill Bennett, and Sharon Clawson.

Please join us for lunch and program at Charlies by the Lake on Wednesday, May 24th.

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Board Meeting 11:00 Luncheon/General Meeting 12:00**

Charlie's by the Lake, 4150 South 144th Street, Omaha, NE

Order from the menu. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 22. If space is needed for program but no meal, make your reservation as such. Reservations should be made at [lunch@omahaartistsinc.com](mailto:lunch@omahaartistsinc.com) or call Carol McCall at 402- 499-7071

**Programs:** Katie Johnson 402.310.0349 [ktj50love@gmail.com](mailto:ktj50love@gmail.com)



Our program speaker is the well known artist, Kristine Allphin Brakenhoff from Hastings, NE. Kristine's education and experience in illustration and composition bring an original style, sensitivity, and craftsmanship to her batik work. Although Batik is a challenging medium, Kristine's goal and purpose as an artist are to push the limits to a level of fine art. She utilizes her knowledge of illustration, design and experimentation of non-traditional batik materials to produce many complicated color blends and combinations.

Kristine Allphin Brakenhoff has won numerous awards and exhibitions including, Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art, Stuhr Museum, Nebraska Art's Council, Fred Simon Gallery, Longwell Museum of Art and the Museum of Nebraska Art. She was featured in Nebraska Life Magazine and the April 2016 issue of Western Art and Architecture Magazine as an Emerging Artist To Watch. Her work has been purchased for use on Hollywood movie sets, corporations, hospitals and private collectors as far away as Canada and Sri Lanka.

**Fun Shop:** Katie Johnson 402.310.0349 ktj50love@gmail.com



Lutheran Church of the Master, 114<sup>th</sup> and Center, Omaha, NE 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
Members \$4.00 and Non-Members \$5.00 Bring snacks to share/coffee provided.

**Supplies:**

Newsprint Paper 18x24 and a drawing board to put it on (or you may use table)  
Charcoal Pencils – 2B and 4B, Pencil Sharpener for these pencils and a kneaded eraser

We will be drawing from life...breaking down the portrait into parts – eyes, nose and ears and if we have time...a quick block in!

Rachel Mindrup, is a professional artist and art educator. She received her BFA from the U of N at Kearney and continued with atelier studies at the Art Academy of Los Angeles. She received her MFA from the Art Institute of Boston. Her current painting practice is about the study of the figure and portraiture in contemporary art and its relation to medicine. Her client list includes: Kiewit Corporation, Boys Town, Creighton University, Boys Town National Research Hospital, and the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. Her artwork is held in many private collections including those of Primatologist Jane Goodall and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

**ANAC: (Associated Nebraska Art Clubs) [www.nebraskaartclubs.org](http://www.nebraskaartclubs.org)**

ANAC members that are **NOT** going to York, please bring your ANAC selection show pieces and \$15.00 on **Monday, June 5th** to the East parking lot of “The Lutheran Church of the Masters”, 2617 South 114th St. at **11:00 am**.

These show pieces will be delivered and hung at the 2017 Conference “York in the Road~Art is in the Air” in York, NE. June 7th through June 10th, 2017.

After the Conference, pieces may be picked up on **Monday, June 12th** in the East parking lot of The Lutheran Church of the Masters at 11:00 am. See above for the church address. Any questions regarding pick up or delivering please call Jo Anne Nielsen 402-250-6464 or Dick Brown 402-680-3373.

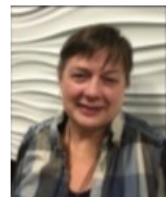
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ESL classes meet the second Wednesday of each month from September thru May at Augustana Lutheran Church, 3647 Lafayette from 9 am thru 11:15.

Our April class was lead by Lourdes O’Leary doing “Funky Portraits” with 46 students attending. The up-coming May lesson will be lead by Carol Coppi doing “Scratch Art”.





Our judge for our current show at the Hot Shops, "Fusion of Artistic Minds" is Bob Bosco. He has been an Art Professor at Creighton University since 1976. Bob has joyfully taught Oil Painting, Collage, Life Drawing, Acrylics, Watercolor, Chalk Pastel and Basic Drawing and Design. He has participated in over sixty exhibitions throughout the United States, received nine awards and two residency grants for national art colonies. Current research has been at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health and Omega Institute for Holistic Studies. He has recently completed a one person exhibit at the 1516 Gallery in Omaha involving 48 Yoga Paintings-ten years in the making.

Omaha Artists, Inc. Spring Art Show - **"The Fusion of Artistic Minds"**

We have an outstanding art show at Hot Shops Art Center at 1301 Nicholas Street. There were 48 artists, with 88 art pieces exhibited. Please come to the **reception- this Sunday, May 7, from 2-4**, where we will give out the awards, hear our judge, Bob Bosco give a critique of the show, all while enjoying food and drink and good company. If you can't make it on Sunday, the show runs through May 28, with Hot Shop hours of M - F, 9-6, and weekends, 11-5.

Winners:

Joy Long Memorial Award for "Excellence in Use of Light and Atmosphere" -

1st Place	Marilyn Beig	"Sundown"	Acrylic
2nd Place	Tamara Tsvit	"Young Fisherman"	Watercolor
3rd Place	Sara Sumnick Wamsat	"To Unbroken Women"	Assemblage
4th Place	Peg Watkins	"Land, Sea and Sky"	Mixed media
	Danielle Easdale	"Pensive Hare"	Hand carved paper

Honorable Mentions:

Tom Reardon	"Great Blue With Attitude"	Digital Print
Donna Justsen	"Onion Skins"	Colored Pencil
Nancy Ralston	"Rocks and Water"	Acrylic
Marilyn Evelo Hanson	"Girl in Gown"	Alcohol Inks

Our judge wanted to honor six more pieces of art with our "Judge's Recognition Award", which means no ribbon or monetary award, but a recognition of quality work by these artists.

Marilyn Evelo Hanson	"Indigo"	Mixed Media
Patti Kounkel	"Orchids"	Acrylic
Donna Justsen	"Perfect Picks"	Watercolor
Linda Bernett	"Keep Swimming"	Alcohol Inks
Marion Janecek	"My Path"	Oil

Congratulations to all the winning entries!!

**Keep painting for next fall's show at La Casa - registration will be on September 18!!**

**Omaha Artists, Inc. Membership Renewal for 2017-2018**

**Go to OmahaArtistsInc.com to Renew Online and click on "Renew Membership".**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Has any of the following **changed since last year**? If yes, please update the new information below:

Email                      Address                      Phone Number                      Art Mediums

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Get involved with a fun group of artists by volunteering your time and talents! Check the office (s) or committee (s) you are interested in and a board member or committee chair will contact you. More information on the committees can be found on omahaartistsinc.com or in the roster.

**Offices:**

**Committees:**

President	ANAC	Art Reach	Hospitality	Publicity
Vice President	Art Bridge	Membership	Website	
Secretary	Art Shows	Courtesy	Newsletter	Other
Treasurer		Fun Shops	Programs	

Ideas for Fun Shops / programs: \_\_\_\_\_

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OAI Membership Only \$22.00 Membership is for OAI's calendar year of September 2017 to June 2018. It includes a personal gallery page on Omahaartistsinc.com to show your work.

OAI Membership plus ANAC Membership \$34.00 The Association of Nebraska Art Clubs (ANAC) offers an opportunity to show your work in a statewide competition at the ANAC annual convention. ANAC membership is from March thru February. You may belong to ANAC through only one Nebraska art club.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Omaha Artists, Inc. and send with completed application to:

OAI Membership. c/o Susan Stevens. 13961 Poppleton Cir. Omaha, NE. 68144

**Secretary:** General Meeting Notes: Barbara Egr 402.686.0521 bschmidski@cox.net



General meeting was called to order by President, Linda Bennett. Held at Valentinos, 108th and L St., Wednesday April 26th, 2017

**Treasurers report** of \$4965.65 by Jo Anne Nielsen.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**ANAC:** Jo Anne Nielsen reported the convention, "York in the Road; Art in the Air," will be held June 7-10 in York, NE. ANAC newsletter is out and attendees should get their reservations in now. See newsletter for pick up and return information.

**Art Shows:** Sharon Clawson reported our next art show " Fusion of Artistic Minds", will be held at Hot Shops with registration Tuesday, May 2 from 11-1:00 p.m. Reception Sunday, May 7 from 2-4:00 pm and take down Sunday, May 28 from 2-4. Bob Bosco is the judge. Fall show will be at La Casa, with registration Monday Sept 18th, 11-1pm, showing thru October.

**Community Art Bridge:** Linda Bennett reported April lesson was Funky Faces with Lourdes O'Leary and 46 students. May is our last lesson for the school year, doing scratch art lead by Carol Coppi.

**Courtesy:** Two welcome cards sent. See newsletter

**Fun Shop:** April Fun Shop "Wonderland Paper Flowers & Feathers" taught by Nicolle Battalle with 33 in attendance. May will be with Rachel Mindrup teaching portraits in charcoal.

**Host:** May's meeting-Charlie's on the Lake. June's meeting to be at Patti Kounkel's home – Saturday June 17th, pot luck lunch. Eleven O'clock board meeting and luncheon at noon. With installation of officers.

**Membership:** Susan Stevens advised has updated the web site. Renewal online should be much easier. Reminder to renew before July 1st in order to be included in the roster.

**Newsletter:** Linda Guynn's deadline is the Friday after our meeting.

**Programs:** Katie Johnson introduced our April program with nationally acclaimed Nebraskan artist, Susan Hart – "It's Never Too Late!" May will be Kristine Brickenhoff with Batiks.

**Web Admin.** Susan Stevens advised updated.

**President:** By-Laws were reviewed and changes made will be published in next newsletter and will be approved at the next meeting (May).  
New publicity chairman needed and also an "assistant" program chair.

**Unfinished/or New Business:** Mary LaVigne, Genie Schaefer Scholarship winner advised group on her intended workshop with Carolyn Holman, doing watercolor. Susan Stevens, winner of the AOI Scholarship advised taking water color class in North Carolina, and will do a Fun Shop in February 2018 to share what she learned.

Motion to adjourn – Carol McCall

Second motion – Carol Coppi

## Dates to Remember

Fun Shops- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Lutheran Church of the Masters

Luncheons-4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 noon

May 17

May 24

June combines meeting with potluck—Saturday June 17 home of Patti Kounkel

Art Show at Hot Shops— “Fusion of Artistic Minds”

Reception: Sunday May 7, 2-4 pm

Take Down: Sunday May 28, 2-4 pm

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