President’s Message: Katrina Methot-Swanson  402-932-0509

Happy New Year! There is a lot coming up in January. The Funshop titled “A Good Start” is on January 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Master, Linda Bernet is presenting. Our next Luncheon is at noon on Wednesday, January 27 at the Westside Community Center, our program will feature Debra Joy Groesser. Winter All Member Show “Winter Blast” at the Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132 Street. Registration is on Sunday, January 31, 2016. We have a lot going on this month and I hope you can participate in some of our activities!
Katrina Methot-Swanson

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“The Impressionist’s Palette” by Debra Joy Groesser, President/CEO, American Impressionist Society Inc.

Debra will discuss a brief history of Impressionism, their subject matter and the colors/palette used by the early impressionists (including Claude Monet). She will also demonstrate some of the techniques they used to create their luminous paintings.  http://debrajoygroesser.com/

Wednesday January 27, Board meeting 11:00– Lunch 12:00

Westside Community Center, 3534 So 108th St. Omaha, NE, north door entrance.

Reservations due Friday, January 22nd.
Reservation dates Firm, no cancellations or additions after deadline. You are responsible for payment if no attendance after reservation. If you need space for the program and meeting but no meal, make reservation as such.

#1 Southwest Fish Filet
#2 Eggplant Parmesan with Rosemary Garlic Roasted Potatoes
Caesar Salad and entrees include rolls, coffee, iced tea or water.

Call Carol McCall @ 402. 499 .7071 or email at oaimal@omahaartistsinc.com for reservations. Please bring exact amount of $12.00 we can’t make change.
Happy New Year to you!

To start our new year with excitement and a new experience, we are honored to have a stimulating presentation by our own award-winning, **Linda Bernett**!

**WHEN**: Wednesday, January 21, 2016 - 9:00 am to noon (stay until 2 pm! If you wish!)

**WHERE**: Lutheran Church of the Master, 114th and Center, Omaha

**COST**: $4.00 MEMBERS/$5.00 NON-MEMBERS  
Bring snacks to share – coffee provided!

**Enter your name** at the Fun Shop for a chance to win a **free lunch** at our January 27, 2016 luncheon and program by Debra Joy Groesser

As winner of the Opal Parmenter Fellowship Award, **Linda Bernett** chose a workshop with Ken Elliott, an oil and pastel artist in Castle Rock, Colorado. Mr. Elliott’s work hangs in the Denver airport, Mayo Clinic, Marriott, Ritz hotel in Denver, Hitachi, Kaiser-Permanente and top galleries nationwide just to name a few. Ken has over 40 years in art, first as a picture framer, art restorer, art dealer, and began painting 25 years ago. His works are a simplification and exaggeration of nature, reliant on strategies of making good art objects.

Linda was drawn to his style and dramatic choice of colors. All new experience as she had never painted with oils, done landscapes or painted large! In this workshop, he advised, "I focus on landscapes- I don't try to recreate nature (even Monet said he never got it right) or attempt storytelling. Begin boldly, using more color than exists in nature. Any missteps will be eliminated or incorporated as an unintended surprise".

Linda will present what she learned from this workshop to our Omaha Artists Inc Fun Shop! She will be showing a U-tube video of Ken working on a painting from start to finish!

She has titled our workshop:  
**A Good Start: Landscapes in a simplified impressionistic style.**

**Supplies for this class:**

**Oils:**
titanium white, 2 reds, 2 yellows, 2 blues, 2 wild colors of your choice, and 1-2 grays optional,
Weber brand: Res-N-gel
A table top or portable easel
Paper towels or wipes
Multiple 1/4" chip brushes
Jar of Turpenoid
Canvas or canvas board- go as large as possible
Palette (can be disposable).
Reference picture/photo

**NOTE**: If you wish to try acrylics with this technique you will need an acrylic extender and Grumbacher brand Gel 531 for texture, as we will be mixing our color on the canvas.
All ESL Art Bridge classes are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from Sept. thru May at Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette, Omaha NE. 9-11 am

The December 9th lesson was attended by 82 ESL students. A new record for us !!! Lovely tissue star ornaments were created and 82 gift bags distributed.

Smiles all around …thanks to our teacher … Good job.

Wednesday. Jan 13  “Cardinals in the Snow”  Josie McKissick

Welcome: Ashton Marie Porter and Janice Peters
Get Well to: Barb Mitchell
Thinking of you to: Betty Foster

From Diane Kujawa’s Family
Thank you so much for the memorial for my mom, Diane Kujawa. The funds will be donated to the GRACE Foundation which is a local cancer support group. My mom really enjoyed her years spent as a member of your organization. It helped her creative side and she made many friendships and memories at your monthly meetings. Thank you for supporting her all these years!

Sincerely, the Diane Kujawa family—Kathie, Paul, and Tom

From the GRACE Foundation.
Thank you for your memorial for Diane Kujawa to the Grand Island Area Cancer Endowment Foundation. The Foundation positively impacts the lives of cancer patients and their families in the Grand Island area by providing assistance. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you again for your gift.

Sincerely, Julie Pfeifer and Lisa Willman
Art Show and Art Shows: Sharon Clawson 402.572.8486

Hi artists! Hope everyone had pleasant holidays! A busy time for sure, but hopefully you had some time to create. Here are the next two shows –see you at registration!

Winter Blast Art Show

Jewish Community Center, 333 South 132nd St.  No theme

Registration: Sunday, January 31, 2-4 pm
Reception: Sunday, February 7, 2-4 pm
Take Down: Sunday, February 28, 2-4 pm

Size restrictions apply:
- Size refers to the outside of the frame
- 3 pieces 11 x 14 or smaller
- 2 pieces if no larger than 24 x 30
- 1 piece if larger than 24 x 30, max allowed is 40 x 40

Guidelines for Art Shows are printed in the roster. Please note – all art to be hung must have a wire hanger –no exceptions, and all art must have been completed within the last two years.

Questions –please call Sharon Clawson at 402.572.8486 or any other person on the art show committee.

Spring Art Show “Fairy Tales”

Hot Shops Art Center, 1301 Nicholas St.  The theme was changed from “Mother Goose” to Fairy Tales.

Registration: Tuesday, March 29, 11 –1pm
Reception: Sunday, April 3, 2 –4pm
Take down: Sunday, April 30, 2–4pm

Size restrictions are slightly different for this show: 3 pieces 11 x 14 or smaller, 2 pieces if no larger than 30 x 30, 1 piece if larger than 30 x 30, max allowed is 40 x 40.

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Reminder: Artists please pick up your pieces from Esprit Senior Living art show on Saturday, January 9 from 2-4 pm

ANAC: Association of Nebraska Art Clubs

ANAC 2016 Conference to be held in McCook, NE. June 8-11, 2016.

“Go to the Art Hot Spot”

Here are some workshop highlights for this year’s Conference:

Jennifer Stone from Watertown, SD will be the Judge. She will be giving a 3 day workshop in Water-Color-Collage. Her website is www.jenniferstoneartwork.com

Other workshops include Clay Sculpture, Hand Built Pottery, Jewelry Making, Zentangle, Portraits and Figure in Pencil, and two more not yet assigned.

A night at the Frank Lloyd Wright House, a BBQ and of course the Banquet. College dorm rooms and motel rooms will be available for lodging, as well as city eateries and meals served at the College. And of course all the art from around Nebraska at the Hugh Art Show.

To enjoy all this fun, sign up to be a member of ANAC by February 24, 2016. Cost is $12.00 for the year.

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to an ANAC committee person as listed below;
Jo Anne Nielsen 402-250-6464, Dick Brown 402-680-3373, or Sara Wamsat 402-415-7276

New Members

Denice Peters 2507 Riverview Dr. Denison IA 51442 712.263.3093
denicepeters@ymail.com www.denicepeters.com medium– Pastel
GENIE SCHAFER ART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2001 in loving memory of Genie by her husband Dave Schafer, this award goes toward paying for an artist workshop. Applications will be accepted starting on January 1 through March 1. Genie loved and attended many workshops, where she learned, laughed and made new friends. Genie was a lovely person and it showed throughout her beautiful art work.

The Scholarship shall be given at the March meeting of the Omaha Artists.

There will be 2 recipients selected and shall receive $400.00 each.

Requirements for the Genie Schafer Art Memorial Scholarship:

a: You must be a member of Omaha Artists Inc. or Bellevue Artist Assoc.
b: Have a sincere desire to improve his or her own artistic skills.
c: The Scholarship is to be used for any art workshop conducted by a recognized teacher.

Please fill out application below:

NAME_______________________________________________PHONE______________
ADDRESS_____________________________________________________________
NAME AND LOCATION OF WORKSHOP:
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL YOU WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS WORKSHOP.
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IF MORE LINES ARE NEEDED, PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

Applications MUST be received by March 1, 2015

Mail to: Katrina Methot-Swanson
2111 South 138th St.
Omaha, NE 68144
OPAL PARMENTER FELLOWSHIP

Applications MUST be received by March 1, 2015

This fellowship will entitle you the opportunity to attend a workshop of your choice. Members may apply for this fellowship by filling out the application below. The applicant shall be a member in good standing of Omaha Artists, Inc. and have a sincere desire to improve his or her own artistic skills. Members also must be willing to share what they have learned, by conducting a Fun Shop after attending their workshop.

This fellowship will pay the recipient $300.00. For more background information about this fellowship, please see your Omaha Artist Inc. roster.

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In the space below, please describe how you feel you would benefit from this workshop and how you would share what you learn.

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Dates to Remember

Fun Shops—Wednesdays 9:00 am
Lutheran Church of the Masters

Luncheons—Wednesday 12:00 noon
Westside Community Center

January 20
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18

January 27
February 24
March 23 (Joslyn)
April 27
May 25

June 15 combines artist garage sale and meeting—venue to be announced

Small Image Art Show—Esprit
Take Down: Saturday Jan 9, 2-4 pm

Winter Blast—Jewish Community Center
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