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ARTS CENTER

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10-5 Tues-Fri

Gallery Hours
1-5 Tues-Sun

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Calendar at a Glance:
Be sure to check the website for an updated list of classes and events.
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March 4-25
K-12 Art Exhibit
Reception: March 9, 4:30-7PM

March 13, 4:30-6PM
Healing Arts Reception

March 13, 7PM
AAUW Speaker

April 8-29
Dana Hanson Exhibit
Reception: April 8, 1-5PM

April 8, 2PM
OMS Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra

April 29, 2PM
Thursday Musical Group

Owatonna Arts Center

Home of Creativity and Artistry

The Owatonna Arts Center encourages and celebrates the creative and performing arts that enrich the human spirit.

March/April 2018

A Message from the Vice President

As we start off this month, there is much happening at the Arts Center. For those of you who are artists or wannabe artists, we will now offer "Open Studio" Wednesday evenings between 5 and 9 pm for our members! The doors will be locked at 7 pm – you can get out, but you can't enter after 7. Non-members who wish to use our studios may do so by becoming a member and supporter of the Arts Center.

The Art on the Hills committees have been meeting and planning for another wonderful arts festival in July.

Once the holiday decorations came down and were stored, it was time to start the project of sprucing up our lower level, especially in our three artists' studios. There has been cleaning, dusting, rearranging and organizing of supplies. Shortly we will brighten the areas with the repair of fallen plaster and new paint. We do have some jobs that will require some expert help for which we will pay or take as an in-kind contribution. Some of the work requires a plumber and people with carpentry experience. If you have these skills or know someone who does, please talk with Silvan at your earliest convenience. We want to make

this a more welcoming space for local artists and the teachers and students in our art classes.

We thank Judy Srsen for stepping in as Interim Education Director after Joyce Parker resigned. Judy served many years in the past in this position. She tells us she will be done at the end of March and we will be hiring to replace her. If you know of any likely candidates with a background in organizing, and who have a passion for the arts, please have them contact Sandy in the office for further information.

We welcome and thank our newly appointed, temporary board members Jane Mittelstadt and Sue Tuma who will help us for the remainder of this fiscal year. If they choose, they may run for election at the annual meeting in September. Anyone interested in running for a seat on the board may let us know and we will give your name to the nominating committee.

Thank you for your continued support of this great community asset – the Owatonna Arts Center!

Stephanie Shea
Vice President

NEW! Open Studio Night

WEDNESDAYS, 5:00 – 9PM

Arts Center members, this is your opportunity to be creative and use the studios for your projects (clay, painting, etc.). Open Studio is on Wednesdays from 5 to 9 PM. You must arrive before 7PM, otherwise the doors will be locked. Bring your own materials, except you must purchase the clay through the Arts Center as usual.

66th Annual Steele County Art Exhibition:

Spring *will* come, and that means the Annual Steele County Art Exhibition. This is the 66th Annual. The show is open to all artists eighteen years of age or older who live in Steele County or individuals who are members of the Owatonna Arts Center. The annual exhibition opens on Sunday, May 6 and runs through May 27. Artists can pick up entry forms at the Arts Center.

Upcoming Gallery Exhibitions

Gallery hours are 1-5pm Tuesday through Sunday
The gallery is closed Mondays

STUDENT ARTISTS

K-12 Art Exhibition

MARCH 4-25

Reception March 9, 4:30 - 7:00PM

March is National Youth Art Month. In celebration, the Arts Center will showcase works from the public school K-12 arts program. The arts are an important part of challenging our mind and a great way to exercise that creativity muscle. They give us the chance to explore our humanity as we question, connect and explore. This exhibition gives us the opportunity to see the world through the minds and eyes of our young people. They amaze us. Stop by the exhibit and support our young artists.

DANA HANSON

Healing the Land

April 8-29

Reception April 8, 1:00-4:00PM

Dana Hanson grew up in Faribault. As a child she spent time amusing herself drawing at her grandmother's shop. Dana raised four sons and is a self-taught artist. Some of Dana's illustrations have been commissioned for book covers and children's books. She was invited to be the main artist for the Dakota Honoring held in Mankato 2017. Her passion is to be a visual artist working with those who have suffered trauma and allowing them the privilege of experiencing healing through art. She has received a grant from SEMAC.

Special Event! Clay Workshop

GLYNNIS LESSING, PROFESSIONAL POTTER BASED IN NORTHFIELD

Scraffito (in Italian "to scratch") is a pottery decorating technique produced by applying layers of color or colors (underglazes or colored slips) to leather-hard pottery and then scratching off parts of the layer(s) to create contrasting images, patterns and texture.

Glynnis will discuss applying the slip (ideal times, textures, moisture content, methods of application, thickness etc.), choosing a design and fitting it to the form. She will demonstrate carving and detailing with a brief discussion about glazing and its particular challenges.

Glynnis learned to throw pots when she was 10 and began working for a potter at 16. She earned her BFA at the U of M and moved to Chicago. In 2012 Glynnis and family moved back to Minnesota, to Northfield where she formed the Cannon River Clay Tour with 9 other potters. Glynnis loves being close to the beauty of nature and the outdoors from which she derives

LOOKING AHEAD: RAKU FIRING

Mark your calendar for August 3 for a RAKU firing. You can purchase RAKU clay at the OAC. Pieces must be bisque fired beforehand. Time and details to announced at a later date.

so much inspiration. She regularly sells and displays her work at art fairs, galleries and on studio tours at home and throughout the upper midwest. She will have a short slide show of her work and influences and some of her finished work will be available for viewing or purchase. See examples of Glynnis' work at her website: www.glynnislessing.com

Participants will need a pot that has dried enough to be able to carve into. White clay is preferable, since it creates more contrast as a background for your design. Come with ideas for your design.

Saturday, April 14

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

OAC Clay Studio

Fee: \$25, payable to OAC

Supplies: ½ bags of white clay can be purchased at the OAC for \$12.50

Deadline for registration is April 1

Upcoming Classes at the OAC

Register through Community Ed

GELLI PRINTING UNLEASHED!

There's no right or wrong way to do this hot new art technique! The process is simple and fun! The more you print, the more variety, depth, and interest you create. You will enjoy mono printing on the gelli plates. The gratification is immediate and you will learn the many ways the prints can be used. You will be collaging your unique prints on to a 12" x 12" canvas. Please bring the following with to class: beverages, lunch, a 12" ruler, and scissors. All other supplies are included in the course fee. Please register one week prior to class date.

Dar Brooks is an award winning multi-media artist. She teaches classes and workshops in art, creativity, creative visualization, personal growth and transition, to adults and children. For more information visit www.artbydar.com

05/05/18 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday
\$59 OAC
Instructor: Dar Brooks

08/11/18 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday
\$59 OAC
Instructor: Dar Brooks

INTRO TO GLASS FUSING

In this class you will be shown the basics of and then create a small piece of fused glass! Design ideas will be shared by your instructor. She will supply the safety glasses, cutting tools and glass you'll need. Your project will be fired at the OAC and you will be notified when it is ready to be picked up (at a later date). A supply fee of \$20 will be payable the day of class to the instructor. Please register by May 1st.

Rose-Marie James was one of the participating artists at "Arts on the Hill" last July. She has worked with watercolor, drawing and stained glass and now enjoys fusing glass. She has studied under different artists and mentors in the Twin Cities area. Her website is www.dreamingglassstudio.com

05/19/18 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday
\$19 Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Rose Marie James

INTERMEDIATE GLASS FUSING

If you've taken the intro glass fusing class (last fall or will on 5/19 in morning) you are ready for this one! You will work on a larger glass piece in this workshop. If you have your own cutter or other tools (ruler) from your first class, bring those with you!! We will review the skills covered in the beginning class and new techniques will be demonstrated before you get started on your project. A supply fee of \$20 is payable to your instructor at class. Please pre-register by May 1st.

05/19/18 1:00 - 3:00 PM Sat
\$19 Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Rose Marie James

ACRYLIC POURING ART CLASS

Create fluid organic designs through the use of acrylic paints and pouring medium. Each piece created will be unique and original. No two pours are ever the same! This class includes two complete paintings ready to hang on your wall (frames not included). Wear clothes that can get paint on. All supplies are included in the course fee. See you at class!

05/12/18 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday
\$29 Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Beth De Coux

ART, WINE, DESIGN AT THE OAC (FLORAL)

Let Dar guide you through the easy steps to creating your own unique floral painting on canvas. You will use modeling paste first to get the textures you need and then paint! The technique is unusual and fun! You select your own colors!. No experience necessary. All supplies (paint, canvas, brushes and a glass of wine are included in the course fee). Additional refreshments may be purchased from the OAC. Students must be 21 yrs or older to register. You will leave with a colorful completed piece of art! Please bring an apron. Registration deadline is one week prior.

Dar Brooks has been teaching art classes for quite sometime! She has a passion for inspiring her students with her teaching. She also travels regularly as an instructor at art centers and for art groups around the state. For more information visit www.artbydar.com

05/04/18 6:00 - 9:00 PM Friday
\$39 Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Dar Brooks

Upcoming Classes at the OAC, continued

Register through Community Ed

ART, WINE, DESIGN AT THE OAC (LANDSCAPE)

Dar will guide you through the easy steps to creating your own unique landscape painting on canvas. Each student will select their own color choices. No experience necessary. All supplies (paint, canvas, brushes and a glass of wine are included in the course fee) . Additional refreshments may be purchased from the OAC. Students must be 21 yrs or older to register. You will leave with a colorful completed piece of art! Please bring an apron. Registration deadline is one week prior.

08/10/18 6:00 - 9:00 PM Friday
\$39 Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Dar Brooks

POTTERY ON THE WHEEL FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

How do you work clay on the wheel? Beginners will learn how to use the wheel to create three dimensional forms and vessels. Demonstrations will cover the basics of wedging, centering, pulling, trimming and forming functional vessels. Beginners come and get your hands muddy! If you are accustomed to clay come fine tune your skills, learn a new technique, and challenge yourself with larger more complex forms. Dress for a mess and wear tennis shoes. Come to the first class with ideas, excitement and inspiration. One 25 lbs. bag of clay is included with the class; any additional clay can be purchased from the OAC. Basic glazing will be covered to finish pieces. Note that it is sometimes necessary to combine the youth and adult class and therefore the start time for this class will be moved up. You will be notified if that happens! Call instructor at 507-835-1192 or the OAC 507-451-0533 if you have questions.

04/05/18 6:30 - 9:00 PM Thursday
\$99 Sessions: 7 OAC
Instructor: Joan Mooney

CLAY CREATIONS FOR YOUR YARD AND GARDEN

Spring is here ...or will be soon! As you gaze into your garden spaces, dream and plan for what plants will be sprouting and adding just the right touch of color, how about adding some unique objects that are certain to enhance your spaces. How about a toad house or a bird house to hang in a tree or a bird feeder or wind chimes? Let your own creativity and your own garden be your guide. Students will be using hand-building techniques to create their objects. No previous clay experience necessary. Your garden objects will be created on the first and

second evenings. They are then bisque fired and the following week, you will "paint" and glaze your objects to make them colorful and water-proof. The third class may not take as long as the others. Pieces will then be glaze fired and may be picked up at the Arts Center 10 days after the 3rd class.

04/05/18 6:30 - 8:00 PM Thursday
\$34 Sessions: 3 OAC
Instructor: Judy Srsen

DATE NITE/CREATE NITE!

Make your date night-CREATE Night. This is an evening to create together or work individually-with the goal of having fun. Try your hands at throwing pots on the wheel and/or to create something practical or whimsical using hand-building techniques. NEN = No Experience Necessary. The pieces that you have created (individually or as a team) will be fired once, glazed with the color of your choosing, and fired a second time. Dress casually in clothes that can get messy. You may pick up your pieces at the Arts Center in 3 weeks. CREATIVE treats will be available.

04/13/18 6:30 - 9:00 PM Friday
\$39/couple Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Judy Srsen

GALS' NIGHT OUT AT THE OAC

Calling all gals and friends who would like a night out of fun and creativity. During this evening, you will be shown the variety of ways that clay can be manipulated into useful, decorative and "gifty" creations. You may try throwing pots on the wheel, hand-building, and or utilizing clay slabs to make your unique creation come to life. Delve into your imagination, experiment and have fun. No experience necessary! All supplies included. The pieces that you have created will be bisque fired, glazed with the color of your choosing and fired a second time. Your pieces are then microwave, oven and dishwasher safe. You may pick up your treasures at the Arts Center 3 weeks after class. Dress casually in clothes that can get messy. All supplies are included in the course fee, including creative treats.

05/11/18 6:30 - 9:00 PM Friday
\$22 Sessions: 1 OAC
Instructor: Judy Srsen

March Events at the Arts Center

HEALING ARTS SPRING/SUMMER COLLECTION *March 13, 4:30 – 6:00PM*

Join us at the Hospital for refreshments and meet the artists that are showing in the Spring/Summer Collection. This is an opportunity to get to know them as individuals, hear their stories first hand, ask questions and maybe discover something new. In the kiosk, pick up a pamphlet that has information about each artist.

William Gillis, photography

Michelle Kaisersaat, clay

Gail Thompson, mixed media

Annie Young, painting

GROWING UP “HAPA,” OR HALF CHINESE *March 13, 7:00PM*

In celebration of Women’s History Month Sheila Morris, Co-Executive Director of the Waseca County Historical Society and Museum, will discuss growing up “half and half” with a Chinese father and an American mother and the impact the Chinese Exclusion Laws had on her family. Her family’s story was dramatized in Jessica Huang’s “The Paper Dreams of Harry Chin” when the play premiered in March - April 2017 at the History Theater. This is being sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Steele County Home Economics Association and the Arts Center. A five-dollar fee will be charged at the door, with the net proceeds benefiting the Arts Center.

April Events at the Arts Center

OMS JAZZ BAND AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA *April 8, 2:00PM*

Don’t miss the excitement and energy of the middle school orchestra and jazz band! The orchestra is under the direction of Jenn Bellefeuille and the Jazz Band is under the direction of Joseph Zastrow

THURSDAY MUSICAL GROUP *April 29, 2:00PM*

The Thursday Musical Group, a hundred year-old organization, showcases professional Minnesota musicians. Two of their very accomplished artist will perform at the OAC: Lindsay Schlemmer, cellist, and Salam Murtada, pianist. Schlemmer is the principal cellist of the Southeastern Minnesota Orchestra and the University of Minnesota Symphony. She has a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor’s degree from Illinois Wesleyan University.

Salam Murtada, pianist, is a civil and environmental engineer currently working for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He is a native of Amman, Jordan. He was a semi-finalist in the fourth Van Cliburn International Competition for Outstanding Amateurs in 2004, a semi-finalist in the Washington International Piano Competition in 2006, a prize winner in the Greensboro Music Academy National Piano Competition in 2000. His original compositions have been premiered in the US, Australia and Jordan.



CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY

“Winter Dreams of Spring”

Quilt by noted artist Jan Myers Newberry.

A Few Thanks-Yous

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

Barbara and Steve Judd
Maggie and Pete Dixon
Norma Louis
Gregg and Anne Draeger
Sabra and Bill Offeson
Les Abraham
Barbara Hartle
Express Employment
Beth DeCoux
Barb and Rusty Paulson
Tom Willis and Judy Saye-Willis
Dr. Otto M. Nelson
Kurt E. Miller
Robert Hilker
Bob and Ruth Bullock
aul and Erin Enter
Steve and Rikke Olsen
Kent and Betsy Rossi (Rossi Law Office)
Nancy and Roger Benjamin
William and Patricia Hoversten
Otilia Johnson
Joann Moothart
Fred and Eileen Knudsen
Douglas L. Meyer
Nancy Deetz
Douglas and CJ Brase
Abe and Leah Lysne
Tom and Linda Karnauskas
Rian Dicke-Michels
Melissa Bell
JoAnn Hiebert
Tristine Gunderson
Lori and Grant Heslep
Pat and Sandra Greenwood
Shirley Erickson
Samona Grubish
Jeanette PirkI
Tom and Mary Olson
Al and Maren DeLaitsch
Kim and Darren Schaufenbuel
Jim and Joan Herzog
Carole Nilsson

A SPECIAL THANKS

After the rush to put Christmas Decorations safely away for the year, and at just the right time to take advantage of markdowns on all decorations, The Retired Teachers Birthday Club and an Anonymous individual purchased a new twelve-foot tree for the Performing Arts Hall retiring the one we have had for 17 years.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Carmen Bey
Given by Kurt Sladky, Carole Nilsson, Judy Pappenfies

In memory of Jairus (Jerry) Meilahn
Given by Larry and Joan Pierce, Bev and Arlan Burmeister

In memory of Betty Thon
Given by Silvan Durben

In memory of Eileen Schmitt
Given by Silvan Durben, Mary Kay Feltes, Judy Srsen, Roger and Otilia Johnson, Jeanette and Karen Lennon

In memory of Jack Hockenberry
Given by Silvan Durben

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OPEN POSITION: OAC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Half time position with flexible hours.
Contact: admin@oacarts.org for copy of job description and to submit resume.

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All members are always
encouraged to attend*

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**LINDSAY SCHLEMMER,
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OF THE THURSDAY MUSICAL
GROUP ON APRIL 29.**