



# 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.

November/December 2018

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**Business Hours**  
10-5 Tues-Fri

**Gallery Hours**  
1-5 Tues-Sun

507-451-0533  
[www.oacarts.org](http://www.oacarts.org)

**Calendar at a Glance:**  
Be sure to check the website for an updated list of classes and events.  
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Nov. 1-3  
**Pastimes**  
Th. 5PM-7PM  
Fri. 9AM-7PM  
Sat. 9AM-3PM

Nov. 4-25  
Anna Leigh Biedenbender  
Painting Exhibition  
Reception Nov. 9, 7PM

Nov. 17  
**Ornament Make-and-Take**  
9AM-Noon; 1PM-4PM

Dec. 2  
**OHS Carolers, 4PM**  
**MBO Fundraiser, 7PM**

Dec. 8  
**Cocoa with Santa, 10AM-Noon**  
A Toast to Winter, 6:30PM

Dec. 15  
**A Traditional Musical Christmas, 2PM and 7PM**

## A Message from the President

Dear Members of the Owatonna Art Center,

Our summer seems to have turned into near winter with October snow. Hopefully, we will see a long Indian summer now that the frost has been in residence (too soon for my liking) and we now move into our autumn and winter schedule

I am humbled and honored to take on the role of President of the OAC Board of Directors for the coming year. We have assembled a group of dedicated board members to be your stewards and representatives until September of 2019.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Arlan for his leadership as our president these past years. We are not backing down from the work that needs to be done to keep our OAC solvent and vibrant. We invite you to come to us with any concerns or suggestions for the betterment of our center.

We always need volunteers to keep our events running smoothly and the board needs many hands and minds to help plan and deliver our events, classes, and exhibits. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful building and grass roots support from the community for the arts. We are blessed to have had those visionary folks in this area who years ago decided that art, music, and theater

were important pillars of a well-rounded and educated populace. We will endeavor to live up to that trust.

Please sign up to help with a committee, become a "Friend" of the OAC, take classes, come to the gallery exhibits and promote membership to your family and friends. Supporting the Arts gives us the chance to enrich our lives working with other people who believe in our shared goals.

We are looking forward to the holiday season. We hope you'll support our upcoming events: Pastimes, November 1, 2 and 3; Cash Wise sponsored Wine Tasting, November 8; Ornament Make and Take Class (a morning session or an afternoon session), November 17; OHS Carolers, December 2; Cocoa with Santa, December 8; Toast of Winter dinner, December 8 also; and A Traditional Musical Christmas, December 15. Check our calendar for details regarding classes and special events over these next two months. We want to welcome you here at YOUR Art Center.

Happy Holidays,  
C J Brase  
President

## 2018-2019 OAC Board of Directors

The Arts Center welcomes the following new and returning board members:

CJ Brase, *President*  
Patti Braasch-Turri, *Vice President*  
Marlene Camilli, *Treasurer*  
Kristin Warehime, *Secretary*  
Tom Lange  
Sue Tuma  
Andi Gaffke  
Beth Decoux  
Arlan Burmeister  
Les Abraham

Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the OAC. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Contact information for each board member is listed on the back cover of each newsletter. You are encouraged to share a concern or compliment!

# Upcoming Gallery Exhibitions

Gallery hours are 1-5pm Tuesday–Sunday  
The Gallery is closed Mondays.

## ANNA LEIGH BIEDENBENDER Paintings

NOVEMBER 4–25

Reception: November 9, 7:00PM



Anna Leigh Biedenbender is a visual artist and classically trained soprano based in the Twin Cities. She holds an MFA in visual art with an emphasis in painting and drawing from the Minneapolis College of Art & Design (MCAD '16) and was one of 12 MN artists invited to the studio artist residency program at the 2017 Minnesota State Fair. She also sings with the Twin Cities' Magnum Chorum.

She says, "I am interested in the human condition. Specifically, I question one's ability to be vulnerable and empathetic with others. In my work I dissolve figure/ground relationships into compositions of gestural line and mark. I work from multiple sources, referencing photographs, direct observation, and other renderings. I combine and translate this information through painting and drawing. This process is part depiction, improvisation, and alteration, so the work hovers between clarity and obscurity. Through this process, I am able to reflect on the intersections of personal identity, sanctuary, and relationships."

## FALL/WINTER HEALING ARTS EXHIBITION

Artists' reception: Tuesday, November 13, 4:30 to 6 PM at the Owatonna Hospital

You are invited to view the exhibition and meet the artists:

Gary Harbo, Children's book illustrator  
Andrew Judkins, Paintings  
Alan Shefland, Paintings  
Matt Swenson, Mixed media sculpture  
Lori Tapani, Paintings

## SHARE YOUR MEMORIES!

The theme of our Toast to Winter celebration to be held on December 8th is the "Twelve Days of Christmas." We are asking members to submit a special Christmas story from their lives to be read as part of our program. We will select 12 readings and 12 Christmas songs as part of our entertainment for the evening.

Please send your story to the OAC office via email or letter by November 20. Be sure to include your name! Also please state if you would prefer a male or female voice to give life to your story. (Story examples: The story of an overseas Christmas deployment, a Christmas learning moment, a meaningful family gift or an event from your Christmas traditions.)

We are excited to share our members' memories during the evening along with other traditional Christmas readings. Our committee will determine the winners and do the editing for the program. You will be informed if we use your story.

If you have any questions please email C J Brase at: [cjstar22@icloud.com](mailto:cjstar22@icloud.com)

## 4th Annual 'DECK the HALLS' Ornament Make & Take



Saturday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Morning session: 9 - Noon

Afternoon session: 1 – 4

Come with a friend or family member and make one or all  
of these fun Christmas ornaments!



\*All supplies & instruction provided for \$6 an ornament or make all seven for \$35! Enjoy cookies, candy and apple cider while you make your ornaments. OAC Member price: \$30 for all seven or \$5 each and receive a special design ornament as a gift if you attend the event. Pre-registration recommended but not required, call 451-0533. This event is being held at the Owatonna Art Center 435 Garden View Lane.

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# November Events at the Arts Center

## PASTIMES ART AND FINE CRAFT SALE

**Thursday, November 1: 5-7PM**

**Friday, November 2: 9AM to 7PM**

**Saturday, November 3: 9AM to 3PM.**

Come shop our selection of creative works by 15 local artisans and enjoy homemade soup and bread by Mary Butler Fraser. This year art includes painting, pottery, baskets, jewelry, woodcarvings, painted furniture, Swarovski crystals, and more! Shop Thursday for the best selection.

## WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

**Thursday November 8: 6:30-9PM**

This annual event is organized by Cashwise to benefit the Arts Center. There will be 100 different wines from 12 wine vendors for you to sample before you make your holiday party selections. The banquet table will be set with appetizers for you to enjoy from the Cash Wise Deli. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets available at Kottke's and the Owatonna Arts Center.

## MAKE AND TAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

**Saturday, November 17: 9AM-Noon and 1PM-4PM**

Start a family tradition!

Create an ornament with a young person in your life. The cost is \$35.00 for one 4-hour session or \$6.00 for one ornament. You can make 7 different ornaments (and have a gift bag to pack them in). Enjoy cookies, candy and hot apple cider while you make your ornament.



Learn how to make these two and five other ornaments at the Make-and-Take!

No pre-registration necessary. If you are unable to attend, ornament kits can be purchased at the OAC and taken home to complete. There will be a special ornament (and a discount!) for members who attend!

# December Events at the Arts Center

## OHS CAROLERS

**December 2: 4PM**

The voices of the OHS Carolers sing in the holiday season at the Arts Center at 4 PM Sunday, December 2. Enjoy carols and a Christmas cookie.

## MUSIC BOOSTERS

**December 2: 7PM**

A fund raiser for the Owatonna Arts Center with: Evan Christopher - New Orleans Jazz Clarinetist  
Rich MacDonald - Drums  
Karlyn Quinn - Bass  
Larry Price - Piano

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available at the OAC and Kottke's.

## COCOA WITH SANTA

**December 8: 10AM-Noon**

The young (and young at heart!) who want to share their Christmas wishes with that jolly old elf, Santa, can do so at the OAC. Mrs. Claus will be playing Christmas carols on the piano and reading a Christmas Story. Enjoy a cup of cocoa and cookies. This is a great opportunity for a selfie with Santa. This event is free.

## A TOAST TO WINTER

**December 8: 6:30PM Social Hour; 7:00 PM Dinner**

An elegant evening in the grand room decorated for the holidays. Relax and be treated to memories of special Christmas moments. The entertainment theme is the 12 Days of Christmas. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Must be purchased by December 1. Tickets available at the Arts Center.

*Hurry! There is limited seating!*

## A TRADITIONAL MUSICAL CHRISTMAS

**December 15, 2PM and 7PM**

All the classic carols of the season sung by the most beautiful voices will awaken the Christmas spirit in you, making for a memorable experience. In the spirit of the holidays, a sweet treat will send you on your way with warm wishes for all. Mary Butler Fraser and Bri Bergstrom have gathered the talent within our community to wish all a very Merry Christmas. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, FREE for children 6 and under. \$24 max for families.

*“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”*

*Vincent van Gogh*

# A Few Thanks-Yous

## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

Johannah Dormer  
Tom Lange  
Stacy Billings  
Dave Lubahn  
Portia Johnson  
Tom & Anna Marie Brick  
Ruth Boser  
Trudy Remund  
Bob Blankers  
Barb Klinger  
Jane Middlestadt  
Pat Postlewaite  
Nancy Pence  
Laura Romnes  
Mary Larson  
Wayne & Marlene Camilli  
Joyce Parker  
Alice Reseland

Thank you to the out-going board members **Nancy Deets, Stephanie Shea and Sue Vedder!** Your service has helped to make the OAC a better place.

Many thanks to **Mary Butler Fraser** (again!) for making delicious soup for the annual meeting.

Thanks also to the home owners who opened their homes for the Mid-Century Architectural House tour. Four homes featuring classic mid-century design and details were opened for guests to see. Owners shared information about the house, educating the visitors. A big thanks to **Nancy Vaillancourt** who did all the research on the architects, the homes and the individuals who commissioned the homes.

Thank you to all who helped prepare the Friends of the OAC Luncheon: **Patti Braasch-Turri** and **Katherine Kylo**, Co-chairs; the Burkes for their music; **Joni Pierce** and **Bev Burmeister** for the lovely table decor; **Gar Olson**, caterer; and the dedicated wait staff organized by **Arlan Burmeister**. Michael Burke on piano and Heather Burke, vocals, provided the program for the annual fall luncheon.

## MEMORIALS

**In Memory of: Don Olson**  
Given by: Gene and Rita Michaelson

**In Memory of: Gwen Fichten**  
Given by: Dan Fichten, Nancy Rucks, Virginia Thompson, Silvan Durben

**In Memory of: Jerry Waldrop**  
Given by: Silvan Durben, Judy Srseen

**In Memory of: Jim Schmidt**  
Given by: Silvan Durben, Mary Butler Fraser

**In Memory of: Gail Arnfelt**  
Given by: Silvan Durben

**Owatonna Arts Foundation in honor of Jerry Monson:** Silvan Durben, Larry and Joni Pierce, Sally Alexander

## Donations

Portia Johnson  
Emma Otto  
Otilia Johnson  
Catherine Fischer

*For the Scholarship Fund:*  
Gaylene Steckelberg  
Otilia Johnson  
Judy Srseen



### WANTED: Microwave

Our ancient microwave has decided to retire. If you have a microwave in good working condition you would like to donate, we would love to have it!

Thank You!      Thank You!      Thank You!  
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*The OAC Board  
meets the Third Tuesday  
of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
All members are always  
encouraged to attend*

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# *Wine & Cheese Tasting Benefit*

**November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**6:30PM to 9PM**

**Owatonna Arts Center**



- Great food and assorted cheeses!
- 12 different wine vendors showcasing over 100 different wines!
- Tickets available at Cash Wise Foods, Cash Wise Liquor, the Owatonna Art's Center and Kottke Jewelers.

**All proceeds go to the Owatonna Arts Center**