

Art Society of Strathcona County



SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you enjoyed some time away and are rejuvenated too!! My little golf ball took a beating from me as I tried to relax ☺

Elaine has set up a great selection of workshops that will get us all back into the grove this fall. Check them out on the website...and let's fill up those Paint Along DVD days and Life Drawing evenings!

I want to acknowledge the following members who had artwork purchased by the County for its permanent collection this year: Margaret K., Anne McC, Vince Roper, and Suzan Berwald. Congratulations to you all.

The County has installed a new defibrillator in the Centre and the ASSC has sold its own to the Pioneer Court home for \$600. It will serve a good purpose there.

The County is also reviewing wish lists from all County halls and good news should be forthcoming after Council meets this fall. The AFA has granted the Society a \$10,790.54 operating grant for 2016, which will ensure that we have a strong financial balance at year end.

Compliments to all who organized and participated in the successful Art Gallery Tour this summer. Plans are underway for 2017.

The Alberta Wide Exhibit of the ACACA, which was in the Centre this summer, has concluded and the Board will be meeting to decide on plans for 2017 and 2018. Rent revenue from this show assists the Ottewell Centre and many artists from around the province are introduced to our Society, the building and our artists!

If you have not registered online for the Member Appreciation Dinner on September 24, please do so as I have to give numbers to the caterers. The Society wishes to thank you for your membership and you will have an opportunity to listen to Maurade Baynton, a Sherwood Park artist, and to socialize with your fellow members.

Looking forward to our Fall Show – registration deadline is September 15 and inventory deadline is September 30.

You may have heard that one of our workshop instructors, Graham Flatt, was selected in the Top 30 out of 200 in the Taiwan Competition. Graham has this to say about his artwork:

“Oddly enough, this painting has ‘missed’ in several recent competitions, shows, and other attempts to get it noticed. Just goes to show you how one never knows what makes the cut and what does not. The important ‘take away’ here is to keep painting, keep trying and never let go of that dream.”

So I guess I will go back to my easel and try again ☺. How about you?

Regards, Sonja Marinoske

THANK YOU TO:

1. members who are providing excellent emails of instructions with respect to the Dow Centennial Show (Wally L.), the MIS show (Val Burke), and the Loft Gallery (Kay, Joyce). Very helpful.
 2. Grace Lange for sewing the black plinths drapery!
 3. to all our volunteers in the Loft Gallery during the ACACA show!
- You are appreciated!

INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS!

you are invited for dinner!

The Art Society of Strathcona County appreciates your membership and your time volunteering. Please come for a catered dinner on:

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 6:30 pm, at the Ottewell Centre.

Guest speaker will be Maurade Baynton, Sherwood Park Artist... plus an opportunity to introduce yourself and socialize with other artists in the Society.

Simply register online... www.artstrathcona.com - under the Members' Section before **September 13** so we can give numbers to the caterer!

GENTLE REMINDERS!

Please "like" us (the ASSC) on Facebook!

Any members with artwork on the website are requested to update artwork regularly.

Don't forget to mark your volunteer hours! The binder is kept in the first drawer to the left of the kitchen sink.

Please sign in at the Greeting Table when you attend the General Meetings.

If you have anything for the newsletter, please send it to Julie Taylor, Newsletter Editor, at jamtart53@gmail.com

MEMBERS' CORNER

Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday, September 6 @ 7:00 pm @ Ottewell Centre**

Next General Meeting: **Tuesday, September 13 @ 7:00 pm @ Ottewell Centre.** New Members meet at 6:30 for an information session. Speaker will be Chris W. Carson, executive director of Visual Arts Alberta, CARFAC ... on "HOW TO GET GATEKEEPERS TO OPEN THE DOOR." ...how to become more professional in your art practice, first impressions, doing the required research, following rules, joining groups to learn, asking lots of questions, learning to do it yourself.

September 15: Deadline for registration in the Fall Show

September 21: Paint an item for "Peace Day" at the Ottewell Centre.

September 24: Member Appreciation Dinner. Register via the website so we know the numbers for the caterers. Speaker will be Maurade Baynton, Sherwood Park artist. Check her out thru Google.

September 30: Deadline for submission of inventory for the Fall Show.

THE LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP ~ OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY ~ 12 TO 4 PM

LOFT GALLERY - Cut off is October 1st for the November and December Rotation - We encourage smaller pieces for this rotation as we have a lot of people looking for smaller pieces for gifts but we will not limit it to just smaller works as there are still people coming in who want other sizes. We are just letting you know what to expect. A table will be set up in the centre of the Loft once again for more crafty items for the November 20 weekend after the Christmas Market. If you are in the Market and would like to bring up items for this table a separate sheet will have to be done. You will then have to remove these items after the December Rotation is complete.

GIFT GALLERY - a gentle reminder that we would like a write up on items that you are showing so that our volunteers are equipped with the tools they need to make those all important sales. If you did not get the email request please let Joyce know and she will resend it.

****Please contact Joyce Boyer at joyceboyer@shaw.ca to sign up for entry into rotations or to volunteer for Gallery shifts.**

COMING UP...

“PLAINLY FRIENDS” - Margaret Klappstein, Lynn Sinfield, Lynda McAmmond, Anne McCormick and Nancy Christensen will be showing at the Alberta Lottery Funds Gallery at the Dow Centre in Fort Saskatchewan. The Opening Reception is on **September 7** from 7 to 9 pm.

CROSS CANCER SHOW

Wow, this show is off and running once again. We only have a small venue there but the response is quite remarkable. I thank those who continue to show there and I am excited that the Cross Cancer Institute is so excited about seeing our items year after year.

Art Society of Strathcona County Presents

2016 FALL ART SHOW AND SALE – October 14, 15, 16

Artist Registration deadline: September 15, 2016

Inventory submission deadline: September 30, 2016

Register online.

CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE

Once again we are off and running getting the Christmas Market Place off the ground. We are going to be having this famous event **November 12 and 13**. Registration will be available for the meeting in September. We only have 15 tables and we will only allow one table and one panel each to start with and then we will release any unsold tables after the October Meeting. You **MUST REGISTER** prior to the October meeting by contacting JOYCE BOYER via email. joyceboyer@shaw.ca This will hold you a table and a panel.

As in prior years, this is a homemade show and bake sale. Should you want to participate with just food items please let Joyce know. This is just to feel the opportunity out if there are some that would just want to do baking. As soon as I receive your request to participate I will send you the information package. The price remains at \$20.00 per table and panel. Thanks so much and more information will be at the September meeting.

THE LIBRARY CORNER

Welcome back to a new borrowing season after the wet summer. We hope you found time to expand your creativity by reading the books and watching the DVDs you took out from the ASSC library – and practiced what you learned. That's the part I always seem to not do enough of!

Don't forget to return the books and DVDs at the September meeting. We have exciting new resources for you to explore.

The Strathcona Library held its annual book sale in mid-August and at just \$1 for hardback books, we were able to indulge in buying unusual art books that we would not normally be able to welcome into our shelves.



These are some of our new titles:

Start with a Scan ~ Janet Ashford and John Odam

If you're interested in moving into the digital art realm, this book shows you how to take a scan of almost anything and turn it into a highly original piece of art. This is a good introduction and overview to using photo-editing programs in novel ways.

Colored Pencil Portraits ~ Ann Kullberg

For those of you experimenting with coloured pencils, this book demonstrates how to create portraits using a step-by-step approach. There's useful basic information and many examples, and then complete two portrait demos to follow along with.

Capture the Charm of Your Hometown in Color ~ Frank Loudin

Even if you don't think that the architecture of Sherwood Park has much charm, this book is worth a look if you're at all interested in old barns or general stores or closed-up gas stations found in our rural areas. Loudin shows how to paint with a sensitivity to the history of past times.

New Artist's Handbook ~ Ray Smith

This is a fairly large reference book to the "equipment, materials, procedures and techniques" of the visual arts. It's from 2003 so doesn't include anything added to the painting field since then (such as Golden's QoR watercolours). But it's a really solid guide to drawing, painting, printmaking, digital media and photography and conservation and framing. Browse this book for tips and techniques and to learn something new about your genre.

And I didn't forget those who paint with acrylics when I visited the book sale - there just weren't any discarded books for that medium. The Strathcona Library's keeping them all and you can borrow them on your county library card for 3 weeks at a time from there!

Kind regards,
Your Library Committee

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Painting at the Ukrainian Village

“Your President Hard at Work!”



“We’ve Been Working on (by) the Railroad...”

ART GALLERY TOUR

Hidden Treasures Open Studio Tour 2016 - Report & Photos

This was a new event for the ASSC and hopefully we can garner enough interest to host this every year. There were 7 private studios who opened up their home studio spaces along with 7 artists in the Ottewell Centre, 3 artists in the Clay Hut and Gallery 501 and 4Cats Studio participating. Studios were open from 10-5, Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. We had beautiful weather for the weekend which helped as some studios were partially outdoors or had their entrance from the back of the house.

Ottewell Centre attendance was about 60 on Saturday and 50 on Sunday. Studios had attendance which varied between 40 and 60 over the weekend.

We distributed brochures and posters around County businesses. We advertised in the Sherwood Park News, various free art publications, and set up an event Facebook Page. We also promoted the event on the Society's Facebook pages. Each studio also had promotional materials for the other ASSC upcoming events. Many artists reported sales during the weekend.

Next year's dates are booked for June 24 and 25. We will announce when on-line registration for next year will open – we will only have 10 spaces in the Ottewell Barn so it will be on a first registered basis.

...Norma Callicott



THE 2016 ACACA ALBERTA WIDE SHOW REPORT AND PICS...



The Ottewell Centre was the site for the Alberta Wide Show of the Art Community Art Clubs Association from July 16 to August 14, and introduced many artists and the public to the ASSC and the Centre itself. Three art pieces sold, and numerous pieces were juried into the Alberta Spirit Show scheduled for Red Deer Museum August 27 to October 23, 2016.

Special recognition goes to our members:

Bonnie Halliday for the Jean Stephenson Award for her piece
"On the Edge"

Kay McCormack for the Sculpture Award for her piece
"Hoppy"

The show presented the opportunity to the ASSC to have the Loft Gallery and Gift Shop open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and many sales were made from that venue as well. The dates open were covered by volunteers from the ACACA and the ASSC and, without them, the show would not go on!

A "special event grant" was awarded by Strathcona County to the ASSC which gave the opportunity to advertise in Galleries West, at the Night of Artists, at the Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair, the Sherwood Park News plus email blasts and signage.

The Centre looked lovely – the art was top notch! All in all a positive activity both for the Ottewell Centre, the ASSC and the ACACA.

FALL WORKSHOPS 2016



EVERYONE READY TO GET BACK PAINTING?

"Sometimes I long so much to do landscape, just as one would go for a long walk to refresh oneself, and in all of nature, in trees for instance, I see expression and a soul.'... Vincent van Gogh, [The Hague, December 10, 1882, to Theo van Gogh](#)

For those that missed this in June...Don't forget to bring your photos that you took this summer of fields, old barns, skies, trees, etc. to Gregg Johnson's "Prairie Landscapes" in October.

Keep in mind this offer - There may be a workshop that you would like to take, but the cost might be a deterrent... so here is an opportunity for you. If you volunteer to work a workshop you receive a workshop free. Email etweedy@shaw.ca. Help is needed for Joyce's Pastel Sept 10 and Plein Air Pen/Ink/Watercolour - 3 Mondays. (only need to open/close as this is a workshop that will be held outdoors, weather permitting).

***To Note: Joyce Boyer's Pastel Plein Air workshop will be held indoors due to the unpredictable weather.**

SEPTEMBER

- PAINT ALONG DVD "Painting a Personal Reality in Watercolour" – Ratindra Das. Tuesday **Sept 6.** 10am-2pm Cost \$5
- PASTELS - Joyce Boyer Saturday **Sept 10.** 10-4 Cost \$50
- LIGHTROOM EDITING - Roy McLaughlin and Al Dixon Sunday **Sept 11.** 10-4 Cost \$50
- 6 WEEK SESSION in WATERCOLOUR - Willie Wong **Sept 12,19,26 Oct 3,17,24** 9:30-12:30 **FULL**
- LIFE DRAWING FROM A MODEL – Monday **Sept 12.** 6:30-8:30 Cost \$15
- PLEIN AIR PEN/INK/WATERCOLOUR - Ann McCartney 3 Mondays **Sept 19, 26 Oct 3.** 1-4pm Cost \$50
- PAINT ALONG DVD "Negative Painting Techniques – Light in Acrylics" Linda Kemp **Sept 20.** Cost \$5
- GOLDEN ACRYLIC SAMPLER - Samantha Williams Chapelsky **Sept 25.** Cost \$50 (includes supplies)
- **DRAWING COURSE FOR PAINTERS** - Frances Alty-Arscott 3 Tuesdays **Sept 27, Oct 4,11.** 12-3:30pm Cost \$65

OCTOBER

- LIFE DRAWING FROM A MODEL – Monday **Oct 17.** 6:30-8:30 Cost \$15
- PAINT ALONG DVD "Landscape in Pastel Reflections in Monet's Garden" with Christy Tarbet. Tuesday **Oct 18.** 10am-2pm Cost \$5
- "PRAIRIE LANDSCAPES" IN WATERCOLOURS - Gregg Johnson **Oct 29/30.** 9-4 pm Cost \$100



NOVEMBER

- PAINT ALONG DVD “CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF LANDSCAPES IN OILS- Katherine Hurley. Tuesday **Nov 1.** 10am-2pm Cost \$5
- ZENTANGLE II & More – Sheila Kline and Lily Dutchak Sat. **Nov 5.** 10-3pm Cost \$30
- LIFE DRAWING FROM A MODEL – Monday **Nov 7.** 6:30-8:30 Cost \$15
- PAINT ALONG DVD “Charles Reid’s Watercolour Secrets” Tuesday **Nov 15.** 10am-2pm Cost \$5

Elaine Tweedy Workshop co-ordinator Sept. 2016

SEND YOUR EMAILS TO *THE MAIL BAG*

at: minirose@telusplanet.net

... to remain anonymous just say so OR please use the Suggestion Box, located by the light switches, at the Centre.

Please keep your emails coming!



Painting Plein Air at the Ukrainian Village was a new experience for some of us! About 11 artists enjoyed the sun and surroundings on June 10 at the Village and put paint on some grounds.

This number dwindled to 8 on August 9 when the artists had about 1 hour to set up before the rain poured down ☹️ Thus, the ASSC will be represented by only 2-3 members and maybe 15 paintings at their Harvest Fair on September 11. It was a fun experience and it would have been nice to have more members participate. Another Club in the area did this before and produced some 50 paintings or more! Too bad – so sad! But many thanks to those who did make the effort to come out and enjoy Plein air. If you are able, come out anyway to the Harvest Festival as the Village has a full slate of activities on that day...

Sonja Marinoske