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.

January/February 2016

Business Hours
10-5 Tues-Fri

Gallery Hours
1-5 Tues-Sun

507-451-0533
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Calendar at a Glance:

January 3: Holly Sue Foss Gallery Opening

January 10: Christopher Atzinger Piano Concert

February 7: Ken Zylla Gallery Opening and Reception

Be sure to check the website for an updated listing of classes and events.
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Message from the President

As you open this newsletter, we are opening another new year. We hope you had a blessed Christmas season and wish for you a happy and successful 2016. The Owatonna Arts Center closed out 2015 with a number of Christmas activities and with good feelings about the operation for the year. Two major decisions were made during the last two months. We appointed Otilia Johnson as the Administrative Assistant and Tara Volkmann as the Education Coordinator. The Education Coordinator position is partially funded by a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund. We are excited and pleased to have Otilia and Tara with us.

The building addition is moving along nicely. As of this writing, it is almost all enclosed. Once enclosed, progress will be moving forward without Mother Nature interrupting. We still anticipate completion sometime in April. Plans are being discussed to determine how best to showcase this addition to the contributors and the public at large.

Please check other areas in this newsletter for upcoming events. The winter season is a great time to take in some of the activities provided for you. Check the dates for any of these events and mark them down. We hope to see you at some of them.

Thanks to all of our members for their support. This is a great time to encourage your friends and neighbors to consider membership in OAC. We are getting good feedback on our activities and that is thanks to you.

Arlan Burmeister

President

Due to construction, please enter the building through the City Administration Office door.

From the Education Coordinator . . .

Owatonna Arts Center will be collaborating with Community Education with many of our educational course offerings. A variety of classes will still be offered at the Arts Center location.
We are excited to incorporate some new class offerings in 2016. We will be looking at a Bob Ross oil painting class, jewelry making, watercolor, raku and others.
Please check in with us regularly on our website www.oacarts.org and our facebook page for these fun opportunities.

A newer program to the Owatonna Arts Center is COLORWHEELS. This is an artistic adventure on the go. Do you have an employee team building day planned? Church retreat, birthday party? We can help you with your day. COLORWHEELS is for adults and children. You have heard of paint and pub parties, right? Well, if you provide the pub, we will provide the paint. Bringing it to your location.
We will work with you to provide the artistic opportunities you want.
Recently, we had the opportunity to work at the Bosch Christmas Party for their employees' kids. The kids had opportunities to create various items that they took home with them as well as listen to Mrs. Claus read a few stories, watch Christmas movies and visit with Santa.
If you would like to learn more about our COLORWHEELS program or any educational opportunities give us a call.

If you are interested in teaching a course, we would love to hear from you.

Tara Volkmann, Education Coordinator

For more information on all OAC classes visit www.oacarts.org

Meet Tara Volkmann, the New Education Coordinator!

Tara Volkmann, an almost-lifelong resident of Steele County, recently joined the Arts Center staff as the new Education Coordinator. Tara has an Associate Degree of Liberal Arts from Riverland Community College and has nearly completed her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Cardinal Stritch University.

Previously, Tara was the Interim Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Steele-Waseca Area. Tara also has volunteered at Transitional Housing of Steele County and works part-time at the Exchange Club Center for Family Unity as a Visitation Supervisor.

Tara has taught classes at the Arts Center using recycled pallets. She is excited to be a part of the Owatonna Arts Center and hopes to bring new educational offerings to the Arts Center for everyone's enjoyment.

Tara lives in Medford with her daughter Anna.

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Upcoming Gallery Exhibitions

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

Holly Sue Foss, Silk Screen and Art Ciccotti, Glass

January 3-31, 2016

If you are in need of some color in the cold, white world of January, this gallery exhibition will fill your senses. Glass blower Art Ciccotti has jewel colored pieces on display. Holly Sue Foss's silkscreens are brightly colored. Holly Sue said, "My art is about enjoying life. I believe that art actually helps to shape our reality. This is why I focus on uplifting images to touch the young heart in all of us. My work is inspired by nature, animals and places I travel to." When talking about his art, Art Ciccotti stated, "I blow glass because of the rush of seeing an object take shape from a white hot mass to a finished piece. After weeks of planning, sometimes months, the design comes together in a piece within a short period of time. It is intense. My objective is to produce a piece of work that is not only unique but that brings a sense of visual and tactile pleasure."

Ken Zylla, Americana Paintings

February 7-28, 2016

You may be familiar with Ken Zylla's work if you have received a promotional calendar with images of the 1950's, with classic automobiles, with people doing all those leisure activities like a stop at the Root Beer Stand. Eighty-one year old Ken Zylla is a self taught artist who paints nearly every day. Since 2001 he has been under contract with Brown and Bigelow for their *America Remembered* Calendar Series. When talking about his work, Ken stated, "My hope is for my work to be considered a historical documentation of the way things were, focusing on life in the mid 20th century before computers and electronics."

You are invited to meet the artist on Sunday, February 7th from 1-4PM.

The exhibition will run through February 28, 2016.

"Every artist was first an amateur."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Christopher Atzinger, Piano

January 10, 2016
2pm

St. Olaf Professor Christopher Atzinger will give a piano concert on Sunday, Jan 10, at 2PM in the Performing Arts Hall. The program will feature Sonata in B-flat by Mozart, selections from Opus 116 by Brahms, and Piano Sonata No. 1 by Carl Vine. Atzinger has performed throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. He has received numerous awards and grants and fellowships from the McKnight Foundation, The American Composer Forum, and the Minnesota State Arts Board. He has degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Michigan. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University. He is a professor at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Prior to that he taught at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

Thank You!

November was a busy time at the center with Pastimes, the Wine Tasting and the Curtis & Loretta CD release. Thank you to **Sue Peoples** and **Deb Mather** for being the cashiers at Pastimes, **Mary Butler-Fraser** for making homemade soups and the **Friends** for staffing the Pastimes Cafe. Thank you to **the artists** who showed and sold their artwork and worked during the sale. Thank you to **the Education Committee** for organizing and working the "Deck the Halls" Ornament Make and Take.

Thank you **Cash Wise Liquor (David Isaacson)** and the **Deli** and **Floral Departments**. The income from this event was $1,680.00.

The Arts Center and the Orphanage Museum worked together to present the CD Release by Curtis & Loretta. They featured two State Schoolers, Harvey Ronglien and Peter Razor.

December is always a very busy time for **Santa and Mrs. Claus** and the center was honored to have them share time with the young at heart at Cocoa with Santa. **Nancy Vaillancourt** read Christmas stories for all the kids.

Thank you to the **Owatonna High School Carolers** for filling the Performing Arts Hall with the sounds of the Holidays.

Thank you to the individuals who loaned pieces and volunteered to make the Christmas display possible: **Mary Gontarek, Dorothy Meyering, CJ Brase, Sharon Stark, Joe Miller; Jerry Shore** for animating the ice skaters and **Marilyn Henke** who made the figures; **the Friends** for trimming the big tree; the young artist **Emma Scholes** for painting the flat at Little Theater of Owatonna in which one could have a picture taken.

Thank You!

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