



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 2015

Business Hours

10-5 Tues-Fri

Gallery Hours

1-5 Tues-Sun

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Calendar at a Glance:

Nov. 5-7: Pastimes

Nov. 7: Ming Chiao Reception

Nov. 13: Wine tasting

Nov. 17: Board Meeting

Nov. 19: Walker Art Center Table Talk

Nov. 21: CD Release Curtis and Loretta

Nov. 21: Ornament Make and Take

Dec 6: OHS Carolers

Dec 12: Cocoa with Santa

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

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Message from the President

There has been a lot of action at the Arts Center since our last report. If you have not driven around the facility, a tour might be interesting. The hole in the ground is starting to "sprout". The footings are in and the block is fairly well complete. The outline of the building is easily seen and the height of the elevator tower indicates the approximate height of the building. Assuming Mother Nature is good to us, it is anticipated that the building will be enclosed by December. At this time the estimated completion date is about March 1, 2016. Stay tuned!!

A membership meeting was held Sept 15, 2015 with the major agenda item the election of the Board of Directors. New members with expiration dates are: Shirley Erickson (2016), Sue Vedder (2017), Marlene Camilli (2018), Nancy Deetz (2018), Stephanie Shea (2018). Beth DeCoux(2016) was elected after being appointed during 2015. These six (6) join Arlan Burmeister (2016), Barb Klinger (2016), and Naomi Jirele (2017). In a short board meeting after the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected: Arlan Burmeister, President; Barb Klinger, Treasurer; Beth DeCoux, Secretary. Marlene Camilli was elected as Vice President at the October board meeting.

Interviews have been held for the position of Administrative Assistant and interviews are scheduled for the Business Manager position. We also anticipate an announcement on the hiring of an Education Coordinator. Budgetary constraints are an issue and all of the positions are included and covered in the budget.

As we move forward, the Board will be concentrating on membership. A strong membership is necessary to have a healthy organization and the new positions should add the staffing skills needed to operate a successful Arts Center. We are getting positive comments now that the building addition is in process. Special events, programs and classes will continue to be added. Your continued support and positive feedback are appreciated.

Please check other items in this newsletter. Special attention should be given to the Wine Tasting and Pastimes. Our Christmas and holiday programming is highlighted and will be published on the web page and on Facebook. Hope to talk with many of you at one of our upcoming events.

Arlan Burmeister

President

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

For the Young . . . And the Young at Heart

Halloween Candy Collection

Sunday, November 1st, 11am to 2pm in the Main Lobby of the
Owatonna Hospital



This is a sweet way to make everyone smile! Come take part in a candy buy-back program that promotes healthy living, including candy only in moderation and proper preventive dental care. We'll pay \$1.50 per pound of candy (up to 3lbs per child). Open to children 12 and under. Store-bought wrapped candy only. Kids will receive a healthy snack, along with toothbrushes and toothpaste. Donated candy will be sent to troops overseas. There will be fun superhero-themed activities for kids as well in conjunction with Barbara Porwit's "Everyday Superhero" series of paintings.

Cocoa with Santa and Mrs. Claus

December 12 from 10am to 11:30am.

Children of all ages are welcome to this free event.



The child in all of us wants to tell Santa our Christmas wish list before the big day. Come and join Santa and Mrs. Claus at the piano for a cup of cocoa and a Christmas story.

"DECK the HALLS" Ornament Make & Take in November!

What is it? Our FIRST ornament-making marathon!

Who can come? ANYONE! We encourage families to come and enjoy creating ornaments together! This is a KID-friendly event!!

When? Saturday, November 21st

Time? 9:00 – 12:00 and 1:00–4:00

Where? OAC (Reminder to come in through the main doors in the front of the bldg.)

How does it work? Come for the whole day or just half! Those paying \$25 for a whole day will make 6 ornaments together! If you can only stay half of the day, just pay \$5 per ornament.

Complimentary cookies and cider will be available.

Some of our instructors that day include Barb Klinger, Beth DeCoux, and Naomi Jirele.



Pastimes Fine Art and Craft Sale

November 5, 6, & 7

The Arts Center offers a unique shopping experience with original hand made pieces for you to select from. The Grand Hall becomes a boutique with pottery, stained glass, baskets, wooden mosaics, watercolor paintings, woodcarvings, wire wrapped jewelry, beaded jewelry and hand made tiles. Enjoy a warm cup or bowl of soup and bread while you shop and visit with friends. Pastimes opens on Thursday, November 5th, from 5-7pm, continues on Friday, November 6th, from 9am to 7pm and Saturday, November 7th, from 9am to 3pm.

Wine Tasting

November 13, 6:30-9pm



The wine purveyors will have samples of over a hundred wines, from full-bodied reds to sparkling whites, to share with your holiday guests. A perfect time to make those selections. To complement the wine there are cheeses to sample. Cash Wise Liquor will have a check list for you to take notes. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres from the deli. All to give you the perfect party planning evening. All you will need to do is set the date and invite those special people. Tickets can be purchased at Cash Wise Liquor, Kottke's or the Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Walker Art Center Talk

November 19, 6:30-8:30pm

Mn Artists visits the Owatonna Arts Center for a lively workshop and discussion on artists' participation in digital communities. The presenters will be Program Director Jehar Patrick, and Program Coordinator Emily Gastineau. For the first part, we'll show you how to best use Mn Artists' online professional development tools. Then we'll facilitate a conversation on how artists can learn, connect, and catalyze their work via web platforms.

This workshop is recommended for artists who want to improve their online presence and connect to more opportunities, communities, and conversations, both locally and regionally. Share perspectives with your peers and other professionals on how digital platforms are transforming artists' practices, careers, and communities.

Mn Artists is a dynamic online community dedicated to supporting and improving the quality of art and artists in the Midwest through responsive arts reporting and criticism, and by connecting artists with collaborators, influencers, and audiences. Mn Artists recently completed a major redesign that launched in November 2014.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Bring your own laptop or tablet if you'd like to follow along on the site. Contact info@mnartists.org with any questions.

Upcoming Gallery Exhibitions

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

Ming Chiao Exhibition November 7-29

Ming Chiao Reception November 7, 1-4pm

The month of November brings an Asian Brush Painters Show to the Arts Center. There will be 30 artists from Minnesota and Wisconsin represented. The work will include watercolor and collage but is created mostly with the Four Treasures: Ink, Ink Stone, Sumi-e Brush, and Rice Paper.



“The Playfulness of Snow” December 6-27



The month of December is time for all of us to become playful children and enjoy the drifting mounds of swirling snowflakes. We see the little darlings all warmly bundled up to play with the powdered magic dust or to glide on crystalline water. Delightful little Snowbabies from Department 56 in all their playfulness will be a part of “The Playfulness of Snow”. The frozen pond with its diamond surface is perfect for a dance on skates. Yes, Jerry Shore is engineering the dance and Marilyn Henke has fashioned the skaters. The child in all of us will also enjoy the world of a time gone by in London with that infamous character who had lost his joy (Scrooge). The Dickens Village by Department 56 is part of our display.

We invite you to take delight in this holiday display.
And . . . Don't forget to get a ticket to the LTO production of “A Christmas Carol”.



The Owatonna Arts Center will be **closed** on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Healing Arts

**Healing Arts reception at the Hospital is November 17 from 4:30 to 6 pm.
The public is invited to meet the artists and share refreshments.**

The seasons have changed and so has the art at the Owatonna Hospital. October was Breast Cancer Awareness month. Even though it has passed there is a series of painting done by Barbara Porwit. Carolyn Halliday and Kimber Olson will be showing a textile piece especially made for this location. John Idstrom will show bronze sculptures from his North American big game series, Pamela Kirton will show mixed media fashioned birds, Lynette Yencho will share portraits of "man's best friend" and George Sierakowski will display paintings of nature, the inspiration for his work.

What is #GivingTuesday?

We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. Now, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, community centers and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. It's a simple idea. Just find a way for your family, your community, your company or your organization to come together to give something more. Then tell everyone about how you are giving. Join us at www.givingtuesday.org



OHS CAROLERS

The OHS Carolers will be singing at the OAC on
December 6 at 4:00 pm.



Barbara Porwit "Everyday Superhero" Stories

You are invited on November 17th at 5pm to hear the stories of Barbara Porwit, the "Everyday Superhero" painter at the hospital.

In 2009 she stumbled across the concept of the "Everyday Superhero" portrait after painting her son as Spider-Man, and was just beginning to explore this in the studio when it seemed everyone she knew started getting breast cancer. She connected the dots and the Breast Cancer Superhero Portrait Project was born. Occupying an intersection of pop art, positive psychology and public service, she sees the arts helping people in unexpected ways. She gets to be a conduit for individuals to re-imagine themselves as playfully powerful and capable of fantastic feats-and to use her skills to come up with the visual that tells their stories the way they want it told.

Curtis & Loretta CD Release

November 21

Curtis & Loretta, Minnesota folk musicians, will have a CD release concert on November 21 at 2pm. The Orphanage Museum and the Arts Center are presenting Curtis and Loretta. The CD is made up of 12 songs Loretta wrote about real people who overcame great challenges in their lives, including Harvey Ronglien and Peter Razor who grew up at the State School. Both Ronglien and Razor are attending the CD release. Hobibo Haji was the guest speaker at last year's OAC Friends Luncheon and the author of "Conquering the Odds-- Journey of a Shepherd Girl". Her story in song is also one of the new compositions on the CD. Loretta Simonet is a fiscal year 2015 recipient of an Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Supported in part by the Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum and Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association. *Suggested donation of \$5 at the door (free to State Schoolers).*

Thank You!

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Memorials

In memory Dr. James McEnaney, given by Wayne and Doris Klinkhammer

Thank you

A big thank you to the Friends of the OAC, for putting on a wonderful luncheon and presenting an excellent program with LouAnn Kaupa. A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring the event.

John McKay graciously presented some of his favorite chamber selections for his final recital with us. We've been so honored to host these musical performances for nearly 40 years.

Membership Renewals and New Members

Linda Hoffman, Evelyn Kaplan, Kristin Warehime and Jacob Warehime, Elizabeth Hammel, Tom and Stephanie Shea, Bill and Beth Owens, Barb Klinger, Pam Mikeworth, Bruce Mikeworth, Laura Romnes, Anita Meyer, Steve and Karen Jensen, Greg and Bonnie Krueger, Dr. Jeff and Pat Falk, Kathy and John Ihlenfeld, Kathe Kylo, Dean and Patricia Francis, Kim and Darren Schaufenbuel, Ruth Boser, Wayne and Marlene Camilli, Sandy Dinse, George and Jenelle Dow, John and Audrey Holland, Jay and Tricia Johnson, Werner and Jacki Knuth, Jim Linder, Alice Reseland, Dr. Joe and Mary Sweere, Tom and Dee Teller, Liz Vavra, Jerry and Carol Zetah, Marjorie Zimmerman, Jeanne Dombrosky, Jeanne and Bill Hankerson, Chris and Sandra Norbury, Priscilla Rietz, Jerry and Helen Shore, Jim and Gabrielle Thon, Kathleen Tillotson, Dennis and Jacque Meillier, Ken and Norma Wilcox, Chad and Karen Lange, Terri and Tom Effertz, Diane Falken, Elizabeth Allison Kaplan, Harriet Matchan, Ray and Helen Stawarz, Rita Stilwell, Adrienne Breiner, Mary Hitzeman, Margaret Michaletz, Robert Racek, Harvey and Maxine Ronglien, Jerry and Carol Zetah, Joanne Lockner, Ken and Rosie Henricksen, Sharon Stark, Shirley Erickson, Diane Crawford, Pat Goodnature, Diane Nagel, Dallas and Peggy Ketchum, Troy Sorenson, Karen Matson, Nancy Pence, Nancy Deetz, Mary Kay Feltes, Barb and Rusty Paulson, Joann Moothart and Kayla Moothart, Judy Fairchild, Constance Goslar, Cory and Angela Michaelson, Naomi Jirele

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