

Art Society of Strathcona County

NEWSLETTER



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There were all kinds of goodies at the Mother's Day Tea in May!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Whew! That was a party! This winter/spring time has been hectic within the Society! Shows, workshops, renovation organization, fairs and promotions, renters, grant applications, meetings and more workshops! And there's more to come this summer with the ACACA show and the Loft Gallery show. So exciting! All the shows and workshops have been successful this spring and, we, as artists and members, must take a breather. My personal thanks is extended to each and every member who gave of their time and effort to ensure that our Society was presented to the public in the best light possible. We welcome each and every new member and hope that you enjoy being a part of this busy Society. If you can, please participate in the fall activities in some way and you will make wonderful friends and find inspiration and enthusiasm!

Please remember – the June meeting begins at 6:30 pm to allow time to enjoy the potluck, shop at the garage sale of unwanted art items, discuss the “Art Challenge” results and socialize. Please bring a dish to share (and your own plate and cutlery if you so wish) and your unwanted art items to donate. See you there!

...and have a wonderful, restful summer!

... Sonja



Whatever you do or wherever you go, don't forget to take your paintbrushes!

THANK YOU TO:

- a) All the Board members for their diligence throughout this half of the year, and I look forward to working with you again in the fall.
- b) Peter (again!) for your work on setting up workshop and student show registration on line and PayPal !!!
- c) Lynn for all your work on the Student Show and the Youth Permanent Art Collection
- d) Kay for organizing a great Mothers' Day Tea and Art Sale
- e) Marie for assuming the role of Treasurer and introducing us to the world of Quick Books
- e) All those who worked tirelessly in the office and the Loft Gallery for the benefit of the artists!

Mother's Day report

110 people attended.

5 ASSC members volunteered – Bonnie, Carroll C., Cathy Bible, Gladys B. & Kay (also Barbara's husband)

9 Artists: 1 Fudge master (Fudgalicious), 4 Strathcona County Potters and 4 ASSC members

\$1486.00 in sales, 41 invoices/transactions

Expenses: food/napkins/plates/flowers = \$212.35

Income (Table Fees) \$90.00 – 1 to be collected by deducting from her sales \$\$

The Potters were a wonderful group to work with and our volunteers worked hard all day! Everyone enjoyed the day; it was busy and we had to put 2 more tables up 1.5 hrs. into as we had no empty seats!

Increase in attendance attributed to new signs, x13 put out, trade fair flyers and Strathcona Potters followers.

Bonus – cash balanced first try!

Submitted by Kay McCormack

STUDENT SHOW REPORT 2014

Well, we did it again; "it" being another very successful Student Art Competition Show and Sale.

It wouldn't have happened without

- 26 members who volunteered their time to make the show work,
- 4 teachers who encouraged their students to take part,
- 217 attendees,
- the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park's donation for prize money and
- the County Clothes-Line Foundation's grant for operating costs.

Jurors Sandy Gunderson and Gregg Johnson worked from 10:30am to 2:45pm adjudicating 126 pieces of art; which indicates the quality of the art. They were very impressed.

Photos of the winning art are on the Society's webpage. Click on Student Show then on Winners. Thanks to Peter H. for taking and posting the photos.

The show was one week later which gave second semester students more time to work on their art. Students entered online for the second year. It's a real time saver.

Thirty-four students submitted their art to the Youth Art Collection when they registered for the Student Show. This is a very successful partnership for the Art Acquisition Program. All art submitted to the YAC is now on display in the Gallery @ 501 until June 27. The Unveiling Reception (identifying art selected for the Art Acquisition Program) is Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the gallery. Everyone is welcome. (Note the new date for the unveiling.)

Thanks again to all who helped make this show a success.

Lynn B.
2014 Student Show Chair

ALBERTA WIDE ART SHOW....

presented by the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association
in partnership with the Art Society of Strathcona County

Dates: **July 19 to August 16:** Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
(except August long weekend)

Times: 10 am to 6 pm

Location: A. J. Ottewell Community Centre

Reception: **July 26,** 7 to 10 pm.

The show encompasses the winning artwork from the Northern and Central ACACA shows.

The ASSC Loft Gallery and Gift Shop will be open the same dates and times.

MEMBERS' CORNER

Next Board Meeting: **June 3 at 6:30 pm**

Next General Meeting: **June 10 at 6:30 pm** will begin with a short business meeting, followed by a scrumptious potluck! On display will be the "Storm" artwork by the ASSC Art Challenge Group and after the meeting there will be a garage sale of unwanted art items sold by donations to the Coffee Fund. Please remember to bring a potluck dish for sharing and your unwanted art items!

Upcoming:

ACACA Alberta Wide Show: **July 19–August 16** (Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 10 to 6 pm)

Loft Gallery Show: **July 19–August 17** (Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 10 to 6 pm)

Fall Show and Sale: **October 17, 18 & 19**

Cross Cancer Institute Show: **October 20, 21 & 22**

Christmas Marketplace: **November 15 & 16**

THE LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

Open Saturday & Sunday from 12–4 pm

The current show runs until **June 29**...then the Gallery will be open from **July 19** to **August 16** during the ACACA show. The ACACA show could use some volunteers for 4 hour shifts at the Ottewell Centre on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (10am–6pm.) You are merely asked to be there to schmooze with the public...no sales involved as these are handled directly by the ACACA. This is a great way to view the winning artwork! If you can help, please contact Sonja at minirose@telusplanet.net. The Loft Gallery could also use some more shift workers during these same times. Please contact Joyce at joyceboyer@shaw.ca. Bring your friends and relatives to see what the ASSC members and the ACACA members have to offer.

Get ready for the **September/October** rotation. If you have 20 hours of volunteer time (either in 2013 and/or 2014) and have attended 3 meetings, you are eligible to enter up to 10 pieces of artwork. The drop off date is **August 25** at 4 pm and the theme is the colour "**Purple!**" Please incorporate "**purple(s)**" into your submitted artwork.

November/December is a small piece show. Framed pieces must be 320 square inches or less. Please let Joyce know by **August 1** if you are entering. Your list must be on the correct sheets and submitted by **August 17**.

Contact Joyce at joyceboyer@shaw.ca to enter.

14 artists have now been confirmed for the **July/August rotation during the ACACA show. Watch for an email with instructions for drop off/pick up dates and times.**Change in Policy: Motion passed at the **May** meeting: Artwork entered into any ASSC show or the Loft Gallery on canvasses 1" or less must be framed.

Stop by **Rosie's Restaurant** in Sherwood Park! Some of the ASSC members have new artwork on the walls!

reForming Relationships – is a cross country art tour featuring the artwork series "**Kisemanito Pakitinasuwin – The Creator's Sacrifice**". The tour is presented by the Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, in partnership with the Reformed Church in America – Regional Synod of Canada. Glory Lutheran Church will be hosting this exhibit until June 6.

An Art Event, offering the chance to learn about the intersection of native spirituality and Christian faith, will be held on May 31 at 3 pm. Call the Church at 780-416-9594 to arrange to view the exhibit, or view the Exhibit at 10:30 am for the next two Sundays. The Church is located at the corner of highways 21 and 16. Go East of the intersection on Hwy. 16 for 1 mile, then take the first right to the service road. Back a mile to the ridge with the Church.

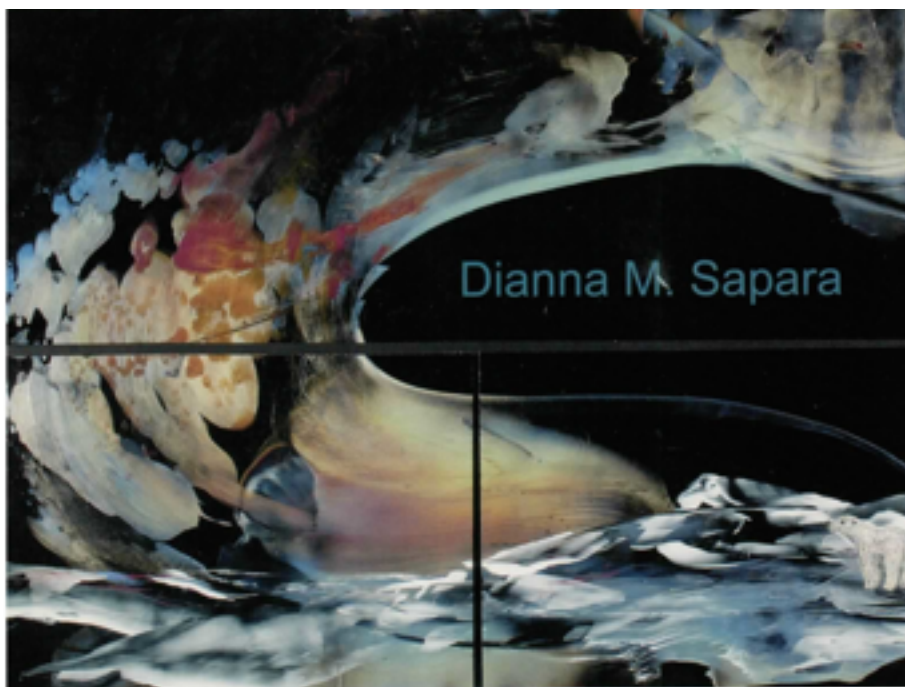
MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL – OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ASSC MEMBERS!

Have a look at your art inventory – the ASSC has undertaken to provide the artwork at the Misericordia Hospital ...drop off date for artwork is July 5 and pick up date is September 6, 2014. Please email Valerie Burke at burke.val@gmail.com, our ASSC member who is coordinating the artwork, and give her the details of your artwork. We want to make this a good art showing by the ASSC members! Please do this as soon as possible.

Camrose 18th Annual Artwork

Elaine Tweedy will be participating in the the Camrose Art Walk hosted by the Camrose Arts Society, which takes place every summer. The Art Walk runs in two sessions: May 31 to July 10 and July 21 to Sept. 2. From May 31 to July 10th Elaine will be featured in the Candler Art Gallery and Pederson's Florists. A beautiful glossy Art Walk guide is available at any of the venues and contains a short biography of each artist, as well as business hours. Some people do the walk in one day and others break it up over a few days. Either way you will be treated to something different at each place you visit.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS!



Join me

Art Show & Exhibit
featuring the work of

Dianna M. Sapara

**Year of the Northern
Lights**

Dianna works capture the
breathtaking rhythm and flow of the
northern lights

Spruce Grove Art Gallery
35-Fifth Ave
Melcor Cultural Centre
Spruce Grove, Alberta

Show: July 15-August 9, 2014

Opening Reception - July 19, 2014
Time: 1-3pm.

From information about Dianna and her work visit
www.dsapara.ca



ASSC Photography Group **JUNE** Newsletter 2014

The previous (April) ASSC newsletter was the Photography Group's first contribution to the Society's monthly information newsletter. Hopefully this served as an introduction to the group which was only established late last year. Since the group was first established, there has been a steady increase in persons interested in joining. Regular meetings are held at 'the barn' the first Wednesday of each month and usually see between 8 and 12 in attendance. Overall membership now numbers in the twenty something and even includes several from out of town. I think we can conclude with a degree of confidence that the ASSC now has a permanent core of members dedicated in promoting, sharing and furthering their common interest in photography.



Activity Highlights

Monthly meetings: Led by the group's organizer Roy McLaughlin, these meetings usually begin informally with general discussions on various topics. Following that, a specific topic will be carried by another member who is an established photographer and knowledgeable in that particular subject. This has included:

Layering; Tips for Winter Photography; Three Primary Exposure Components

Achieving correct White Balance; Working with Depth of Field

Our next regular meeting will feature as guests Lisa and Chris from London Drugs. Lisa is the photo lab manager and Chris is the photo department manager. They will be offering information regarding their services at the store.

Assigned Projects

Commencing at the March meeting, it was decided to select an explicit shooting theme, drawn at random from a hat, as an assignment. This would be captured during the month and the results then shared at the following meeting. Everyone is on their own as to how they wish to interpret the assignment. The first theme picked was "Windows and Doors". The results were varied and certainly interesting. The April theme was "Trees". Again, there was a fascinating variety of photos as novice photographers in the group compared their results with those of more advanced members. The theme for May is "Still Life". It will be interesting at the June meeting to see how members have tackled this project.

Ad Hoc activities

In between the monthly meetings at the barn, a camera 'shoot' was arranged at the Muttart Conservatory for March 15th. It was an unusually warm, bright and sunny day. The day began with breakfast at Cora's. Only four members attended but some spectacular cityscapes and shots of the pyramids were captured in the reflecting ponds on the conservatory roof.

A proposed 'shoot' at the Devonian Gardens was cancelled due to cold weather. Another shoot planned for Elk Island Park to capture a meteor shower was also cancelled due to overcast skies.

Forthcoming events

On June 21st, members of our group will join with those from the Stony Plain Photography club and do a shoot at Fort Edmonton. This particular location offers many unique opportunities for some great photos.

At the end of July, the 2014 Canada 55+ games will be hosted by Strathcona County. As usual for these types of events, volunteers are required for a variety of tasks. Following a specific request for volunteer photographers from the Games organizers, two members have registered so far. Our assignments will be to photograph the opening and closing ceremonies and the various athletic competition venues. This is a great opportunity for the photography group to make a community contribution and have fun doing it.

There will be no regular monthly meetings for July and August due to the summer season that will see many of the members occupied with other things. Meanwhile, other photo shoot outings will possibly be organized during the summer. We all look forward to the recommencement of regular meetings beginning in September.

Information regarding the photography group can be obtained by contacting Roy McLaughlin at: roymcl@shaw.ca

Report by Chuck Tweedy



heads up!!! annual fall show & sale – start painting!!! October 17, 18 and 19 at the Ottewell Centre

If you wish, please bring a painting to the **September 9** General meeting. All pieces will be voted on and the winning art piece will become the door prize for the Fall show. The winning member will receive \$175.

showing?

If you are having a show or an art event, please send your information to Julie Taylor, Newsletter Editor, at jamtart53@gmail.com for inclusion in the Newsletter!

getting to know you

Members would like to get to know other members. Please forward your information to Elaine Forsberg at elaine.forsberg@gmail.com and include a short autobiography (6–10 lines) and a couple of pictures of your artwork. At some point, you will be featured in the ASSC Newsletter.

coming up

It's not too soon to start creating items for the Christmas market – check out Pinterest for ideas – <http://www.pinterest.com/>. The sky is the limit!

~remember to update your artwork regularly on the ASSC website!

~please record your volunteer hours in the book located in the drawer to the left of the kitchen sink. These hours record your eligibility to show your artwork in 2014 & they are also part of the application for the ASSC's annual AFA grant.

~“LIKE” the ASSC on Facebook and please pass the message around!!!



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR FALL 2014

*January to May 2014 – 11 workshops and 8 Paint Along with a DVD were offered. Workshops had a class limit of 15 which made it easier for both the instructor and student.

For the fall workshops there is a variety for all artists, all levels and all mediums.

SEPTEMBER

- **COLOUR HARMONIES SING WITH LIGHT** with ROSE EDIN – Sept. 4, 5, 6, & 7 – Cost \$350/\$425
- **6 WEEKS IN WATERCOLOURS** with Willie Wong – 6 Monday mornings – Sept. 8, 15, 29 & Oct. 6, 20, 27 – 9:30am–12:30pm. Cost \$160/\$195
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD DESIGN WITH THE FIGURE** – Polly Hammett – Sept. 17 from 10am–2pm. Cost \$5
- **13 COMMANDMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PAINTINGS (All Mediums)** Johannes Vloothuis. Sept. 19, 20, 21– Cost \$325/\$375. Registration Deadline – August 1
- **LANDSCAPE PAINTING ESSENTIALS (All Mediums)** Johannes Vloothuis – Sept 22, 23, 24 – Cost \$325/\$375 – Deadline for registration August 1.

OCTOBER

- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD COMMANDING COLOUR (Watercolour)**– Sue Archer – Wed. Oct.1 – 10am–2pm. Cost \$5.
- **MIXED MEDIA II** – Doris Charest – Oct. 4 & 5 – 9am–4pm. Cost \$125/\$150
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD– EXPRESSIVE OIL PAINTING** with George Allen Durkee – Oct. 22 – 10am–2pm. Cost \$5.
- **WATERCOLOUR FROM THE GROUND UP Experienced Beginners through Intermediate** – Sharon Lynn Williams – Oct. 23/24 – Cost \$120/\$140
- **PAINTING TOWARDS ABSTRACTION (Designed for intermediate to advanced artists working in any medium)** – Sharon Lynn Williams – Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 25/26 – 10am–4pm. Cost \$120/\$140

NOVEMBER

- **Gregg Johnson Watercolour Workshop** – Saturday, Nov. 1 – 9:30–4:00 pm. Cost \$60/\$75
- **Gregg Johnson – Make up Workshop** – Sunday, Nov. 2 – 9:30–4pm
- **ALL SEASON ORNAMENT WORKSHOP** with Barbara Mitchell – Sat. Nov. 8 –10am–1:30pm. Cost \$40/\$45 (supplies included)
- **LIFE DRAWING – (Non-instructional)** – Monday, Nov. 10 – 6:30–8:30pm. Cost \$15 members and non-members
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD – CAPTURING LIMITED LIGHT WITH EXPRESSIVE BRUSHWORK (watercolour)** with Betty Carr – Nov. 5 – 10am–2pm. Cost \$5
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD PASTEL WORKSHOP** with Susan Woolgar – Nov.19 –10am–2pm. Cost \$5

*NOTE: All supplies lists and information for each workshop is listed on the ASSC website under workshops.

*NOTE: With the popularity of the workshops, registration is not official until payment is received.



Report by Elaine Tweedy
Workshop co-ordinator, May/14

GETTING TO KNOW YOU ~ ARTIST OF THE MONTH ~

MARIANN MCGUIRE (aka MIN)



Min discovered a passion for art in 2011 while trying to encourage a friend to revisit their painting passion. It has been a shock to Min and her family that this passion was unknown for so many years. However, since that door sprang open, she has painted nearly every day over the past 2 1/2 years. Min is self-taught and has found a deep love for soft pastels and

acrylics. Interestingly, her pastel paintings are done with the left hand and acrylic paintings with her right. In November of 2013, Min participated in her first exhibition at the Royal Museum of Alberta with 2 other artists. In May, she exhibited at the Common Ground Cafe.

