

Art Society of Strathcona County

NEWSLETTER



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OVER THE SUMMER RENOVATIONS!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you notice that summer is short and busy? I sure did! And this summer, around the Ottewell Centre, it was busy. The ACACA show was a success both for the ASSC and the ACACA. Mass advertising through a County Special Events grant brought the ASSC and the Ottewell Centre to the attention of many artists and groups around Alberta. See my full report later in this Newsletter.

Just like summer, life itself is short, as some of us have found out this past few months, and visual art and friends are two things that we should all hold on to dearly. Involvement in our Art Society can help you do just that. Perhaps we should get to know each other better....let's hear from you at the next General Meeting about your travels exploring the world of art. Sharing your experiences will introduce you to us all.

The good news is ... Alberta Foundation for the Arts believes in our Society too, granting us \$10,415 in operating funding for 2014. This, together with the miscellaneous County grants, will result in the Society maintaining its financial balance in 2014.

The Fall workshops are up on the website and it is hoped that you will participate in as many as you can...and make new friends at the same time.

Next is the Fall Show (enter at the September meeting), the Christmas Marketplace and the Loft Gallery November/December rotation. These are great opportunities for members to sell artwork and be a part of the art scene and the Society.

Please read through the Job Description document that is attached to this newsletter as there is something for everyone. Elections will be held at the December meeting. If you are interested in participating on a Committee or the Board, please email Sonja at minirose@telusplanet.net. Being involved gives a whole new meaning to being a member, and you will profit from new ideas, new friends, and inspiration.

May you enjoy the workshops, the shows and your creativity this fall.

Regards, Sonja.

THANK YOU TO:

- ** Those members who helped one another hang artwork at the Misericordia Hospital...and to Valerie Burke for organizing the show
- ** Dessirree and Kay McC (and her husband) who came to the rescue of the Ottewell Centre when the glass in the front door was vandalized!! - for the second time
- ** Elaine Tweedy and Dess Plewis who organized a fun and exciting reception for the ACACA show and a thank you to all the members who participated in kitchen preparation, serving, greeting and volunteering for shifts in the Loft Gallery and at the ACACA reception
- ** Elaine for working throughout the summer on workshops
- ** Marie for working throughout the summer on the finances
- ** Sue for all the additional time spent at the Centre with contractors, flooring installers, etc.
- ** All those members who took shifts in the Loft Gallery during the ACACA show
- ** Tim Kephart, Leslie and her husband Mark, Sue, Kay and Aeris for restoring the Ottewell Centre and the roadside signs after the ACACA show

REMINDERS:

Members are invited to bring a piece of artwork to the September General Meeting. The pieces will be voted on by the membership and the winning piece will be the door prize at the Fall Show in October. The member whose piece is chosen will receive \$175 from the Society!!! Let's have a good selection to choose from.

Please update your artwork on the ASSC website. If you have not yet uploaded some of your artwork, please do so - it's easy. Just click on your profile and away you go!

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Elaine Forsberg has undertaken the task of compiling autobiographies and pictures of our members along with their artwork for the newsletter. The idea is to have as many members featured as possible, so you are invited to send your information to elaine.forsberg@gmail.com

2014 ACACA ALBERTA WIDE SHOW REPORT

The Show was held July 19 to Aug 16 with a reception on July 26. Approximately 80 guests attended the reception, including members and Councillor Beland-Quest who opened the show. The attendance on the Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays was very good, ranging from 10 to 30 people per day. With a great amount of advertising done, the show was very well attended and the Loft Gallery & Gift Shop benefited from the magazine and newspaper advertisings and from the public attendance at the show itself.

Thank you to Elaine Tweedy and Dess Plewis who organized a fun and exciting reception, and thank you to all the members who participated in kitchen preparation, serving, greeting, and volunteering for shifts in the Loft Gallery and at the Show.

The remainder of the grant being \$157.99 remains in the ASSC operating account and the Ottewell Centre account benefited from the rental paid. A summary follows:

Rent paid to the Ottewell Centre by ACACA	\$2,000.00
Reception Costs covered by the ACACA	\$ 460.95
Harpist covered by ACACA	\$ 100.00

Advertising and Reception Costs covered by Special Events Grant to ASSC from Strathcona County of \$3,300.00

Strathcona Recreation Guide	\$ 234.50
Strathcona County signs	\$ 150.00
Park Signs, by DQ	\$ 110.00
Galleries West ad	\$ 861.00
WHERE Mag ad	\$ 735.00
Chamber of Commerce email	\$ 52.50
Sherwood Park News ad	\$ 661.50
Harpist	\$ 150.00
Reception costs/additional supplies	<u>\$ 187.26</u>
	\$3,142.01

(Surplus = \$157.99)

ALBERTA WIDE ART SHOW...



MEMBERS' CORNER

Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday, September 2 @ 6:30 pm** at Ottewell Centre
Next General Meeting of Members: **Tuesday, September 9 @ 7 pm** @ Ottewell Centre.
Speaker: Val Enders re: Zentangle (google it!)

**** Remember to bring a painting for the Fall Show Door Prize Vote!****

Fall Show and Sale: October 17, 18 & 19
Christmas Marketplace: November 15 & 16
LOFT GALLERY FEATURE ARTIST (SEPT./OCT.)

LOFT GALLERY FEATURE ARTIST (SEPT/OCT) MARINA APARTSIN...featuring "PERCEPTION OF NATURE"

THE LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

Open Saturday & Sunday from 12-4 pm

Loft Gallery reopens: **September 6 through October 27 (12-4 pm - Sat/Sun)**

Our current show - THE COLOUR PURPLE - is wonderful...stop in and see for yourself!
We have first time exhibitors and their work is wonderful! There are also new works by some of our established artists - making this a wonderful show!

At the September meeting, sign up for the November/December rotation which will consist of miniature paintings - smaller paintings make great Christmas gifts! During this rotation, the loft gallery will display crafty things such as knitted items, aprons, etc. aligned with the Christmas market. Please contact Joyce Boyer at (780) 433-5940 or email joyce.boyer@shaw.ca to sign up. Participants are required to work a Gallery shift(s) depending on the number of participants. If you are in need of volunteer hours, this is a quick & easy way to accumulate those hours.

**If you have recorded 20 hours of volunteer time during 2013 and/or 2014 and have attended 3 meetings, you may enter up to 10 paintings (with consideration of size).

**If you are a new member this year, you may enter one painting and if you have recorded 10 hours of volunteer time, you may enter 2 paintings.

CROSS CANCER SHOW

We are full for this show with a waiting list. How exciting! Don't forget to email a picture you will be taking to the show so that we can send it in for advertising. They make marvellous posters up for us and it would be nice to have your work featured!

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE

THE ANNUAL ASSC CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE will be held on November 15 and 16 (Saturday & Sunday). There will be a \$20 registration fee and you will be asked to sign up for a shift. No commission will be taken and volunteer hours are not needed for this show. Our Marketplace was highly successful last year and was a lot of fun. Christmas centerpieces were in great demand as well as baking, jewellery, unique clothing, scarves, small paintings, etc.

Set up is 9 am on November 15. All items must be labeled with a number, price, and initial of artist. All sales are handled at the front cash desk and, therefore, an inventory of items must be left with the cash desk upon set up. Past markets have been successful and lots of fun for the members! So plan on participating – but, if not, plan to attend and bring friends to Christmas shop. Register early by contacting joyceboyer@shaw.ca - space is limited!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Artist, **ELAINE TWEEDY** of ALBERTA, CANADA has received FOUR Special Recognition Awards in the “11th Annual Color: Bold/Subtle Juried Online International Art Exhibition” hosted by Upstream People Gallery, Omaha Nebraska.

This international exhibition received approximately 160 art entries from around the world and 32 artists were selected by the juror, Laurence Bradshaw, Professor of Art at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, USA.

Professor Bradshaw states this about this specially recognized work: "ELAINE TWEEDY of Alberta, Canada in her polychromatic impressionistic "Into the Garden" acrylic painting creates a sense of delight. In her "Orange Oriental Poppy" she uses the flower in full frame with a beautiful technique and in the complementary colors of yellow-orange and blue-violet. And she captures a very nice delicacy in "Peony Poetry" done in watercolor. Her sensitivity is quite beautifully expressed in her work "Shades of White" wherein she paints a group of flowers."



ASSC Photography Group **SEPTEMBER** Newsletter 2014



Firstly, on a very sad note, Bob Howard, a highly respected and long-time member of the ASSC, passed away recently. We will all miss Bob's sincere and easy going personality along with his helpful technical advice that was evident from his many years as a professional photographer. Bob really enjoyed the meetings and was instrumental in the creation of our group. In 2007, Strathcona County purchased Bob's painting "Red Barns" for the Mayor's Collection and, in 2009, his painting named "Foothills" was added to the County's Permanent Collection.

The photography group's regular monthly meetings were not held in July or August. It was felt that with the onset of the summer season members would be preoccupied with other activities. This doesn't mean our cameras were packed away; quite the contrary, just that there were no organized meetings, photo shoots or planned events. In fact, the summer time is when our shutter-release fingers are more active than ever. Regular monthly meetings will recommence on September 3rd at 7 p.m. If the weather is decent that night, we will spend the last half of the meeting at Woodbridge Lake (covered bridge in Westboro) taking some late evening photographs from 8-9 p.m.

Activity Highlights

The final meeting prior to the summer break featured guests Lisa and Chris from London Drugs. Lisa is the photo lab manager and Chris is the photo department manager. They each gave an overview of the photo services available at their store. Both Lisa and Chris are very knowledgeable in their respective areas of the lab and photo department and the information they shared was well received. Additionally, they offered a discount to members who utilize their services.

On June 21st, eight members carried out a photo shoot at Fort Edmonton Park. Some members from the Stony Plain photography club also attended. Two to three hours were spent capturing some great scenes in this unique historical environment.

Assigned Projects

It is time to remind members that they need to consider which photograph they would like to make into a 24X36 print as outlined at the June meeting. Remember, London Drugs has promised us a discount printing our Pearl finish enlargements and mounting them on foam-core. The cost is \$49.95 less member discount. More will be discussed during the first meeting for those who would like some assistance. Members can also bring their holiday photographs and camera questions to the meeting which can be shared and questions answered / discussed.

Summer Activities

A night shoot took place on the evening of August 23rd at the Alberta Legislature grounds. This involved some time exposures under low light conditions to capture the many scenes and lighting effects available. Several members from our group and several from the Stony Plain photo club attended under what turned out to be ideal weather conditions.

On August 28, 29 and 30th, Strathcona County hosted the 2014 Canada 55+ games. This is a major national seniors sporting event with hundreds of participants from all provinces and territories competing. As can be expected, many volunteers are required for a variety of tasks. Following a specific request for volunteer photographers from the Games organizers, Roy McLaughlin and Chuck Tweedy registered to volunteer. Our assignments included a variety of sporting and other event venues. Some of these presented unique and challenging photo shooting conditions. Regardless of the challenges, the experience was worthwhile and we both enjoyed the opportunity to contribute our time as volunteers.

As briefly touched on by Roy during one of our previous meetings, we have plans to start work on creating a 2015 Calendar intended as a fundraiser and an advertising platform for the club.

We will also be discussing a Facebook page so the September meeting should be busy.

Everyone is reminded to spread the word among friends and others about the photography group and our activities.

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

Report by Chuck Tweedy

ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE at the Ottewell Centre October 17, 18 and 19

ALL MEMBERS are invited to enter their artwork in the Fall Show if you have recorded 20 hours of volunteer time in 2013 and/or 2014 and have attended 3 meetings. Artwork may not have been shown in a previous ASSC spring or fall show. Registration & fee deadline is October 1/14. All further information can be found on the registration form on the website.

On line registration is through the ASSC website. Sign in as a member and you can complete all forms on line OR you may email Norma Callicott at norcal@telus.net for the forms and information. Artwork check-in will take place on Oct. 15 from 4-7 pm. This is an open, non-juried show and, in keeping with the spirit of an Art Show and Sale, the Fall Show will allow artists to display one piece of artwork which is not for sale. SIGN UP AND PAY at the **September 9** General Meeting.

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.

More information will be put on the ASSC website very soon.

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!

~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!!!



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR 2014



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 from 9:30 – 12:30. Cost \$160/\$195
- **MINI WORKSHOP IN PASTEL #1** with Joyce Boyer - Mon. Sept 8 from 6:30-9:00. Cost \$25/\$30 (supplies included)
- **MINI WORKSHOP IN PASTEL #2** with Joyce Boyer - Mon. Sept 15 from 6:30-9:00. Cost \$25/\$30 (supplies included)
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD DESIGN WITH THE FIGURE** - with Polly Hammett - Sept 17 from 10-2. Cost \$5
- **Cancelled due to low registration 13 COMMANDMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PAINTINGS (All Mediums)** Johannes Vloothuis Sept 19, 20, 21
- **Cancelled due to low registration LANDSCAPE PAINTING ESSENTIALS (All Mediums)** Johannes Vloothuis Sept 22, 23, 24

OCTOBER

- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD COMMANDING COLOUR (Watercolour)** - with Sue Archer Wed. Oct 1 from 10-2. Cost \$5
- **INK AND WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP** with Anne McCartney - Thurs. Oct 2 from 1-4. Cost \$20/\$25
- **MIXED MEDIA II** - with Doris Charest - Oct 4 & 5 from 9-4. Cost \$125/\$150
- **INK AND WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP** with Anne McCartney - Mon. Oct 6 from 1-4. Cost \$20/\$25
- **INK AND WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP** with Anne McCartney - Thurs. Oct 9 from 1-4. Cost \$20/\$25
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD - EXPRESSIVE OIL PAINTING** with George Allen Durkee Oct 22 from 10 – 2. Cost \$5.
- **WATERCOLOUR FROM THE GROUND UP - Experienced Beginners through Intermediate** – with Sharon Lynn Williams - Oct 23 & 24. Cost \$120/\$140

- **PAINTING TOWARDS ABSTRACTION (Designed for intermediate to advanced artists working in any medium)** with Sharon Lynn Williams - Oct 25 & 26 from 10-4. Cost \$120/\$140

NOVEMBER

- **Gregg Johnson Watercolour Workshop** – Sat. Nov 1 from 9:30-4. Cost \$60/\$75
- **Gregg Johnson - Make up Workshop** – Sun. Nov 2 from 9:30-4.
- **ALL SEASON ORNAMENT WORKSHOP** with Barbara Mitchell - Sat. Nov 8 from 10-1:30. Cost \$40/\$45 (supplies included)
- **LIFE DRAWING (Non-instructional)** – Mon. Nov 10 from 6:30-8:30. Cost \$15 members and non-members
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD – CAPTURING LIMITED LIGHT WITH EXPRESSIVE BRUSHWORK (watercolour)** with Betty Carr - Nov 5 from 10-2. Cost \$5.00
- **“PAINT ALONG” DVD PASTEL WORKSHOP** with Susan Woolgar - Nov 19 from 10-2. Cost \$5.00

***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.

***NOTE:** If cancelling a workshop, \$10 will be deducted from your refund.

Report by Elaine Tweedy

Workshop co-ordinator, August/14

GETTING TO KNOW YOU ~ ARTIST OF THE MONTH ~

Andrea Itzeck

Andrea is a local jeweller and printmaking artist. Born and raised in Bavaria/Germany, she learned the art of gold and silversmithing from a master goldsmith. She studied the handcrafting of precious metals making them into unique and high quality pieces of jewelry. In 2007 Andrea started her own business, 'Sui Generis', and has been designing, crafting, exhibiting and selling her work locally and internationally ever since. She also discovered a passion for woodcut printmaking, learning from renowned artists, such as Tadeusz Warszynski and Hiroki Marinoue. Andrea is deeply connected to nature which is reflected in her artwork. Andrea's jewelry is represented at the Daffodil Gallery. Starting in September, her prints will be shown in the exhibition 'Printfluence' as part of the Alberta Foundation's Travelling Exhibition program (TRES).



Clockwise from top left: 1) Ink Drawing, 2) Reductive Woodcut Print, 3) Print Moku Hanga, 4) Silver Pendant with lapis lazuli & 5) Print Moku Hanga

