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## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### Message from the President

Happy New Year!

As I sit here looking out my window, I am watching three of my favourite blue jays eating the peanuts and the squirrel scampering along the fence line . It fills my heart with a peace and joy every time! I get to look back at the past year and all the challenges and changes that have happened both to me personally, and to our organization. I reflect on what I am passionate about and what is a priority. I am happy with what has transpired and am content. I believe that there is a lot to do moving forward and am so thankful for those that are moving along side me in all aspects of my life.

I have made a few resolutions that I will be doing my best to keep. It amazing to me that we always growing and I am thankful because I would hate to become stagnant and with that withdrawn, when there is so much to discover. As artists something new is right around the corner and we are fortunate to be able to embrace new things no matter the season. The seasons in our lives are so expressive and I see the young new members coming in with wonderful life and energy and older ones having the wisdom and strength to guide. The one thing that I can say is...I see the passion. Do you see it? Can you feel it inside? The passion that we have toward art is evident in this society. Share it let it grow and blossom into something truly spectacular.

It has been exciting and I can see that moving forward there are already plans for some exciting events and maybe a change or two. What thrills me the most is just how well the organization works. Not just one or two people but an entire village. I humbly say thank you for allowing me to be part of it for the past year and thank you all for being a part of this community.

Cheers. Here's to a New Year

Joyce Boyer

VIA ZOOM!

January 2 @ 6:30 pm Board Meeting

January 9 @ 7:00 pm General Meeting

A link will be emailed out to you. Please download the Zoom app prior to trying to access the meeting. We ask that you keep your mike muted so that noise will not distract. Should you have something to say please raise your hand and you will be acknowledged.

Welcome to our new board! A number of new individuals have joined us and we are excited to see what is going to be happening.

2024 Executive:

President Joyce Boyer

Past President Sonja Marinoske

Vice President nil

Secretary Kay McCormack

Treasurer Ellen Kempers

Board Members at Large:

Brian Litwin

Elaine Croft

Julie King

Lynda McAmmond

Sylvia Godina

Terrie Shaw

Carmen Wilde

Deb Pedersen

THANK YOU to these out going board You worked so hard and we appreciate all your contributions.

Shellie Patzer, Arlyn Belden,  
Hank Sarrizan and Michele  
Telford

General Meeting January 9, 7 pm, via Zoom stay tuned for a link.

Loft Gallery re-opens February 3 with Members' Show

## Deadlines:

January 7 ..to enter the Members' Show in the Loft

January 15 - to enter inventory for the Members' Show in the Loft

February 1 - to enter the March/April Show in the Loft

February 15 - to enter the inventory for the March/April show in the Loft

AS REQUESTED:

Our Catering was done by **Saskitoba** in Nisku

I really thought they had a really well rounded menu!

Shout out to Terrie Shaw and Mary Card for aiding in the analysis and recommendations to the ASSC from our past survey. We are looking forward to making your recommendations a reality.

Shout outs and thank you to the members that keep our Drop in art group alive by opening and closing the Centre.



Join us at Drop In Art every Wednesday, 9:30 - noon @  
A.J. Ottewell Centre, 590 Broadmoor Blvd, Sherwood Park, AB

Bring your supplies, creativity and enjoy a morning of socializing with fellow artists.  
Members: free Non Members: \$5

Great opportunity to introduce new friends to the Art Society.

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## Library Corner

Welcome to our new members, please come to the meetings and check out all the resources we have in our library including both technical and inspirational books and DVDs.

The ASSC Library is open during General Meetings and we can also be available to be open on Wednesday mornings (9:30 – noon) at the Drop-in Art sessions at the Ottewell Barn if needed.

Lists of our entire library inventory can be found on the ASSC website (the last menu item at the bottom of the 'Members Area & Login', click on 'Member Documents, How-To's, Library, Wifi', then 'Latest Library Catalogue'.

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## **2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!**

**SHOWS**      Annual Spring Show – April ..  
Student Show combined with County Art Acquisition – May  
Open Studio Tour – September, Artists welcoming visitors  
into their home studios,  
Annual Fall Show & Sale – October  
Christmas Market – November  
12x12 Mini Art Show - December  
Participation in Culture Days with ACCSC – Art Walk – Agora  
Participated in Show at University of Alberta Hospital  
Participated in Show at Misericordia Hospital  
Set up Parking Lot sale at Ottewell Centre

**Workshops: Spring 2023:**

Crystal Driedger	Heather Pant
Izabella Orzelski	Justina Smith
Margaret Klappstein	Social Media 2023
Terrie Shaw	Willie Wong

***Fall 2023:***

Curtis Golomb	Ryan Kurylo – Sculpting and Gesture
Margaret Klappstein	Izabella Orzelski
Rick Rogers	Terrie Shaw
Willie Wong	

**Grants:**      AFA grant applied for and received  
New Arts Development Grants applied for Student Show 2023 granted  
Special Events Grant applied for and granted for fourth Home Art Studio  
Tour 2023 - granted

**Misc.**      New Board members (President, Secretary & Treasurer) elected February  
Member Appreciation Evening to thank volunteers, with Dinner before  
December General Meeting  
Leading Edge booked 3 workshops into the O Centre – 1 proceeded  
Outside artwork scheduled and changed periodically for Remedy Cafe,  
Glenwood Funeral Home, Aster Gardens and Sherwood Park Hospital  
Art with Friends held every Wednesday morning with good attendance.  
ASSC Policy revamped  
Show Instruction binder updated  
New sound system purchased and installed.

**Loft Gallery:**

Solo Artists booked for February and July

Feature Artists booked and shows scheduled for March/April, May/June, September/October, November/December

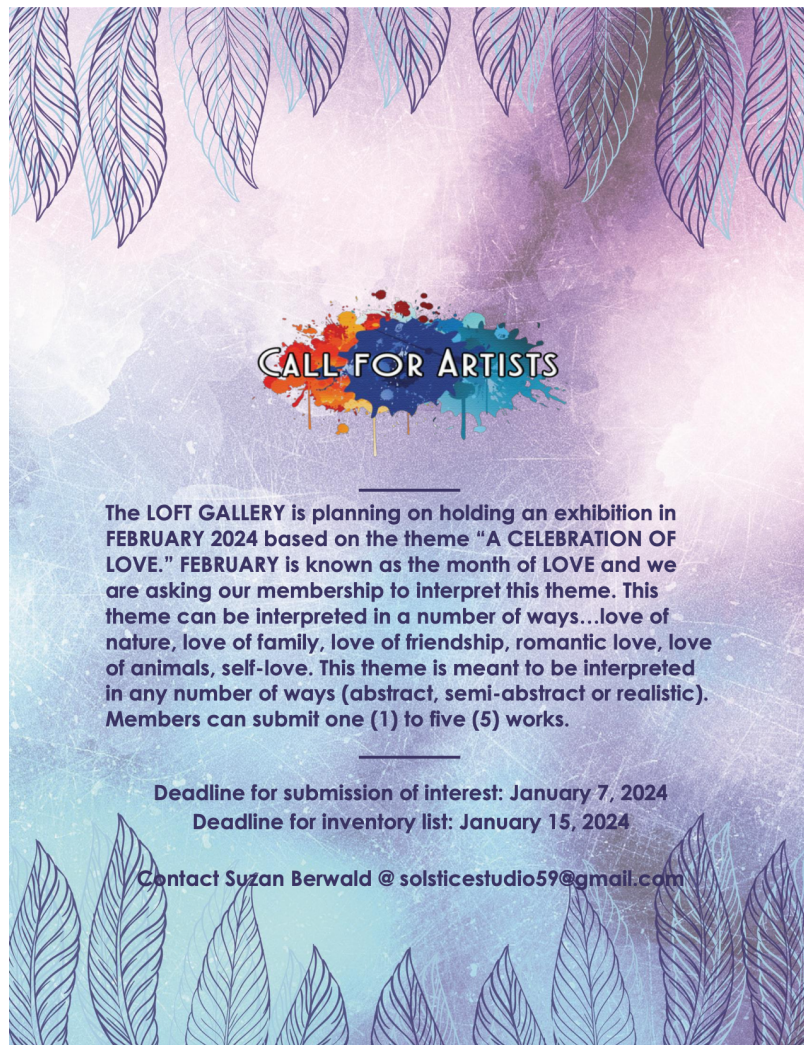
**Community:**

County rebate received for utilities

Level of rentals maintained at good level

Fire inspections completed

Cleaning done by Rental Coordinator



# IN CELEBRATION OF LOVE

A special exhibition by A.S.S.C.  
members at the Loft Gallery,  
A.J. Ottewell Centre/Red Barn

**February, 2024**  
**Weekends 12-4**

A. J. Ottewell Centre  
590 Broadmoor Blvd.  
Sherwood Park, AB



**SPRING SHOW!**  
**ZOOM MEETING** will be  
important for those of you  
considering participating in  
the Spring Show!

"Hello fellow artists, Now is the time to think about placing some of your artistic creations into the Gift Gallery for the next rotation. It will run from February through July. All of the information is on the website, under the members' area. The deadline for registration is January 7th, inventory is due January 15th, and set up would be January 28th in the Red Barn. I would encourage you to give it a try. Sales have been encouraging this year, and we are working hard to increase visitor numbers. If you have any questions please email Judy [Jifairweather@hotmail.com](mailto:Jifairweather@hotmail.com)

## Can you help?

2 people for an audit

Chamber of Commerce rep.

Membership Committee - we need you to greet and make sure that pkgs are given to new members

Meeting Set Up

Speaker Coordinator for beginning of meeting

Kitchen - making coffee and putting out goodies for the meetings

Historian

email Joyce at  
[joyceboyerart@gmail.com](mailto:joyceboyerart@gmail.com)



## *Art Society of Strathcona County*

### **WORKSHOP Newsletter DECEMBER 2023**

**Registrations for 2024 SPRING Workshops will be enabled  
online via the website beginning **December 1, 2023** –  
**[www.artstrathcona.com](http://www.artstrathcona.com)****

#### **FEBRUARY 2024**

**ISABELLA ORZELSKI, Palette Knife Painting,**  
Feb 10, 11 – 9:30- 4 pm, Members \$140,  
Non Members \$180

#### **APRIL 2024**

**DAVID LANGEVIN, Mastering Acrylic Landscapes**  
April 6, 7 – 9:30-4, Members \$180, Non Members  
\$200 - FULL

#### **MAY 2024**

**JANE ROMANISHKO, Pastel Landscapes,**  
May 25, 26 – 9:30—4, Members \$140,  
Non Members \$180.

#### **MARCH 2024**

**CRYSTAL DRIEDGER, Beginner  
Observational Drawing for Adults,**  
March 2, 3 – 9:30 -4, Members \$140,  
Non Members \$180

**MARGARET KLAPPSTEIN, Acrylic  
Landscapes,** March 7, 9:30-4 pm  
,Members \$55, , Non Members \$75

**WILLIE WONG, Watercolors,** March 11,18,25  
& April 1, 8, 15 – 9:30 to noon – Members  
\$160, Non Members \$190

**TERRIE SHAW, Line and Wash Journals –**  
March 23, 24, 9:30-4 – Members \$140,  
Non Members \$180

#### **JUNE 2024**

**DIANNA SAPARA, Encaustics,** June 8, 9, 9:30-4,  
Members \$140 plus \$85 for supplies, Non Members  
\$180 plus \$85 for supplies..



**A little bird told me.....**  
*Item of interest*

## “Vibe - 2024”

### Step by Step:

- **Renew Annual Membership**, either mail in or on the ACACA website under heading Membership. Due by February 28, 2024.
- **Create Art** which must have been completed within the past five years and not submitted to any previous ACACA events.
- **Enter In these Divisions:** Youth (15 – 18 years) and Open (Everybody else).
- **Choose:**
  - up to 3 pieces in each medium you choose, allowing for up to 15 pieces if submitting 3 in each of the following Categories:
    - 2 Dimensional (paintings, etc.)
    - Sculpture
    - Digital Art Illustration
    - Digital Art Manipulation
    - Fibre Art



- **No size or weight restrictions**
- **Entry Fee**
  - Youth \$10 per piece
  - Open \$15 per piece
- **Photograph your work.** For extra hints and instructions on how –
  - **Between February 1 and February 10, send your image(s)** in as large a format as possible, with the following information to Joyce Boyer [joyceboyerart@gmail.com](mailto:joyceboyerart@gmail.com) AND Linda LaRochele [linlarochelle@shaw.ca](mailto:linlarochelle@shaw.ca) If you need help, please contact either one of them
  - Youth or Open
  - Title of Piece
  - Sculpture Category may have up to 4 photos of each piece
  - By entering the Competition, you are stating that your work is original and does not infringe on copyright.
- **Entries** submitted prior to February 1 and after February 10 will not be considered.
- **Art work** will be forwarded to Website Designer for set up on February 10.
- **Judging** by 3 jurors will be on February 20, 2024. Public viewing follows that.
- **Announcement of winners** on the ACACA Website February 29, 2024.
- **Vibe will be available for public viewing at this time.**
- **Prizes will be awarded:**
  - First Place in Youth
  - First, Second and Third in the Open Division
  - Best in Vibe
- **Recognition of the Winners on our Website** [www.acaca.ab.ca](http://www.acaca.ab.ca)

Hello everyone at the ASSC!

As a new member of your organization, I thought I would introduce myself. My name is Mackenzie Lukiw and I'm a long-time resident of the Park. I've been making and creating my whole life but have recently decided to turn that passion for creation into a career rather than simply a past time. After graduating university with a B.Sc. in environmental remediation, I worked in numerous different fields, but none were completely fulfilling. As the events of the past 3 years unfolded, I decided that I needed a change to maintain my own mental health and left those occupations entirely.

I pursued a B.Sc. because I have a great love of nature and am a climate change and political activist. The concept of "oneness" with nature, oneself and with the human race as a whole greatly influences my art. With it I strive to illustrate the fact that the sameness between us as humans is far less than the differences. That we all want the same things, love, health, and security, both politically and financially, for our families. And that above all, we are one on this planet. That we have only one chance to make those things possible for all, not just a select few.

I look forward to meeting all of you, seeing your work and talking shop. I'm sure I will make some wonderful friendships and it truly is an honour to be a part of the Art Society of Strathcona County.

All the best in 2024!

Mackenzie Lukiw

**WELCOME Mackenzie!**  
**Our new Newsletter Person!**

Disclosure Due to unforeseen circumstances Joyce did this with the help of our members submissions.

Email "THE MAIL BAG" - [mackenzienenn@hotmail.com](mailto:mackenzienenn@hotmail.com) Please send any write-up in Arial font for easy transfer to the newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

If you are on Facebook and/or Instagram, please "like" or "follow" us on our social media @artstrathcona. "Likes", "hearts", comments and shares (to your social media) help us promote our events and workshops.

The ASSC has a private Facebook page "Drop In Painting" where members can share information on classes, art shows, or even ask questions of members.