

Art Society of Strathcona County

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2014

OUR NEW BANNERS & BROCHURES!!!



SOME OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK PROMOTING OUR SOCIETY. SONJA & ELAINE ATTENDED THE UNVEILING OF "SADIE", A SCULPTURE AT THE NEW FIRE HALL. SADIE WAS CREATED BY A FORMER STRATHCONA COUNTY RESIDENT, CRAIG LE BLANC, WHO NOW RESIDES IN CALGARY.

Art Society of Strathcona County
PO Box 3061
Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2T1
Fax: 780 416 1419



The A. J. Ottewell Centre
590 Broadmoor Blvd.
Sherwood Park, AB
Phone: 780 449 4443
for office hrs & information

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The snow is gone! I just saw the last of it in my yard! Now, how crazy am I? I'm off to find it again one last time in the mountains! I hope you have finished some projects while you were sequestered inside this past winter, and that you are ready to get your work out there for the world to see! You can't hide them all in your basement!

Stop by the Student Show and see what the students have produced over the winter – you will be amazed and inspired! Then bring Mom and friends to her special day on May 11 – 12 to 4, and take a nice break with tea, snacks, great artwork and pottery. Meet some fellow members and enjoy the time.

The workshops for this season are coming to an end with Ron Wigglesworth at the end of May. It was been encouraging to have so many non-members enjoy our beautiful Ottewell Centre as an art venue. Now that we can register and pay online, it is easy to sign up for workshops. Many artists from outside the area have become members to take advantage of the workshops, which is great. They carpool 1.5 hours each way and stay in a hotel just to participate. However, it is the Sherwood Park and area members who are not participating in the various workshops. Let us hear from you – are the instructors beyond/under your level? Do you not need further instruction? Are the workshops not a good price? Are there too many workshops offered? The Workshop Committee would like to hear from you in order to plan the future. Email either myself, or Elaine at <etweedy@shaw.ca>

The Loft Gallery and Gift Shop is full of artwork until the end of June. It would be beneficial to you as a member and as an artist to check it out. Then again July 19 to August 16, the Gallery will have new artwork at the same time as the ACACA Alberta Wide Show is held in the Centre (Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday). Bring your family and your summer company along to enjoy our local art and the winning entries from the 2 ACACA zone shows.

If you haven't contacted Val Burke yet to hang artwork in the Misericordia Hospital July 5 to September 6, please do so. This is another chance organized by the ASSC to assist you with showing and selling your artwork.

Now, take time to put some seeds in the ground and, watch them grow!

Regards, Sonja

THANK YOU:

- Kay M., Joyce and Elaine for their expertise in drafting up the new brochures: one for rental of the Ottewell Centre, one promoting the Loft Gallery and one promoting the ASSC! Great job! (See front page of Newsletter!)
- Val, Sue, and Elaine for all the work copying and folding the new brochures.
- to all the members: Elaine, Joyce, Kay, Pat, Linda M., Linda C., Roy M., Jean, Vern, Cynthia, Janice, Christine, Brian, Laurette and Sirkka, but especially the new members, who took shifts at the TRADE FAIR! Very much appreciated!!
- to Joyce, Clint and their son for delivering and picking up the mural and easels. (pictured below!) Thanks a bunch!
- to Sue for time spent switching security in the Centre from ADT to Price Langevin and dealing with all the issues of late.



MEMBERS' CORNER

- Next Board Meeting: **May 6** at 6:30 pm @ Ottewell Centre
- Next General Meeting: **May 13** at 7:00 pm ~ Any new members who would like information on the Art Society and its programs and regulations, please join Sonja before the General Meeting on **May 13 at 6:15 pm** in the Loft Gallery...a time for information and questions.
- Student Competition, Show and Sale: **May 9 & 10**
- Mothers' Day Tea and Art Sale: **May 11**
- Start cleaning house! In conjunction with the **June** meeting, we will be holding a garage sale of items by Members. Sale will be by donation to the meeting Coffee Fund.

THE LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

Open Saturday & Sunday from 12-4 pm

Show opens **May 3** and continues to **June 29**...then the Gallery will be open from **July 19** to **August 16** during the ACACA show. Bring your friends and relatives this summer to see what the ASSC members and the ACACA members have to offer.

Get ready for the **September/October** rotation. The theme is "Purple!" Please incorporate "purple(s)" into your submitted artwork. Contact Joyce at <joyceboyer@shaw.ca> for further information.

ACACA SHOW JULY 19 TO AUGUST 16: Held at the Ottewell Centre, the ACACA is running their show from July 19-August 16 on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 10 to 6 pm. The ASSC proposes to have the Loft Gallery and Gift Shop open during these same days and hours. Volunteers will be needed for shifts in the loft gallery, however, if anyone can volunteer a shift for the ACACA show, please contact Sonja or sign up on the volunteer sheet in the entry way at the Ottewell Centre. Anyone who can help out on a Gallery shift, please contact Joyce at joyceboyer@shaw.ca or Sonja.

WOW! LOOK WHAT YOUR DONATIONS ACCOMPLISHED!!!

A Huge Thank You from Anne McCartney!

I would like to thank everyone who supported me with my dream of providing supplies for the grade three's at a school in Guatemala. My dream became a reality, and then some. With your help, I was able to put together a kit for each child in the class. The kit provided them with everything a young artist needs to start on the road to creativity; a sketchbook, drawing pencils, charcoal, pencil crayons, eraser, sharpener, ruler, scissors, watercolor pad, set of 10 watercolor paints, brushes and a great zip-up case to put it all in. They LOVED them! Their eyes lit up at the ideas that these things were theirs to use and ...to keep. I taught them some lessons in drawing and about other artists and their work. We did some painting, finding inspiration from the artist "Miro"; using our imaginations and our "primary colors." We had so much fun. The donations were also used to purchase 2 books; one for the teacher providing her with fun ideas for future use of these art tools and another on the "Group of Seven" with an inscription from their "Canadian artist friends" as a reminder of the visit and the gifts.

There was an abundance of donated supplies so I thought it wise to spread them around a bit. During a conversation with a wonderful young teacher at the school, I discovered that she volunteers her time with a group called the "shoe shine kids." These are children who make a living...shining shoes! A program was developed to give them another outlet; part of that program involves visual arts. I thought this would be a good place for the remainder of the supplies. They greatly appreciated the markers, crayons, paper etc. that they received.

I thank ALL of you for helping; I wish I could have taken you along with me so you could have seen those wide smiles and bright eyes of the children who received your gifts, as I did.

Here are some pictures of us enjoying ourselves.



"Experimenting with contour drawing" - "Discovering Miro" - "Being Miro-esque!" - and "Sharing it all."



UPCOMING EXHIBITS!

"My Tuscan Adventure" Elaine Tweedy

Gallery on Main, Lacombe
4910 50th Lacombe
(403-782-3402)
www.thegalleryonmain.com



Opening reception Saturday May 3rd 5pm-9pm

15 paintings of Tuscany will be featured in the Gallery on Main, Lacombe. These paintings are inspired from my travels in Tuscany.

I hope that you have a chance to drop in and see them. If not, they are on my website, under the portfolio link - Tuscany.



Show runs May 3rd to June 14th, 2014

To view these paintings and others view www.elainetweedy.com

ALSO EXHIBITING!

One of our new members, Mariann McGuire, is having a solo showing of her work at the Common Ground Cafe during the month of **May**. The Common Ground Cafe is located at 50 Brentwood Blvd. in Sherwood Park, so drop in to check out Mariann's work!

"Calla Lily"



"Marilyn Monroe"



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 Artwalk

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.

**ANNUAL STUDENT COMPETITION, SHOW AND SALE:
May 9 & 10**

Mark your calendars so you can attend this awesome showing of artwork by the high school students in the Strathcona County. Contact Lynn B. at lynnonthelake@shaw.ca if you can assist with art take in, sign out, or any other small jobs.

Art Society of Strathcona County

Mother's Day Tea

May 11, 2014 12pm-4pm

590 Broadmoor Blvd Sherwood Park

A.J.Ottewell Community Centre (Red Barn)

Featuring ASSC artists, the

Strathcona County Potters and

Fudgalicious

Tea and Dessert

Loft Gallery and

Gift Shop Open



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!!!



ASSC WORKSHOP LIST FOR MAY NEWSLETTER, 2014



Dear Members of the ASSC,

A figure drawing evening has been booked for Monday, Nov. 10 from 6:30–8:30. Dan has modelled for the U of A 20 years and Grant McEwen for 7 years. The next evening is scheduled for January. At that time, the board will evaluate how well the class is being attended.

Now.....I am looking for someone to oversee these sessions – opening, closing, set up, etc. for this evening. In return, you will get a free one day workshop. Materials needed for each session – lighting, a chair and sheet for the model and a heater. (All found in the storage room upstairs). Coffee/snack at break time. Thank you in advance for your help. Email Elaine:

[<etweedy@shaw.ca>](mailto:etweedy@shaw.ca)

MAY

- FINDING ONE'S MUSE with Ron Wigglesworth – Fri May 30 6:30–9:30 & Sun June 1 10–4 pm Cost \$75/\$90 ****A couple of spots left**

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 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Cost \$160/\$195
- “PAINT ALONG” DVD – Design with the Figure – Polly Hammett – Sept 17 from 10–2 Cost \$5
- 13 COMMANDMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PAINTINGS (All Mediums) Johannes Vloothuis Sept 19,20,21 Cost \$325/\$375. Deadline for registration 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. 1st 10–2 Cost \$5.00
- 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
- WATERCOLOUR FROM THE GROUND UP Experienced Beginners through Intermediate – Sharon Lynn Williams Oct. 23/24 Cost \$120/\$14

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

NOVEMBER

- Gregg Johnson Watercolour Workshop – Saturday, Nov. 1st 9 :30-4 :00 pm. Cost \$60/\$75
- ALL SEASON ORNAMENT WORKSHOP with Barbara Mitchell Sat. Nov. 8 10-1 :30 Cost \$40/\$45 (supplies included)
- “PAINT ALONG” DVD – CAPTURING LIMITED LIGHT WITH EXPRESSIVE BRUSHWORK (watercolour) with Betty Carr Nov. 5th 10-2 Cost \$5.00
- “PAINT ALONG” DVD Pastel Workshop with Susan Woolgar Nov. 19^h 10-2 Cost \$5.00

Report by Elaine Tweedy
Workshop Coordinator
May/14

***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. The ASSC website is now set up for making online payments using credit cards or Pay Pal.



David
Langevin
Workshop



GETTING TO KNOW YOU ~ ARTIST OF THE MONTH ~



Margaret Klappstein

Margaret was born in the Peace River country of Northern Alberta and became interested in art at an early age. She recalls with fondness, the changing seasons in the Peace and tributes her rural upbringing for the love of nature and rural people that are reflected in her paintings. She has also completed several murals in the city of Edmonton and the County of Strathcona, including the murals for the African Suites at Fantasyland Hotel, the 2000 Alberta Winter Games, the murals at Ardrossan and Fultonvale arenas. Gallery shows include Spectrum Gallery, Madsen Studios, Eagle Gallery, Kamena Gallery, & Ash Street. Margaret paints with passion and tries to represent different moods in her paintings. Continuously striving to improve her technique she has taken many workshops and courses to sharpen her skills. She has taught many artists in Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan. Although she works in all mediums, her favorites are oils and watercolors. She received the Pride of Strathcona award in 2002.

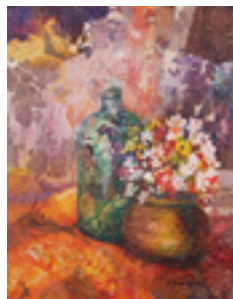
“White Peonies”

Watercolor



“Still Life”

Collage



“A Golden Autumn”

Acrylic

