

# Art Society of Strathcona County

## NEWSLETTER



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### Our June Pot Luck Dinner



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, wasn't that a summer? Hot, dry and no time to paint! I hope you did better than I did and were able to find a wee bit of time to create something that you like. ☺

Please check out the website for the fall workshops as they are filling up very quickly. Also check for the Paint Along Days and the Life Drawing evenings – you are encouraged to participate!

If you have not registered for the 30th Anniversary Appreciation Dinner on September 26, you are encouraged to do so as we must give numbers to the caterers at least 10 days prior. This will be a good opportunity to become acquainted with other members and enjoy an evening of fun as well.

Then of course we look forward to the Fall Show – registration can be done on line or at the General Meeting no later than October 1, 2015.

A new idea for art on the Society's website will be introduced at the General Meeting, as well as information on the Art Studio Tour in 2016 and the ACACA show next summer, as the Ottewell Centre has been selected to host this show again. ☺

All the upgrading of the facility has now been completed by Strathcona County, and you will find the floors so shiny! Many little changes will ensure that you are more comfortable in our beautiful home.

Your Society is headed up by a strong Board of Directors who truly believe in the Society, and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts believes in our Society too, granting the ASSC \$13,211 in an operating grant for 2015! This, together with the miscellaneous County grants, will result in the Society maintaining its financial balance in 2015! 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](mailto:minirose@telusplanet.net). Being involved gives a whole new meaning to being a member, and you will profit from friendships, ideas and inspiration.

See you at the General Meeting when we will launch another exciting season for the ASSC!

Regards, Sonja





Sue Borland for all the extra time spent coordinating with the County, for all the upgrades to the facility, which are as follows:

- Modernizing the fire alarm & emergency lighting
- Removing the make up air unit and capping the gas line (upstairs unused)
- Fire rating two storage rooms
- Replacing the main hall, kitchen and entry flooring, sealing and waxing
- Replacing wood framed windows (3 storey upstairs) with openings
- Upgrading the washroom and storage room hardware
- Modifying the stair rise for safety purposes
- Removing the existing mats and replacing with walk off mats
- Constructing storage/janitor's room
- Upgrading security system
- Replacing 2 furnaces
- Replacing hot water tank
- Rekeying locks and cutting keys
- Painting some interior ceilings, walls, doors and frames
- Replacing the front entry intercom
- Replacing electrical outlets at the main entry
- Installing soap dispensers, and new TP holders
- Installing new kitchen taps
- Recoating and repolishing new floors
- Painting kitchen and entry way walls
- Emptying of paint sink trap

Additionally, the following has been done by the ASSC:

- New Chairs in the entryway
- New Elavon machines installed (twice!)
- Wild Apricot website paid for until 2018
- Gallery plants have been repotted into new pots

Hope you enjoy all these upgrades!

## MEMBERS' CORNER

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 1/15 - 6:30 pm @ Ottewell Centre  
Next General Meeting: Tuesday, September 8/15 - 7 pm @ Ottewell Centre  
Misericordia Hospital hanging: September 12/15 - through November 14/15  
Culture Days and Member Appreciation Dinner: September 26, 2015 - 6:30 pm  
Deadline for Entry for Fall Show: October 1, 2015  
Fall Show: October 16, 17, 18  
Cross Cancer Show: October 19, 20, 21 (presently is fully booked)  
Christmas Market Place: November 14, 15

## MORE ABOUT CULTURE DAYS...

CULTURE DAYS: September 26, 2015 from 10 am-3 pm. Please email Antoinette Alleyne at [alleyne@rmcltd.ab.ca](mailto:alleyne@rmcltd.ab.ca) if you wish to set up a table and work on your craft during the day. The Centre will be advertised and open to the public.

# Invitation to all Members!

As part of Culture Days Alberta, you are invited to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Art Society of Strathcona County on

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Come for a catered dinner at 6:30 pm followed by short entertainment and fellowship with other members. It's your opportunity to introduce yourself and become acquainted with other artists in the Society!



Simply register on line - [www.artstrathcona.com](http://www.artstrathcona.com) - under the Members' Section before September 14, 2015!!!

# Art Society of Strathcona County

Presents

## 2015 Fall Art Show and Sale

A.J. Ottewell Community Centre (Red Barn)  
590 Broadmoor Blvd. Sherwood Park, AB

### Opening Reception:

Friday, October 16, 7 pm to 9 pm  
(Artists and Musicians In Attendance)

### The Show Continues:

Friday, October 16, 1 pm to 9 pm  
Saturday, October 17, 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday, October 18, 12 noon to 4 pm

Visa/Mastercard and Debit accepted

Silver Collection at the Door

Visit our website at: [www.artstrathcona.com](http://www.artstrathcona.com)

If you do not wish to be on our mailing list, please call (780) 449-4443

**\*\*\*\*\* The deadline for the Fall Show art registration is October 1, 2015. \*\*\*\*\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

**CROSS CANCER SHOW:** Thank you to the artists who have committed to this worthwhile show. If you have not sent me your images please do so by the deadline of September 10th. I will be submitting those that I have to the Cross and they will choose from what I send for their advertising. Artists - if you did not receive the information on this show please email Joyce asap and she will resend the information. [joyceboyer@shaw.ca](mailto:joyceboyer@shaw.ca)

**CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE 2015** - NOVEMBER 14 and 15 (Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 11-4) is a place where you can show your crafty side. Only items that are "homemade" and baking and art are accepted into our show. This show is primarily advertised as a Craft and Bake Sale. The Loft Gallery will be open throughout the show. DEADLINE and FEES need to be in by the November 10 General Meeting. We would like to know if you are participating by November 1. Please call Joyce Boyer at 780-433-5950 or email her at [joyceboyer@shaw.ca](mailto:joyceboyer@shaw.ca). One table will be given at first with the possibility of 2 tables if we are not sold out by October 1st.

**\$20.00 registration fee per table for members and \$60.00 for non-members.**

Drop off is between 8 am and 9 am on November 14th. Your signed art list will need to be submitted at the drop off time with corresponding numbers for the pieces you are selling. The Opening on Saturday is at 10 am and all items should be on the tables at this time. You are welcome to be by your table throughout the day but please note that this is not like other craft fairs where you have people sitting behind tables as the flow of this venue is unique. We understand that sometimes standing for long periods of time is not an option so we ask that you let us know and we will try to place you in a spot that does not impede the flow. Two shifts will be required - either on the floor or bagging; this is not a normal craft show where everyone stays at their table and does their own cash. We have a cash desk.

For complete guidelines and the sheets for inventory please email Joyce at [joyceboyer@shaw.ca](mailto:joyceboyer@shaw.ca) I would also like to thank the wonderful committee at this time for aiding in the fine tuning of this annual successful event!

## THE LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

### Open Saturday & Sunday from 12-4 pm

#### Loft Gallery

With being closed over the summer, we are gearing up for a busy time this fall. A large number of members are participating on a regular basis and that is wonderful! The only thing that it affects is the amount of pieces that each artist may include per show. A hint for next year is to apply for a feature artist space in 2017 so that you can perhaps put in a good number without worrying.

We are having drop off on September 7 for the next rotation which starts on September 12. If you wish to participate in the November and December rotation please contact Joyce by October 1 and have your lists ready for October 23. We have extended our lists deadline to accommodate for the fall show and the Cross Shows but if you do not have your lists in by the 23rd there will be no further extensions.

#### Gift Gallery News

We have our second tower available now and will be using this tower for our gift gallery as well. Currently, we are asking that all pieces in the gift gallery be switched out if they have been there for more than 6 months. Please also sign up for your shift with Kay if you have not already done so. Please remember this is additional to the shifts for the gallery if you are showing.

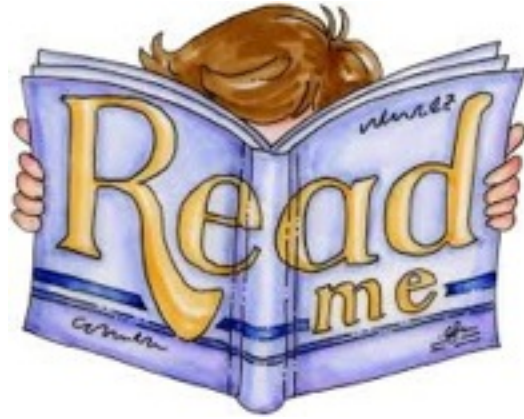
Thanks! Joyce and Kay

## Shows, Exhibits and Opportunities!

**Pleinly Friends:** Margaret Klappstein, Lynda McAmmond and Lynn Sinfield will be exhibiting at the Albert Lottery Fund Gallery at the Dow Centennial Centre in Fort Saskatchewan. The Gallery is open from 11 am till 2 pm Thursday and Friday and sometimes during performances at the theatre.

The Strathcona Senior Centre in Edmonton is looking for volunteer instructors in both Oil and Watercolour. If anyone is interested in this rewarding opportunity, please email Joyce ASAP at [joyceboyer@shaw.ca](mailto:joyceboyer@shaw.ca)





## LIBRARY CORNER

Your Library Committee welcomes you back after a great summer...and we'd also like to welcome back all of your Art Society library resources.

Please bring all your borrowed books and DVDs to the next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> – you can always sign them out again if you haven't finished with them. We'll be sending email reminders to those of you who have had books out for several months already.

### **New DVDs this year**

Here are some of the DVD resources that we've added to our collection this year so far:

The Ultimate Guide to Coloured Pencil by Graham Greene (Book and DVD)  
Encaustic Techniques by Patricia Baldwin Seggebruch  
Capturing the Essence of Landscapes in Oils by Katherine Hurley  
Capturing Limited Light with Expressive Brushwork by Betty Carr (Watercolour)  
Watercolour Painting on Yupo by Mark Mehaffey  
Courageous Watercolour by Eleanor Lowden Pidgeon

Kind Regards,

Christina Lindsay





## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



### **FALL 2015**

#### **September**

- 6 weeks/3 Subjects with Willie Wong... **FULL**
- Life Drawing - Mon. Sept 14 - 6:30-8:30pm. Cost \$15
- Paint Along with DVD - CRINKLE PAPER I with Ching Khee Chee - Wed. Sept 16 - 10am - 2pm. Cost \$5
- Paint Along with DVD - CRINKLE PAPER II Ching Khee Chee - Wed. Sept 23 - 10 am - 2pm. Cost \$5
- Gregg Johnson - Mountains and Lupines in Watercolours II, Tues. Sept 29 - 9am - 4pm. Cost \$50... **FULL**

#### **October**

- "Opposites Attract" A guide to Understanding & Using Contrast Effectively with Graham Flatt - Watercolour and Acrylic. Oct. 2 - 7pm - 9pm and Oct. 3 & 4 - 9am - 4:30pm. Cost \$115... **FULL**
- Paint Along with DVD & Margaret - WATERCOLOUR PAINTING ON YUPO® with Mark Mehaffey. Tues. Oct 6 - 10am - 2pm. Cost \$5
- Life Drawing - Mon. Oct. 19 - 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Cost \$15
- Paint Along with DVD & Margaret - Oct 27 - TO BE ANNOUNCED: 10am - 2pm. Cost \$5
- Greeting cards and Miniatures using Watercolours/Mixed Media with Gregg Johnson - Oct. 31 - 10am -4pm. Cost \$45... **9 Spots left**

#### **November**

- 'Painting The Town' in Watercolours with Rex Beanland - Nov. 7 and 8. Cost \$100
- Life Drawing - Nov. 9 - 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Cost \$15
- 'A Glassy Affair' with Barbara Mitchell. Tues. Nov. 17 - 12pm - 4pm. Cost \$50 (Supplies are Included)

### **WINTER/SPRING 2016**

#### **January**

- Paint Along with DVD - Jan. 5. Cost \$5
- Golden Artist Colours, Inc. Acrylic Lecture Demo - Samantha Williams-Chapelsky - Jan. 9, 1pm - 4pm. Cost \$5 ([see last workshop page for more details](#))
- Willie Wong - 6 Mondays - Acrylics - Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 22. Cost \$150
- Photography 101 - Al Dixon & Roy McLaughlin - Sat. Jan. 16 - Basic camera and functions; great if you want to learn more about your camera and its functions. Cost \$50

#### **February**

- Paint Along with DVD - Feb. 2. Cost \$5
- Photography 201 - Al Dixon & Roy McLaughlin - Sat. Feb. 6 - Intermediate photography principles i.e. lighting and compositional elements will be discussed. Cost \$50

- Nancy Corrigan – Action Painting - loose, colourful and abstract in Acrylic - 2 Fridays - Feb. 12 & 19 - 10am - 1pm. Cost \$50
- Composition Essentials (all mediums) - David Shkolny - Feb. 27. Cost \$50
- Soft Pastel in Landscape and Figure - David Shkolny - Feb. 27. Cost \$50

### March

- Paint Along with DVD – Mar. 1. Cost \$5
- “Altering Ourselves Through the Book” – Jean Tait - March 12 & 13. Cost \$100
- Photography 301 – Al Dixon & Roy McLaughlin - Sat. Mar. 19. Advanced photographic principles explained through photography exercises. Includes accessory lenses, filters and flash operations. Cost \$50

### April

- Paint What you See, Not What You Think You See - with Jerry Markham. April 8, 9, 10. A three-day workshop on the power of observation. This workshop is open to people who paint in oil, acrylic or watercolour and any skill level. Cost \$225.
- David Langevin April 22, 23, 24. Cost \$225

NOTE: Life Drawing is cancelled until Fall 2016

Elaine Tweedy Workshop co-ordinator Sept 2015

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

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

\*\*\*\*\* Presented by Samantha Williams-Chapelsky

GOLDEN ARTIST COLOURS, INC.  
 ACRYLIC LECTURE DEMO  
 Saturday, January 9 from 1-4 pm at the  
 Centre. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable fee.

Register at the General Meetings September to  
 December!



# ASSC Photography Group - September, 2015

Hello Everyone,

I hope that all of you had an enjoyable summer.

Now that fall is just around the corner, we are about to begin our 3rd Season with the Sherwood Park Photography Club. For all those who have continued with their attendance over these past couple of seasons, I would like to thank you. It is because of your commitment that we have grown to the extent that we have and been able to share our photography experiences. Whether beginner or advanced you have contributed and it is my hope that you will continue to do so. *(photo: Jasper in October 2014)*



This season we will start by focusing on putting together an exhibition of our work with the ASSC. I know some of you have contributed images (I thank you) however, more will be needed. Even if you are a beginner, you no doubt have images that are your favourite and, as a club, we would hope that you will share them with us. You never know, they may become a part of our exhibition! In order to make this exhibition a success it will require some planning so I will be asking for support with the intent of setting up a committee to head up this project. More about this will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. The date has not been established. Personally, I think it would be too soon to effectively put it together for several months. This will give us time to do it right. McBain camera is interested in participating in the show and we will be having discussions with their representative in this regard.

This past summer I have not ventured out too many times with my camera but for those times that I have it was an enjoyable experience. At times, I ventured out alone, while at other times it was with some fellow photographers such as Al Dixon, his daughter Ashlynn and Chuck Tweedy. On a personal note, I had the pleasure of par-taking in my daughters wedding. No, I wasn't the photographer but was focused on being the "Father of the Bride". However, I have seen a couple of photographs and was very pleased with them.

This season, one of the goals I would like to achieve is to mix with the Stony Plain Photography Club on a couple of occasions. This interaction can create new friendships and expand our photographic adventures. While the Stony Plain Club is smaller, it contains some very enthusiastic and experienced members whom I know can add to our photography knowledge and skills. Bring your ideas and thoughts with you as we will want to plan out the rest of the season with activities..... Report by Roy McLaughlin

For those who have not completed their membership by submitting their dues please note that the membership year is from January 1st to December 31st with an annual fee of \$40 as of January 1, 2015. If you have attended one past introduction meeting and wish to continue as a member of the Sherwood Park Photography Club your dues (\$40) will be required at the September meeting. **Information regarding the photography group can be obtained by contacting Roy McLaughlin at: [roymcl@shaw.ca](mailto:roymcl@shaw.ca)**

## A "SHOUT-OUT" TO ALL MEMBERS!

Sometimes, the best advice comes from the experiences and learned lessons of others! Sometimes, it's as simple as sharing a good quote, a comical joke, words of wisdom, or a big mistake. We're open to anything - suggestions, questions, ideas - whatever you have...

Who is going to be the first to email "**THE MAIL BAG?**" We are looking for someone to start the ball rolling! show initiative! step up to the plate! take the plunge! take a stab at it or anything else you'd like to call it! MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE OTHER IMPORTANT CLICHES LIKE THE ONES LISTED ABOVE!

Please send your emails to "The Mail Bag" at [minirose@telusplanet.net](mailto:minirose@telusplanet.net)

WE DO WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We will respond to as many as space allows in each monthly Newsletter. **If you wish to remain anonymous, just say so.** OR, please use the Suggestion Box, by the light switches, at the Centre.



We look forward to hearing from each and every one of you - **NOT ALL AT ONCE - OF COURSE!**





Please continue to update your volunteer hours in the book located in the drawer to the left of the kitchen sink. These hours will enable you to show your artwork during 2015 & they are also part of the application for the ASSC's annual AFA grant.

Please stop at the Welcome Table on your way into meetings and sign in for the evening. This is important for the ASSC meeting attendance record and it may become important to you too if you are planning on showing your artwork at ASSC shows.

**"LIKE"** the ASSC on Facebook and please pass the message around!!!

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU!** Elaine Forsberg has undertaken the task of collecting autobiographies and pictures of our members along with their artwork for the newsletter. If you'd like to have your artwork featured in **"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"**, you are invited to send your information to [elaine.forsberg@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.forsberg@gmail.com) .....We'd love to hear from you!

**SHOWING?** If you are having a show or an art event, please send your information to Julie Taylor, Newsletter Editor, at [jamtart53@gmail.com](mailto:jamtart53@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Newsletter!

**ASSC WEBSITE: Peter Hahn - ASSC Webmaster -** You are a member of the Art Society of Strathcona County and both you and the society would benefit if you expanded your Profile page on the website. Your name has been added to the database so you will have access to our website and the Member's Only section. To gain access to the Member's Only section, you will need to do a one time setup of your account and password.

- Click on the "Forgot password" link located beside the "Login" button at the bottom of the left column.
- Type in your email address and the 6 characters you see in the picture. You will receive an email giving you instructions on how to set up your account.
- Once this is done, you will have access to all membership pages.
- Be sure to visit the "How To Docs" section to learn how to setup your profile and include images of your artwork!!!



## GETTING TO KNOW LESLIE DEGNER - View her images at <http://wildernesslightimages.com>

Leslie Degner was born and raised in Burnaby, B.C. and moved to Edmonton in the late 70s. As a child, Leslie watched her grandmother (A.M. Payne) as she sketched scenes and details to work on once she returned to her studio. As a result, Leslie has had a long time appreciation for art and its many mediums. Her interest in photography started out as a hobby but became more serious after meeting a young man (now her husband) at a local camera club. Leslie has been pursuing the art of photography for over 25 years and continually strives to grow and learn more about photography and all art forms.

In 1996, Leslie became a full time professional photographer selling her images through stock agencies and self-marketing and doing commercial assignments. Leslie also teaches photography workshops and leads photography tours. Her images have appeared in a large number of books as well as countless magazines including Outdoor Photography Canada, Photo Life, National Geographic Traveler, Canadian Geographic and Nature's Best. Other recognitions include numerous advertisements, calendars, posters and cards. Leslie's photography was profiled in the fall 2009 issue of Outdoor Photography Canada magazine, the first female photographer to be profiled by them. Recently, Leslie has become a Contributing Editor to the magazine and is co-authoring the Gear Review column with her husband, Mark. She has also had several photography articles published in other magazines.

Leslie spends as much time as she can in the field capturing the beauty, drama and diversity of the natural world around her. She prints her images on a variety of photographic media from traditional photographic papers to canvas, acrylic and metal.

