

Portfolio

Omaha Artists Incorporated

President's Message: By Carolyn Ransom



Hi Fellow Artists,

Have you been enjoying our unusually easy winter? I almost miss having snow (not really!) By the time of this newsletter the winter Art Show at the Jewish Community Center will be underway. Check it out...it's sure to beat the winter doldrums!

As you read the newsletter you will find details on the next Funshop, February 15, which will feature Eddith Buis on handmade books using sketches. Our general meeting will be at the Westside Community Center on February 22. Make your reservation for this event and enjoy great food, fellowship and a terrific program featuring pyrography artist Linda Hatfield.

The annual Opal Parmenter fellowship is open to any club member and provides a great opportunity for expanding your horizons - details are in the newsletter.

Once again we ask for someone to consider taking over the newsletter for next year. Ivy is making herself available to show you the ropes. This is a critical position for our group – please consider this opportunity to serve. It's so nice to know that while nature is sleeping this time of year, we have Omaha Artists and our own creativity to keep our senses awake and ready for a new art experience.

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep" Dilbert, created by Scott Adams.

Happy Creating!



Dates to Remember

- **Feb. 1-Feb. 29, 2012 All Member Art Show**
Jewish Community Center
- **Feb 15 Fun Shop 3rd**
Wednesday Lutheran Church 114th & Center
- **Feb 22 Meeting-**
Westside Community Conference Center,
3534 South 108th St.
- February 25 Newsletter articles due

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February 22: Meeting/Lunch: Chair Jeannie McCarthy



Lunch \$11.00 : Westside Community Conference Center, 3534 South 108th St., Omaha, NE 68144 402-390-3331 Enter through the North Door

11:00 am Board Meeting Lunch 12:00 pm

Reservations must be received by Wednesday February 15-(2-15-12)

- If we need to include a space for program and meeting only, no meal, you need to make a reservation as such.
- *Reservations dates are FIRM, no cancellations or additions after the deadline time. Please consider this requested etiquette and the difficulties presented to do otherwise.*

Email your reservations to jndschaefer@yahoo.com (Jean Schaefer)
 This is the club's preferred method Or you can CALL Barbara Mitchell 402-339-2604

Menu on last page (10)

February 15: Fun Shop

Chair Marilyn Bieg



By Eddith Buis

Eddith Buis will be teaching "Hand Made Books".

This is a skill you'll LOVE to do again for sketchbooks, photos, journaling your best drawings...PLENTY of samples to peruse! Take home written instructions will be provided.

Eddith taught art with OPS for 24 years and 15 with Metro Community College. She's still listed as a NAC artist, and is currently in the early stages of her 18th public art project

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| Supplies: | 12" Ruler |
| Scissors | Paper for the books (Will supply for \$1) |
| 16" X 24" Fabric scrap you love | Your sketches 8X11 to bind in your book if you wish |
| White or cream upholstery thread | |
| Large needle for thread | |
| Small bottle white glue (Aleen's tacky or Elmers) | |

FunShops

Time: 9:00 AM

Dates: Third Wednesday of each Month (Except Dec.) Lutheran Church 114th & Center

P.S. Note: We would appreciate volunteers to bring light snacks for our fun-shop group

ANAC (Association of Nebraska Art Clubs)

by Jo Anne Nielsen 253-8162 & Sara Wamsat 884-2277

Web site: www.nebraskaartclubs.org



Jo Anne



Sara

ANAC membership Dues must be paid by **February 24th**, to qualify for entry in the ANAC 2012 Art Show in Aurora

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ANAC SELECTION SHOW

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Registration: 9:00-10:00 a.m (Same time as the Fun Shop)

Pick up time: 12:30 p.m.

Three pieces of art allowed for selection, but only 2 are eligible. Label all 3 pieces of art on the back of your art with your **own label**. ANAC paperwork and a \$5.00 fee per art piece if chosen.

**ANAC
Conference
2012
June 13-16,
Aurora, NE.**

Name _____
Title of Piece _____

Name _____
Title of Piece _____

Name _____
Title of Piece _____

Omaha Artists Members of ANAC for March 2012-March 2013

If you **are not listed** and wish to be a ANAC member: Make check for **\$10.00** payable to Omaha Artists and mail or give to **Sara Wamsat 5719 North 167th Ave. Cir. Omaha, NE 68116**

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| Jo Anne Amoura | Marilyn Hanson | Jeffery Mack | Jane Reed |
| Marilyn Beig | Donna Hill | Mary Mancuso | Heather Rizzino |
| Dick Brown | Esther Holmes | Judy Maniscalco | Gracie Schroeder |
| Sharon Clawson | Nancy Hordvik | Cindy Rae Mathiasen | Sara Wamsat |
| Ann Devish | Pam Huff | Mike McLaughlin | |
| Bilinda Fellows | Wilma Huff | Barbara Mitchell | |
| Yoshiko Fitzpatrick | Mark Hunsacker | Jo Anne Nielsen | |
| Paula Fryer | Julie Larm | Harriet Otis | |
| Deb Groesser | Joy Long | Duane Piper | |
| Judy Groves | Pat Lontor | Carolyn Ransom | |

New and Re-New Members : Membership Chair Lavonne Tripp



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February 22 Meeting

Program Chair: Katrina Methot-Swanson-



Guest: Linda Hatfield: <http://web.me.com/lindahatfield/Site/Welcome.html>
 "My work is characterized by a use of playful shapes and bright colors to create elaborately decorated surfaces. I enjoy using traditional craft techniques like painting, glass fusing, wood burning and mosaic and updating the designs to give them a clean contemporary edge"



Member FYI & By The Way

5th Annual Drawing from *LIFE* Show: Exhibit selected works from 2011

Hot Shops Art Center 1301 Nicholas St., Omaha February 4—26th.

Opening Reception Saturday February 11, 6:00—9:00 pm

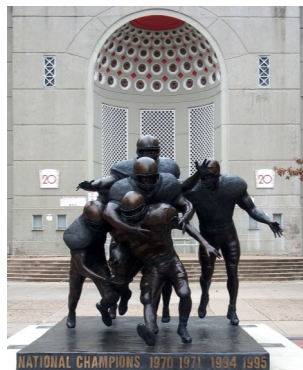
In Addition: Drawing from *Life* classes continue on the 1st Floor Events Center Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Cost for Eight 2 1/2 hours sessions is \$65, payable in advance. Drop in any session \$12 (students and retired seniors are \$10)

Started Jan 10 to Feb 28th



Central Community College Opportunity: Study under Fred Hoppe, the nationally known professional bronze

sculpting artist from Columbus, NE.



Explore Complete process of sculpting human or animal subjects using armatures and clay. Learn step by step. Extra costs for castings and bronze if you choose to mold your piece. Six weeks 6:00—9:00 pm February 7 on, not meeting on Feb 14 and 16, ending March 22. Cost \$600 for 12 three hour sessions. Supplies of reusable clay \$35 for 10lbs. All other tools, etc furnished. View some of his pieces at www.unlhistory.unl.edu/exhibits/show/monuments-of-memorial-stadium/legacy-statue.

Register contact Karin Rieger at 402-562-1222, 1-800-877-0780, ext 1222 or email at Krieger@accneb.edu.

Critique for Omaha Artists, Inc. by Troy J. Muller

Thank you for your kind invitation to judge your artwork at the Jewish Community Center Gallery. It was a great pleasure to examine and reflect upon the great and varied amount of work and media submitted into this show. All of the pieces exhibited energy, exuberance, experimentation and fun!

The winning entries possessed what I believe the best art does: the ability to transport the viewer mentally and spiritually to another place. This mysterious, and sometimes elusive, quality transforms the materials into a vessel of passage for the viewer --sending them on a journey into memory and imagination. The First Place entry, *Charlotte's Gift*, was delightfully mysterious and delicate in this way.

Here is a bit of advice that will help a number of the observational painters: consider "planar analysis"—the systematic study and mixing of colors on the palette before their application onto the canvas. A different color mixture is required for each reflecting surface, or "plane." A painting is usually more interesting and effective when colors are premixed on the palette and not merely "shaded" on the canvas

And advice for all of the painters: Landscape painter Hal Holoun said that the "battle" of the painting takes place, almost entirely, on the palette, and not on the canvas. In other words, the subtlety of color choices and the interrelated mixtures of color on the palette define the success of an image much more than their arbitrary arrangement on the canvas. My suggestion for your future paintings is to premix a limited palette of colors; as this will ensure a unified, beautiful canvas

Congratulations to the winners and all who entered, you should be very pleased with your accomplishments!

Best wishes
Troy J. Muller

Courtesy Chair Dorothy Tuma 402-334-0975 Email dtuma@tconl.com



Cards Sent and Return Comments:

Get Well: Rose Frey

Thinking of You: Melody Stohman

From: Jeanne O'Connell

Dear OAI, Such a wonderful surprise from my artists friends. Thank you for remembering me. I wish I could draw and paint again. I lost my eyesight in one eye and it is difficult to focus a detached retina. I don't recommend this to any one. My best wishes to OAI and [Barb Mitchell, my workshop buddy]. Such a beautiful Christmas card - a keeper. With Love & Gratitude

Sympathy Families:

To: Anne Baker's Family;

Thank you for the donation in the memory of Anne

From: Carolyn Knowles, daughter of Doris Lewis Burgess-

Dear OAI, During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really meant to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Your card was just beautiful.

Art Bridge 2011-2012

Chair Carol Coppi



All classes on 2nd Wednesday of the Month: September to May; 9:00 11:00 AM

Location: Harvest Community Church, 3903 Cuming Ave

Feb. 8	Heart Designs	Margaret Nusrallah 402-551-0648
March 14	Fabric Design	Josie McKissick 402-592-0056
April 11	Collage	Pat Lontor 402-397-1747
May 9	Watercolor	Maxine Burton 296-4557



Our Teachers

Margaret Nusrallah, Josie McKissick, Pat Lontor, Carol Coppi, Maxine Burton, Heather Rizzino, Barb Mitchell
January Meeting 2012 had displays of student work.

Samples of student work



Art Shows and Art Shows

Chair Sharon Clawson 572-8486



Marilyn & Pat

WINTER "Escape" All Member Art SHOW 2012: February 1—February 29, 2012

Where: Jewish Community Center, 333 So. 132nd St.

Take down: Wednesday Feb 29, 11:00—1:00 p.m.

Thank you to my Show Committee: Marilyn Bieg, Judy Groves, Pat Lontor, Judy Maniscalco, Debi Plog,



Judge: Troy J. Muller is an Omaha based artist and art instructor. He graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute with a BFA in painting and earned an MFA in Creative Writing/Poetry at the University of Nebraska. Troy began teaching art classes in 1997. He was an instructor of art classes at Iowa Western Community College for 11 years. He now teaches at Metro Community College in Omaha and as an individual instructor for VA Vocational Rehabilitation. He is a founding member of New Century Art Guild, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization that supports emerging artists and veterans. His next solo exhibition of painting and sculpture will be featured at the New BLACK Gallery in downtown Omaha in June, 2012. **(SEE Comments Page 4)**

Winter "Escape" Art Show Results-

Please try to make time to see our "Winter"Escape" Art Show. It will definitely take you away from the dreary landscape of Omaha and put you into a happy, colorful scene! We had 83 entries from 32 artists, so there is a lot of art to view. The quality of the art just seems to get better each time we have a new show. Congratulations to all of the winners!



1st Sara Sunnick Wamsat
"Charlotte's Gift" acrylic



2nd Pat Lontor "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" oil



3rd Debie Plog "Lauren" pencil

4th place - Renee Hirsch "Sunny California" oil



Art Shows

Chair Sharon Clawson 572-8486



Honorable Mentions:

Heather Rizzino "Life Source" digital photography



Marilyn Beig "Shadows" acrylic



Susan O'Halloran
"My Adobe" acrylic



Duane J. Pieper
"Green Grass/Quiet Waters" encaustic

Barb Linder Watercolor Award - Judy Groves
"On Golden Pond"
watercolor



Judge's Recognition Awards

Pat Lontor "Stars and Stripes" photograph

Joy Long "Daisies and Apples" oil

Dorothy Tuma "Fire Flies" appliqué fabric beading

Pat Lontor "Altitude" oil

The Second Annual Artists in Residence Art Show"

Located at : The Designers showrooms, 12123 Emmet St., Omaha, NE

Registration: Monday, May 14, 11 - 1

Reception : Tuesday, May 15, 5 - 8 p.m.

Take Down: Monday, June 11, 11 - 1 p.m.

There is no theme and no size restriction, anything goes. The Designers will take a 25% commission



OPAL PARMENTER FELLOWSHIP

Applications MUST be received by March 1, 2012

This fellowship will entitle you the opportunity to attend a workshop of your choice. Members may apply for this fellowship by filling out the application below. The applicant shall be a member in good standing of Omaha Artists, Inc. and have a sincere desire to improve his or her own artistic skills. Members also must be willing to share what they have learned, by conducting a Fun Shop after attending their workshop.

This fellowship will pay the recipient \$300.00. For more background information about this fellowship, please see your Omaha Artist Inc. roster.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF WORKSHOP:

In the space below , please describe how you feel you would benefit from this workshop and how you would share what you learn.

Mail to:
Lavonne Tripp, 12704 Sky Park Drive, Omaha, NE 68116
Phone: 402-896-1441 Email: ltripp@tconl.com

2012 General Meeting Minutes

Secretary Linda Bernett



GENERAL MEETING January 25, 2012 held at Westside Community Center
Call to order by president, Carolyn Ransom. New member Duane Keiser welcomed.
Newsletter secretary minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S report: No Report

ANAC: Sara Wamsat- Deadline for ANAC dues Feb 15th at the fun shop. The convention will be held in Aurora Nebraska from June 13th thru the 16th. See newsletter for list of instructors and workshops

ART SHOW: Sharon Clawson- Distributed post cards for promotion of the Winter Art Show at the Jewish Community Center; Set up will be February 1st 11:00 to 1:00; Reception February 5th from 2:00 to 4:00; Take down is February 29th 11:00 to 1:00. The judge is Troy Mueller. Entry fee of \$10.00 for 3 pieces, and there is a 25% commission fee for the Jewish Community Center on sales. The spring show will be May 13th at the Designers, more information to come.

COMMUNITY ART BRIDGE: Carol Coppi- Student work was on display at the meeting. Note: Bags of crayons and candy are provided to students as a Christmas gift every year from the Omaha Artists Inc. The instructor for January was Barbara Mitchell, the subject snowmen.

ART REACH: Sara Wamsat-No report

COURTESY: Dorothy Tuma-No report

FUNSHOPS: Marilyn Bieg- February fun shop will be Eddith Buis making hand made books for sketches, etc. See newsletter for supplies and details. January fun shop was mixed media by Linda Meigs. Example displayed by Sara Wamsat.

HOSPITALITY: Margaret Nussrallah– Door prize winner Pat Hansen; Gift donated by Melody Stohlman

HOSTESSES: Jeannie McCarthy- Westside Community Center luncheons will continue thru June; Members should continue to email; By Friday please, prior to meeting; Jean Schaefer for reservations. Calling will be handled by Barbara Mitchell. . When paying in cash bring correct change or check.

MEMBERSHIP: Lavonne Tripp- No Report.

NEWSLETTER: (Carolyn Ransom) Ivy Miller– Newsletter person for next year still needed. Ivy will train and assist.

PROGRAMS: Katrina Methot-Swanson- January presentation Tom Quest, pottery; February pyrography with Linda Hatfield.

PUBLICITY: Sharon Clawson-No Report

WEBMASTER: Judy Rohwer– No Report

VICE PRESIDENT: Dick Brown– No Report

PRESIDENT: Carolyn Ransom– See newsletter for applications for Jeannie Schaefer scholarship, deadline is February 1st.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jeannie McCarthy has private showing, Drawing from Life at the Hot Shops Feb 4th to 26th. Reception Feb 4th. Katrina Swanson has showing at the Artist's Coop; Friday Feb 3 thru the month; Reception Feb 3rd from 6:00 to 9:00



Motion to adjourn: Shirley Humphrey

Second motion: Jeannie McCarthy

February 2012
We're on the Web!
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Reminder: Articles due
Friday after the monthly
meetings

LUNCH Menu

Westside Community Conference Center

\$11.00/person

Meals include: They both come with a mixed green salad which includes tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, croutons, Ranch or French dressing..Both these entrees also come with one starch and one vegetable, coffee, water and iced tea. There are also vending machines available for those who would like soda.

Selections: Meat or Vegetarian Entrée will also include a Chef's choice starch and vegetable

1. Meat Option: Barbeque sliced beef brisket
2. Veggie Option: Southwest platter with guacamole, black beans, corn, pico de gallo and cilantro rice

Pay by **check** made payable to **Omaha Artist's Inc.** (Cash must be exact, no change available.)

NOTE: A reservation is a commitment of space and money.
No show you still owe.

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