

**OSAC MEMBERSHIP • January 2018 - January 2019 (by Artist)**

**WHISTLER (\$300)**

Sam & Stephanie Griffith

**POLLOCK (\$200)**

Roger Knudson  
Elizabeth Murray

**CARRAVAGIO (\$150)**

Fran Levings & Dave Baker  
Kate Salverda

**O'KEEFE (\$120)**

Laurie & Bill Hilty

**VERMEER (\$100)**

Sue & Rod Foss  
Joey McQuiston  
Bill Rickmeyer  
Sandy Sandwich  
Marina Vork

**REMBRANT (\$60)**

Ken Hedmark  
Lois & Dennis Lapp

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Lee & Dorothy Dybvig  
Dick & Patty Hapke  
Dawn L. Hofstrand  
Linda & Greg Kvasnicka  
Sylvia Marcotte  
Ted & Sandra Sheppard

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Wayne & Jan Oak

**DA VINCI (\$30)**

Jim & Mary Butcher  
Jennifer Frederickson  
Virginia Kalafut-Henkel  
Laurel Olene

**BAKER/WALZ (\$25)**

Pat Adams  
Cheryl P. Burns  
Mary Carlson  
Jeanne Coffey  
Mary Ellen Dewey  
Nathan Frazer  
Dave & Karen Hampton  
Robert & Cecelia Jauch  
Josette Koets  
Julie Mans  
Jo Ann Marks Nelson  
Irene Sandell  
Joe Scheeler  
Mary Thorvig  
Steve Vadnas  
Marguerite Walz  
Sue Zimmerman

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Becky Lourey

**INDIVIDUAL DONATION**

Becky Lourey - \$500

**CITY & TOWNSHIP**

City of Sandstone - \$1000  
New Dosey Township - \$250  
Arna Township - \$100  
Wilma Township - \$75

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Northview Bank - \$500  
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe - \$400  
Chris' Food Center - \$200  
Members Coop. Credit Union - \$200  
Northern Pine Chiropractic - \$100  
Sandstone Dental Office LTD - \$100  
Bjerke Law Offices LLC - \$50  
Cheri's Flower Basket - \$50  
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The Old School Arts Center builds and enriches the community through arts education, exhibition, and performance. OSAC supports the efforts of local and regional artists and provides a venue for public events.

**INSIDE OSAC**

Three New Exhibits Annually  
Poetry Readings  
Open Mic Nights  
Artist-In-Residence  
Three Concerts Annually  
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As we begin our 8th year here at the Old School Arts Center, our Board of Directors is looking forward to a year of many continued activities and a sampling of new ideas and events. We have already added the Pop-Up Art Show to our 2019 schedule. These small exhibits will "pop up" at various businesses in the area throughout the year. As I write this, a lovely display is currently being shown at the Blue Taco in Sandstone featuring artists Carole Bersin and Jeff Kittermann. Next Pop Exhibit will be Feb. 8-11 at the Northview Bank in Sandstone with Dave Baker's art work.

We will also be hosting the renowned 10,000 Things Theatre production of "Into the Woods" at East Central High School on Feb. 11 at 7 pm. This theatrical ensemble's talent was recently recognized as the best theatre group in Minnesota. "Into the Woods" will be open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Another successful project for OSAC in 2018 was our Coloring Book project. OSAC Artist Mary Carlson saw a coloring book based on the city of Winona while visiting her son and former Board member John. Thinking it would be a good project for us, she presented her idea and we grabbed it. The entire book features the City of Sandstone. The Sandstone City Council and fifteen businesses/non-profits each reserved a page in the book, and local artists Carole Bersin, Dave Baker, Marguerite Walz, Josette Koets, Cheryl Burns, Linda Kvasnicka and Jessica Lamberth drew the pictures about those places to be colored. Mary Carlson did all of the art for the covers – inside and out. We think these books are a wonderful showcase for Sandstone – both in economics and aesthetics. They can be purchased in the OSAC Gift Shop, at the Sandstone Library and Cheri's Flower Basket.

I would like to make a correction to an article we published in the July edition. When recognizing all of the OSAC artists who won awards at the IMAGE show last spring, I neglected to mention Kate Salverda. Not only has Kate consistently won at this important art event, she has also consistently exhibited at our Openings. Our headline art donation for our big 2017 raffle was given to us by Kate. She is a committed OSAC supporter. Sorry I forgot you, Kate.

We publish this newsletter twice a year – in January and again in July. Enjoy!

**OSAC AWARDED A GRANT!**

Linda Kvasnicka, Grants Committee Chair, wrote and submitted a grant to the East Central Regional Art Council requesting funds to provide new IT equipment and Board training. We were awarded \$2900 towards these efforts. Our office indeed does need updated technology and our Board will benefit from the training scheduled for a Retreat at the Pine Stone Lodge in early February. Many thanks to Linda for her successful efforts in securing the funding for this and a huge Thank You to the East Central Regional Arts Council for this award. It is greatly appreciated. We also are grateful to the voters of Minnesota for the legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

## POETRY/PROSE READINGS CONTINUE TO BE VERY POPULAR

Those readers who presented at the Poetry/Prose Reading last July include were led by Roger Knudson. Roger read a poem about God by Rilke, followed by a eulogy to Charlie Chaplin, then a poem by Soviet poet Yvteschenko and concluded with a T.S. Eliot poem about cats. Local author and artist Tami Jo Riedemann read, as usual, poetry she had written herself. Her topics included homeless, food, changes, idols and the rain. Dave Baker rounded out the 1st session with a poem he had written about his dogs who had recently both died.

Following intermission, Sandy Sandwick shared a memory she has of growing up and reading "Good Night, Moon" to her dad almost every night when she was 6 years old. George Jamison then regaled the group with his definition of the word "Trumpitist" as being "someone who lies".

Mary Thorvig then read a tribute to Mr. Rogers from a friend of his which tells of the influence that Fred Rogers had on our culture. Since neither regular readers Linda Kvasnicka and Nathan Frazer could not attend this reading, Fran Levings read "A Day-July 22, 2010" written by Linda and delineating one day in the life of a berry-grower. She then read a poem that Nathan had selected written by Don Hall, a renowned poet who had recently passed away.

Nancy Kramar finished the afternoon with a series of humorous- silly, but enjoyable, ditties and limericks.

Another Poetry/Prose Reading in November proved to be just as enjoyable. Since it was held on Armistice Day, Jeanne Larson opened the show by reading "In Flanders Fields" and a poem by Rupert Brooks. Nancy Kramar was next singing a poem/song by Jim Staffens called "The Swamp Witch". Sandy Sandwick chose her readings to be in sync with the election of 2018 which had just concluded. She shared comments and questions about America she had been asked over the years during her travels.

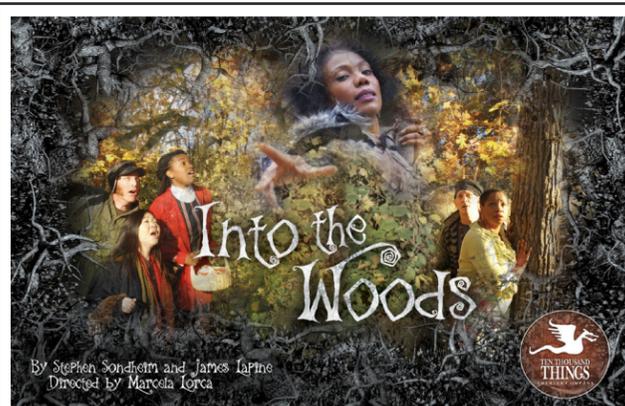
Nathan Frazer read some of his own poetry-sonnets- one about the August Eclipse and another about the Equinox. "How to Shovel Manure – Lessons for Country Women" was a very humorous book that Linda Kvasnicka read in parts. George Jamison concluded the 1st section of reading with a poem by Wendell Barry.

It was wonderful also to hear Steve Palmer read a poem written by his granddaughter, a college student in Duluth. After talking about his struggle in writing poetry, Dave Baker then read some Japanese poetry. From memory, Harold Bonin regaled the audience by reciting "Casey at the Bat."

Beginning with an announcement that she is a member of National Novel Writing Group, Tami Jo Riedemann read 4 of her original poems. "The First Snowfall" by James Russell Lowell was Fran Levings' offering for the day, then she read a poem by Sandstone resident Rachel Sills about the loss of her mother.

## 6TH ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL ONE TO REMEMBER

Amidst a flurry of vendors, Silent Auction, food table, beer tent, and wonderful music, this Festival was well worth attending. Musician for the day was Ted Hajnasiewicz and what a great job he did! OSAC added the "Chair Painting" contest once again. Four chairs were presented for judging. Judges were Carole Bersin, Amy Frazer and Cheri Holm. The winner was Roberta Reed from Superior. She had actually entered two chairs in the contest and her chair that placed 1st was then purchased by OSAC artist Sue Zimmermann.



**Monday, Feb. 11th @ 7pm**

East Central School Cafeteria  
61085 State Hwy 23, Finlayson

Ten Thousand Things and Old School Arts Center present...

### *Into the Woods*

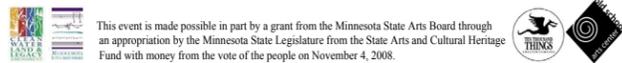
This delightful musical invites us to confront our deep desires and fears, and ride alongside familiar fairy tale characters with one of the best scores ever written.

directed by Marcela Lorca

featuring Brian Bose, Rajané Brown, Aimee Bryant, Tyson Forbes, Sheena Janson, Jim Lichtscheid, Ben Loghberg, Elizabeth Reese and Austene Van

**FREE! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Light refreshments provided  
Best for ages 13 and up



This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the State Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund with money from the vote of the people on November 4, 2008.

## FICTION WRITER AT OSAC

Fiction writer Amy Rhea read sections of her novel "The Miracle Worker" at OSAC in October. Amy grew up in northern Minnesota and now lives in the Twin Cities. She was a recipient of the Minnesota State Arts Board grant to write a novel. She also spoke about her writing experiences. We were honored to have the opportunity to hear her read and to chat with her.

## DIGITAL MISCHIEF ART SHOW MARVELOUSLY RECEIVED!

Our final Art Opening of the 2018 season was entitled "Digital Mischief – 3 Photographers at Play." Dee Kotaska, Gail Gates and Mike Gainor displayed several pieces of a different style of photography. With a floor show by members of the Minnesota Woodworkers Guild and music by Tim Williams, this exhibit brought a record crowd of spectators to our Gallery.

The following morning, the 3 photographers presented a workshop entitled "How do they do that?" in which they demonstrated how they create their incredible images.

**Watch for more from our Exhibition Committee in 2019!**

## TWO FINAL CONCERTS FOR THE 2019 SEASON

Back by popular demand, Duluth musician Rachael Kilgour played at OSAC in August. A Grand Prize winner in the 2015 New Song Contest, she continues to impress her audiences with her singing and songwriting.

Mike Bjerke Unplugged played our last concert of the season in October. With special guest artists Duo Sonic, Nathan Frazer and The Ripsters, they played to an enthusiastic crowd.

## VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sandy Sandwick found time in her very active retirement to sign on a few years ago as an OSAC volunteer and what a worker she has been! When asked to write a little "bio" on herself, she contributed the following –

"I was raised on a farm in Carlton County. My college and post-graduate work was completed at St. Cloud State and Hamlin University. My teaching career began in 1969, when the Pine County Special Education Cooperative re-opened the Friesland School. I taught Special Education for 40 years in Pine County. I have 2 wonderful children, 6 beautiful grandchildren and one gorgeous great-granddaughter. After retiring, volunteering for various organizations and causes became my "job." I'm interested in genealogy, especially my maternal ancestors. Traveling has been an interest of mine for years. My bucket list includes visiting all continents. Currently, I have Antarctica, South America and Africa remaining to complete my list. I have been a member of the local lions for 25 years. I am extremely proud of the people who worked diligently to open the Old School Arts Center 8 years ago and thus provide a cultural experience for Sandstone and the area."

## ART PARTY WRAPPED UP OUR GALLERY SEASON

Our last event in the Gallery before closing it for the winter was our big Art Party at the end of October. Northern Wisconsin singer/songwriter John Agacki provided the music while everyone worked on art projects at the huge art table on the mezzanine.

We want to extend a deep felt Thank You to the 5 artists who so generously donated a piece of their beautiful art work for our Raffle Fundraiser. Cheryl Burns, Finlayson, was the winner of Bonnie Waletzko's pottery piece "Watermelon," while Linda Kvasnicka, Bruno, won the "Floral Burst" acrylic donated by Claudia Hanson. Artist Marsha VanBuskirk, from Trego, Wisconsin, donated her collage/watercolor piece "Passion" and it was won by Virginia Kalafut-Henkel, Sandstone. Dave Baker's colored pencil piece "Thelonius Bosch" was won by Wayne Oak, Sandstone and Tracy Maki, Stillwater, won Karen Kozak's oil painting "Chequamagon."

## GOODBYE TO OUR FRIENDS

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of two wonderful members of our OSAC community. Longtime volunteer Kris Jondall died of cancer on September 6. Kris was a tireless volunteer for us for six years and for 2 consecutive years she won our "Volunteer of the Year" award. Her hard work was equaled only by her wit and humor. She was such a pleasure to work with.

We were so fortunate to have Minnesota Music Hall of Famer Willie Murphy perform twice for us. Willie passed away on January 12 of heart problems. A longtime friend of Willie's was OSAC artist, volunteer and former Board member Dave Baker. Dave remembers Willie as "someone who was still at the height of his amazing musical passion when he performed at OSAC. Willie also had a profound knowledge of American music and culture and immense musical chops. He was a wonderful friend and having known him for 50 years, my admiration and respect knows no bounds."

# Open Studio

has moved to the Pine County History Museum in Askov for the Winter





## Every Sunday

## Beginning Nov. 18

## Noon-4 pm

Bring your supplies and  
join the group of artists.

Come as often as you like!



"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund."

