

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

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Marina Vork

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Lois & Dennis Lapp

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Sylvia Marcotte
Wayne & Jan Oak
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Jennifer Frederickson

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Cheryl Burns
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Baker, Dave
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Bersin, Carole
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Briggs, Jodi
Buck, Cindy
Bullivant, Bud
Carlson, Betty
Cloose, Melinda
Cowden, Ruth
Crocker, Jean
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Drahosh, Mike
Filler, Angela
Gainor, Mike
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Lapp, Lois
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Pearson, Marty
Phillippi, Ann
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Reed, Roberta
Riedeman, Tami Jo
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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 you know, even though the Old School Art Center closes its gallery at the end of October each year, it does not mean that activities are suspended for five months. Indeed not! Taking a long look back to the beginning of 2019, we can see that nine members of our Board of Directors attended a retreat in early February. The gathering was held at Pine Stone Lodge located on the Duxbury Road. Funding for the event was provided by a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council. Via this funding, an excellent board-training organization — Propel — conducted the training. Using a Board-initiated and hands-on approach, we outlined strategies for gaining outcomes to help make our programming and structure more viable and sustainable. It was an extremely worthwhile weekend and our various committees are still working to fulfill their goals.

Other projects and events we worked on will be covered in this issue of the OSAC News. I would like to conclude my article here by letting you know that, with a heavy heart, I will be leaving OSAC at the end of October. Having turned 80 this summer, I have taken pause and done a lot of thinking and discussing with Dave as to how I want to spend my time. Hearth and Home are beckoning me and I am answering the call. My sincere best wishes to all of you — our exceptionally hard-working Board of Directors, our erstwhile volunteers, the community of Sandstone, and all of the wonderful and talented artists who have become my friends.

Fran Levings, President

10,000 THINGS THEATRE MESMERIZES ONCE AGAIN

INTO THE WOODS, the delightful musical by Stephen Sondheim and James LaPine was hosted by the Art Center and presented at East Central High School on February 11. Ten Thousand Things Minneapolis-based Theatre group performed this humorous, yet poignant, play. It invited us to confront our deepest desires and fears, and ride alongside familiar fairy tale characters with one of the best scores ever written. About 45 patrons braved the stormy weather to watch this production and it was enjoyed by all.

PRESIDENT'S STEW ENJOYED BY ALL

For the 4th year in a row, Dave Baker presented his annual update on Presidential Portraits at the President's Stew fundraiser held at the Sandstone Area Golf Course on February 23. Auctioneer Paul Venhuizen again auctioned the many homemade pies that were donated. The stew was delicious and, obviously, we did not have enough. We plan to cook even more pots of stew for 2020. Thanks to all who attended.

POP UP ART SHOWS SOMETHING NEW AT OSAC

New Board Member Cheryl Burns has initiated some very unique and worthwhile programs for OSAC. One of these was the idea to have monthly “Pop Up” exhibits throughout the area. The first one of these enjoyable and charming events was in February at the Blu-Taco store in Sandstone. Jeff Kitterman and Carole Bersin exhibited their fine art work for a few days. Then in March, local nature photographer Barry Ryan had an exhibit at Crazy Mary’s Café in Finlayson and in April, we had a show at the Northview Bank in Sandstone where the work of Dave Baker was on display. These Pop Up shows were so popular that several other local businesses and non-profits have indicated an interest in hosting one for the next go-round which will begin in late fall.

OSAC ARTISTS SHINE AT IMAGE SHOW

Longtime OSAC art exhibitors Claudia Hanson and Mike Gainor both were big winners at the annual IMAGE show hosted by the East Central Regional Arts Council in April. They were awarded Blue Excellence Awards. Claudia won for an acrylic painting entitled “Migration” while Mike’s digital mischief piece was entitled “Sleep & Dreams.” Congratulations to you both and thank you for continuing to exhibit at our Art Center.

WE THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS

One of the favorite activities of our Board of Directors is the dinner we provide annually for our hardworking volunteers. We host this event each April which is “Volunteer Appreciation Month.” The Board of Directors itself had accumulated 949 volunteer hours in 2018. The volunteers had accumulated 665 volunteer hours.

Special recognition was given to Becky Lourey. Becky was a former owner of the building and one of the founders of our little non-profit in 2011. A poignant feature of the evening was the introduction of Ernie Borchardt, our eldest volunteer at age 91 and Quinn Frederickson and Maple Tuckner, our youngest volunteers at ages 6 and 5 respectively.

Those volunteers who had more than 20 hours under their belt were honored. Included were Lois & Dennis Lapp (20.25 hours), Evelyn & Ernie Borchardt (22.5 hours), Mary Carlson (24 hours), Carole Bersin (34.5 hours), Jan Thurston-Davis (55.25 hours) and our # 1- 2018 volunteer Blake Freisendahl with 92.75 hours!

VOLUNTEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

I am Pat Adams and have lived in Rutledge since 2004 when I moved here from the Twin Cities to the house I built on the “wild and scenic” Kettle River in 2000. I graduated from Robbinsdale High School, then completed a B.A. in journalism from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and a M.S. in Telecommunications from St. Mary’s of Minnesota.

Having moved around a bit from one job to another in my early years, I settled down for 23 years, first as a writer in Public Relations at Northwestern Bell, which eventually became U S WEST. Several positions later, I retired as a project manager of 911 switch conversions.

My family all graduated this year. My daughter, Jen, after a 20-year absence, completed her B.S. from the U of MN. My older grandson, Jupiter, graduated with a double major in Spanish and computer science from the U of MN. My younger grandson, Asa, graduated from high school, having completed the last two years of it at the U of MN. (Asa has shown some of his artwork at OSAC.)

My main volunteer work includes 14 years of teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at my church in Mission TX during the winters and by Skype when I’m home in Minnesota. I help with local mission projects at my MN church, Sandstone United Church of Christ. I also enjoy helping with the quilting projects at the Willow River Stitch and Chatter group, as well as at the TX park where I live in the winters. All the quilts are donated to schools, hospitals and other groups in need. I also volunteer at the Upper Valley Art League in Mission TX, where I’ve displayed some photos.

Photography has been an interest since taking a class at the U of MN back in the 60s. This year I’ve been working on learning my iPhone camera, including learning digital editing/manipulation of photos. Other interests include quilting, reading, and corn hole.

It’s been several years since I became involved with OSAC and I can’t remember exactly how that happened! I think it was through my friend Bill Booth, who met some OSAC volunteers who recruited him to help with a painting project (walls). I soon got involved with some cleaning and then baking, hanging flyers, working as docent—and submitting photos for shows.

Pat Adams

TWO EXHIBITS OPEN AT OSAC

On May 19, we opened the Gallery with a new big exhibit. Mixed Media artist Peg Skalicky, Pine City, was the Featured Artist and music was provided by a guitar duo — “Maintenance Free.” First-time exhibitors at OSAC included Bud Bullivant (Milaca), Betty Carlson (Lindstrom), Melinda Cloose (Mora), Jean Crocker (Cambridge), Julie Domogalla (Askov), Deb Huberty (Mora) and Stephanie Stevens (Bovey). Lois Lapp won the “People’s Choice Award” with her “Tree of Life” art piece. A “Show within a Show” exhibit featured Pine County 4-H art, while pieces from “The Private Collection of George Jamison” were also on display. Lastly, a beautiful array of Student Art was part of the show also.

Our second big exhibit opened on July 26 with Jeff Lewis, Minong, WI as the Featured Artist. Music was provided by Tawni Stark VanVleet. Scholarship winner Madison Nelson had a lovely display of her art work. Artists new to this show included Roberta Reed, Superior, WI, Carol Rowley, Andover and MacKenzie Auro, Sandstone. A very special feature of this show was the Grand Opening of “The Bar at the Folies Bergere.” A vivid reconstruction of this painting by Manet was a collaborative project undertaken by Dave Baker, Mary Jo McQuiston, Linda Kvasnicka, Steve Vadnais, Greg Kvasnicka, Karen Mansfield and Lee Dybvig. It is a must see! People’s Choice winners were Bud Bullivant, Dave Baker and Ruth Cowden.

15 READERS AT POETRY / PROSE SESSION

The Poetry/Prose Reading on May 19 garnered 15 people either reading their own poetry or the work of a favorite poet/author. The following is a rundown of readers and their subjects.

Roger Knudson	Yevteshenko
Sandy Sandwick	Lyrics from 4 Favorite Songs
Nathan Frazer & Angie Zillert	Read from Rilke (Nathan in English & Angie in German)
George Jamison	American Indians of the Southwest
Nancy Kramar	“A Thankful Heart” & “Everyone Needs Someone”
Harold Bonin	“The Ballad of Ira Hayes” (Verbatim from memory)
Sandra Holmgren	Poem dedicated to Dr. Susan Wickland, an abortion provider.
Dave Baker	Robinson Jeffers
Steve Palmer	Poems Honoring Mothers
Carma Coon	Read 2 of her own poems — “April Lake” and “A Memorial Rite of Passage”.
Barb Siqueroes	Poem about Mexican Immigrants
Tami Jo Reidemann	Read 4 of her own poems
Jeff Holmgren	Read from “The Prophet”, Tao Te Ching and “The Age of Faith”
Tanya Starinet	Read her own poems
Troy Frazer	Prose by Mark Helpern

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER PRESENTS

On June 2nd, we had the opportunity to honor an art form that has not been developed or shown before at OSAC — filmmaking. Bill Kersey, a filmmaker living in St. Paul presented scenes from his work-in-progress documentary “KOLAND,” based on an extensive collection of 8mm movies shot over four decades by his grandfather Arne Koland. Mr. Koland lived on the Duxbury Road in the 1920’s. Mr. Kersey also discussed cinematic storytelling techniques and documentary film-making with an emphasis on personal stories. His program was very well-received by all who attended.

SONGS OF HOPE CONCERT WOWS ITS AUDIENCE!

For the first time in its 28-year history, the global “Songs of Hope” performance company performed at our Art Center, presenting a single concert. The award-winning “Songs of Hope” concert showcased the talents of young musicians ranging in age from 9-21 coming to Minnesota from countries all over the world. A large audience at OSAC enjoyed the high-energy concert on July 17.