

SAC Celebrating 40th Anniversary!

There is so much to celebrate at the Shiawassee Arts Center this year! Our organization has come a long way since it began 40 years ago. In 1972 there were just 30 members and a handful of volunteers and our home was Curwood Castle. In 2012 there are nearly 1,000 members, dozens of volunteers and our home is the beautiful 6,000 sq.ft. Arts Center.

And to think that after six Artrain visits, four Detroit Symphony concerts, three Michigan Opera Theatre performances, two major Frieseke exhibits, a national Shakespeare production, over one hundred artist exhibitions, high school scholarship awards totaling \$63,000, hundreds of multi-media classes and summer camps plus much more SAC continues to grow.

How fitting that our special exhibition this coming June and July, *The Worth of Woodard*, which will celebrate three centuries of Owosso-based Woodard furniture, will coincide with SAC's 40th anniversary.

During all these years SAC has remained true to its mission to provide quality arts and cultural activities that educate, entertain and enhance the quality of life in our community. You have made this happen with your memberships, donations, volunteer support and overall commitment to the arts in our community. I am proud to be a part of this vibrant organization. Thank you for your participation and support over these past 40 years.

- Piper E. Brewer, Executive Director

2012 Opening Exhibit at the Shiawassee Arts Center

THREE ARTISTS HAVE TIES TO THE OWOSSO-CORUNNA AREA

The first exhibit of 2012 at the Shiawassee Arts Center in Owosso opened January 24 with artists **Kathleen Shanahan** of Wichita, Kansas, **Susan McGuire** of Corunna and **Pamela Frazier O'Neil** of Milford displaying and selling their multi-media work.

Kathleen Shanahan, former Head of Drawing at Wichita State University, is a painter printmaker who grew up in Owosso. Her interest in cultural anthropology and cross-cultural comparison led her to spend a year of grant-funded research as Visiting Scholar at the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka, Japan. Since then her associative base has widened to include travels to France and Egypt, as evidenced in her show with SAC. Her work is complex and joyous which she calls "a wonderful marriage of graceful beauty and kitschy clutter". Of printmaking, she says, "The surprise effects of monotyping, collagraph, chine colle, etc., often dictate the next layer, the next step or aesthetic decision that adds more complexity to the narratives". Shanahan has shown internationally in many group and solo exhibitions including a prior show with SAC in 2003. Some of her images are included in a 2011 mixed process printmaking book "Mixed Media Printmaking".

Susan McGuire mainly paints in watercolor or pastel and is currently experimenting with "representational" abstracts because they are of recognizable, but changed subjects. Art has been a constant in most of her life. She started out drawing and acrylic painting and dabbled in every medium while earning an art teaching degree from Alma College in 1975. Inspired by nature

and intrigued by people she states, "I have numerous ideas for subject matter and struggle only with corraling my time to bring them to realization. Art satisfies the yearning to exercise my mind



L to R: Pamela Frazier, Kathleen Shanahan, Susan McGuire

and get my fingers dirty. If I end up with a work on public display or that is purchased - that is just a huge bonus." Since 1984 she has worked in Owosso at the Willoughby Press, a commercial print shop.

Pamela O'Neil sees intense color in her daily life as well as in her dreams and she believes this is a gift she has been given. "I feel my art - not paint my art", she explains of her watercolor and mixed media work. "Life is a contrast and that is exactly what flows from me during one of my profound creative sessions". Raised in Owosso, O'Neil is a registered ASIS Interior Designer and also is a poet and writer in addition to her watercolor/mixed media artwork. Her exhibitions include one with SAC in 2000.

The show continues through March 4. Sponsors of the exhibit are **Cadwallader-Lord-Hahn Insurance**, **Clark Shanahan, Suzette & Gary Tyler** and **Willoughby Press**.



Notes from the Board

- Welcome to new SAC board member **Karen Stadler** who is pictured with 2012 President **Clark Shanahan**. They join President-elect **Jeannette Smith**, Secretary **Karen Kangas-Preston** and members at-large **Brian Bruff**, **James Eaton**, **Lance Ellenberg**, **Dale Espich**, **Deb Gregoricka**, **JoEllen Hartley**, **Michael Kovich** and **Betty McGinnis**. **Connie Voight** is an ex-officio member. Many thanks to **Bill Burk**, who retired from the board after twelve years of service and **JoEllen Hartley**, who served as SAC President 2010 and 2011.
- SAC staff includes Executive Director **Piper Brewer**, Arts Education Director **Linda Ruehle**, Art Exhibit Director **Linda Hill**, Gallery Manager **Sue Newcom**, Gift Shop Manager **Jeanne Hagan**, Events Co-ordinators **Terry Bush** and **Jeanne Wagner**.
- The Creative Arc*, an arts curriculum for young adults with developmental disabilities, produced by SAC in collaboration with The Arc Shiawassee, has received partial funding for 2012 from the **Consumers Energy Foundation** and the **Curwood Festival** with matching funds donated by **Connie & Jerry Voight**.
- Congratulations to Owosso resident, **Marli Schnepf**, who won the raffle drawing December 18. The raffle of **Dr. David Louwsma's** historic home reverted to a 50/50 drawing when less than the required 2,500 tickets were sold.
- Congratulations to former SAC Docent, **Becky Galloway**, who celebrated her 90th birthday in January.



Clark Shanahan & Karen Stadler



JoEllen Hartley & Bill Burk

ArtFelt Thanks

- To **Dr. James McEwan, Sr.** and **James McEwan, Jr.** for continuing to honor **Elizabeth McEwan**, the Chesaning art patron who passed away in 2008, by donating high school scholarships in her memory
- To the sons of Haslett photographer, **Robert Finks**, who passed away in 2009, for donating one of his photographs "Spring Reflections on the Red Cedar" to the SAC permanent collection
- To **Brian Bruff**, **Joanne Buckley**, **Florence Dignan**, **Daniel Finks**, **Jann Lardie**, **Nathan Leslie**, **David Raber**, **Linda Ruehle**, **Carroll Tarolli**, **Libby Van Epps**, and **Ginny Walker** for their kind donations of time, talent and/or treasure

Owosso-Born Author of Cottonwood Novels To Present "The Fifth Cottonwood" Talk

Cottonwood Spring was to have been the final novel in Gary Slaughter's award-winning Cottonwood series. However, to the delight of his pleasantly-surprised readers, he has produced yet another critically-acclaimed fifth volume, *Cottonwood Summer '45*. In his talk at the Shiawassee Arts Center on Sunday, May 20, Gary will explain why he decided to write "The Fifth Cottonwood." In doing so, he will reacquaint us with his alluring assortment of lovable characters based on the colorful people he observed growing up on the World War II home front in Owosso, Michigan.

Once again, Gary's descriptions of 1945 Michigan will provide native Michiganders with a nostalgic reminiscence of the past. Against this backdrop, the young *Cottonwood* heroes, Danny and Jase will cleverly vanquish another passel of villains, resulting in more press coverage and public acclaim. Finally Gary will review the course of his *Cottonwood* career and share with us the reasons why one reviewer stated, "Gary Slaughter has done for Owosso, Michigan, what Mark Twain did for Hannibal, Missouri."

New & Renewed Members

Timothy & Patricia Alderman	Cheryl Gapinski	Nancy Park
John & Mary Aldrich	Gretel Geist Rutledge	Marcia Parker
Ken Algozin	Susan Giberson	Nancy Parrish
Bob Allen & Paula Alexander	Mary Glaser	Phyllis J. Patterson
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Janet Sue Anderson	Danielle Gregoricka-Colby	James & Cheryl Peterson
Mike & Lisa Ashbridge	Jerry & Deb Gregoricka	Susan Phillips
Jean Bach	Christine Hampton	Cindy Popovitch
Dick & Joyce Batchelor	Joann L. Hannah	Matt Purdy
Deb Baughman	JoEllen Hartley & Richard Clark	Carrie Rathbun Hawks
Amy Bingaman	Marge Hass	Dawn Reha
Marcia Bird	Rosalyn Henry	Dick & Elaine Reynolds
Arlene Black	The Hetfield Family	John & Helene Roberts
William Blanchard	Barbara Holmer	Bonny Rogers
Ursula Brady	Paul & Annette Hood	Steveanna Roose
Annie & George Braidwood	Justin Horvath	Philip Ruehle
Marianne Brender	Pat Horwood	Phil & Linda Ruehle
Bill & Jayne Brown	Joan & John Hughan	Joan Rugh
Dave & Denise Bruckman	Jessical & Bill Janego	Lynne Rupp
Joanne Buckley	Arthur & Jennifer Johns	Mary Coe Ryan
Virginia Burns	Vickie Jolley	Peg Ryckman
Terry Bush	Robert & Lynn Kain	Carol J. Schalow
Richard & Kitty Campbell	Janis Kazen	Margrit Schlatter
JoAnn M. Chase	Meredith Keating	Paul & Cindy Schluckebier
Hon. James & Barb Clatterbaugh	Jean Koski	Marvin & Marcia Schultz
Marjorie Cline	Elaine Kuchar	Kathleen Shanahan
Audrey Cole	Paul & Kit Kuhlman	Carol Shepherd & Roger Fosler
William V. Constine	Joan Larsen	Dennis Sherman
Bruce & Jackie Cook	Sue Lea	Louise & Ken Somerlot
Patricia Cook	Nathan Leslie	Shance Sovis
Wanda Davison	Mary Ann Louks	Helen Stanton
Sue Degerstrom	Sue & Carl Ludington	Pam Starkweather
Kathy DeLong	Dr. John MacGregor	Jeri F. Steck
John Diephouse	Mallory Mahoney	Barbara Stewart
Jack Downer	Laura & Patrick Marutiak	Krista Strong
Jennifer Dutcher	Dr. Erhard & Sharon Marz	Thomas Sullivan
Pam & Paul Early	John T. McAlear	Aaron Taylor
Jim & Jacquelyn Eaton	Roxie McAndrew	Sandra Thelen
Sara & Tom Edwards	Tom & Catherine McAuliffe & Family	Patricia & Gerry Urick
Sandy Elford	Mildred R. Mentus	Bev Webstek
Lance & Jennifer Ellenberg	JoAnn Messmer	John & JoAnn Wiedman
Ron & Connie Ellenberg	Hope Meyer	Bert & Bev Wieland
Katerina Emmons	Connie Miller	Dan Williams
Dale Espich	Geri Mogg	Marilyn Willingham
Tina Etter	Dave & Colleen Mohlman	Dian & Patrick Wilson
Vicky Faber	Barbara Moll	Gary & Rosemary Wilson
Renee Flory	Sue Newcom	Shelly Winchester
Jackie Flynn	Scott Newman	Ann Wiseley
Kathleen Foster	The Lance Omer Family	Anne & Christopher Wiseman
Joyce Fox	Cheryl & Lonnie Paez & Family	Sharon Wysko
Lillian Fultz	Paradigm Quilters	Linda Young
		Bob Zalokar

Encore Performance of Dancing with the Starz

Due to the overwhelming response to the February 18 sold out evening performance of *Dancing with the Starz*, an encore "showcase" performance has been added at 2pm on February 19. Light refreshments will be offered at the event, which will be held at the Readiness Center in Corunna. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for high school students and younger and may be purchased ahead of time at the Arts Center or at the door the day of the event. A limited number of tickets are available. Seats are not reserved.

The Owosso Community Players and the Arts Center, co-hosts of the 2012 fundraiser thank the star dancers who will be showcasing their talents including **Tim Alderman**, **Paula Alexander**, **Pam Carlson**, **Sara Edwards**, **Jim Full**, **Dr. Paul Kuhlman**, **Dawn Reha**, **Kari Selleck**, **Jim Stechschulte** and **Mike White**. Kim Remenec of Kim's Dance Dynamics in Owosso is training the "stars" and has provided their dancing partners (she will be dancing also). Local attorney, Tom Dignan is the Master of Ceremonies. Proceeds help to fund OCP's Rebuild! Campaign and SAC's Educational Programs. For more information or to purchase tickets call 989.723.8354.

2012 "Star" Dancers are (l to r front row) Sara Edwards, Kim Remenec, Paula Alexander and Tonia Schlaud. Back row is Kari Selleck, Tim Alderman, Pam Carlson, Dawn Reha and Jim Stechschulte. Not pictured are Jim Full, Dr. Paul Kuhlman and Mike White.



What's Hot For Winter Classes?

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

ADULT CLASSES

Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me Young Artist Classes

- Ages 3-6 yrs, 11am-Noon • Linda Ruehle, Instructor
\$10 member/\$12 non-member per class (\$15 annual student membership)
- January 28 • **Pottery on the Wheel** - bring an old towel and dress for mess! Linda Ruehle, Instructor
 - February 4 • **Snow People Scene** with handmade paper and pastel. Pat Bursch, Instructor
 - Feb. 11 • **Glazing Pottery** - from Jan. 28. Pottery will be fired again and ready for pick up in a week.

Saturday Classes

- K-8th Grades 1pm-2:15pm, \$10 member/\$12 non-member
Gwen Sutton & Linda Ruehle, Instructors
- January 28 • **Clay Creature Feature** - Create sculptures of your favorite creatures. Linda Ruehle, Instructor
 - February 4 • **Snow People Scene** with handmade paper and pastel. Pat Bursch, Instructor
 - February 11 • **Glazing Pottery** - finish pieces created on Jan. 14 & 28. Fired and ready in a week
 - February 18 & 25 • **Paper Mache? Jungle**, 1-3pm. A special opportunity for our students to participate in an exhibit during the month of March for *Celebration of Youth Art Month* at Wendy's restaurant. Encourage friends to come. Must be able to attend both sessions.
*Special 2 Wk. price \$12 Mem. \$14 Non

Wednesdays After School Art

- 6th-8th Grades 3:30pm-5pm, Linda Ruehle, Instructor
\$10 Member/\$12 Non-member per class
- February 8 • **Pottery on the Wheel** - experience the magic of throwing a bowl on the wheel
 - February 15 • **More Pottery on the Wheel** - Creating plates
 - February 22 • **Glazing Pottery** - Finished pieces will be fired a second time
 - February 29 • **Wild, Watercolor Snowman Scene with Winter Birch Trees** & pottery pick up.

Pre-registration & payment required the week prior to class! Minimum of 4 students/Maximum of 8 per class. Students taking a pottery class, also need a glazing class. Please bring an old towel for pottery classes.

The Art of Cupcake/Cookie Decorating

- 3rd-8th Grades, 4pm-5pm • \$10 Member/\$12 Non-member
(Bring a container for 6 cupcakes/cookies)
- SuperBowl Cupcakes, Friday, February 3
 - Valentine Cookies, Monday, February 13
 - Jungle Creature Cupcakes, Wednesday, February 29

SAC Art Education Director, Linda Ruehle, asks that you register early so that supplies may be ordered.

40th Annual High School Scholarship Show OVER \$2,000 IN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

SAC will present over \$2,000 in scholarship awards to high school students from throughout Shiawassee County, Ovid-Elsie and Chesaning at the 40th Annual SAC Scholarship Competition and Show at the Arts Center during a reception and award ceremony on April 22, 2012. The \$1,000 senior award, which is funded from SAC's Art & Antiques Sale proceeds and three Elizabeth McEwan Awards totaling \$500 will be presented in addition to \$500 awarded to students in grades 9-12 at the 3pm ceremony. The show will be on display at the Arts Center beginning April 19 through the day of the reception and award ceremony.

Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, more than \$63,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to area students to provide them with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth. Scholarship information and application forms will be available at the high schools and at the Arts Center. Call SAC Art Education Director, **Linda Ruehle**, 989.723.8354 for more information or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

- **Super Bowl Painted Pottery** – Sunday, February 5, 1pm-2:30pm. Create your own original design on a functional bowl (6.25"x3.25") The only limitation is your imagination! No experience required. \$15 Member/\$20 Non-member. Bowls will be fired and available to pick up in a week.
- **Super Bowl Pottery** – Sunday, February 5, 3pm-4:30pm. Now is your chance if you have ever wanted to try pottery on the wheel, but didn't have the time for a 6 week commitment. Experience the magic of making mud into functional pottery. Glazing of bowls will be Sunday, February 19, 1pm-2pm. Supplies and tools provided. Bring an old towel, apron and dress for mess! No experience required. \$25 Member/\$30 Non-member Linda Ruehle, Instructor.
- **Super Bowl Jewelry** – Tree of Life Pendant, Sunday, February 5, 1pm-3:30pm. Nancy Wickman, Flushing artist/instructor. Learn to make the popular tree of life pendant from sterling silver filled wire. As each tree in nature is unique, your pendant will be one of a kind. Small beads or crystals may be added (student provided). Tools needed: ruler, flush cutters, flat nose pliers, round nose pliers and chain nose pliers. Bring if you have, otherwise the Arts Center has tools that may be used. Pre-registration and payment required. Cost: \$30 Member/\$35 Non-member, \$10 material fee payable to artist on Feb. 5.
- **Mokume Gane Workshop** – Saturday, February 11, 9am-3pm with a short lunch break. An Asian technique of creating patterned metal with 2 or more types of metal. The finished product produces a one of a kind custom piece of jewelry. The class will cover the various techniques to create the patterned metal using a layered rod of metal. Once created, you will be able to fabricate earrings, rings, or a bracelet. Established award winning artist/instructor Deborah Fehrenbach will also discuss soldering and finishing issues. \$65member/\$75 non-member. Material fee: \$30. 5 student minimum. A little experience required! Bring a sack lunch.
- **Portrait Drawing** - Tuesday's, Feb. 14-March 6, 1:30-4pm. Philip Ruehle, MFA, Instructor. Four weeks, with an emphasis on developing the tonal structure of the portrait using both graphite and charcoal. While this course will incorporate general lectures and demos, it will mostly consist of one-on-one instruction in order to better serve and enhance the growth of each individual student. Bring several photographs of anyone you would like to draw. It is preferable if these images are detailed and contain a strong contrast in value. All levels are welcome. Cost: \$65 Member \$75 Non-member. Small supply list.
- **From Raphael through Renoir: Art Appreciation from the Renaissance through the Nineteenth Century** with Amy Bingaman, PhD Art History. Study the history of art from the Renaissance to the late nineteenth century. In this workshop, European art of the Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic, and Neoclassical eras will be presented, as will the artistic movements of the later nineteenth century, including Realism, Pre-Raphaelitism, and Impressionism. Enhance your appreciation of the aesthetic values of these periods and your understanding of the historical, socio-political, religious, and other contexts for the creation of art works. 6 weeks in March/April. Dates, cost and location TBA. Please contact us if interested.
- **Great Lakes Photo Tours** – Sunday, October 14, 10am-3pm. Mark Carlson, Naturalist Photographer & Robert Grzesiak, Digital Instructor. Details on our web site at www.shiawasseearts.org

Donate Your Treasures

ANNUAL SALE FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD ON GROUNDS OF CURWOOD-HODDY HOME

SAC is gearing up for the 23rd Annual *Art & Antiques Sale* to be held this year on the grounds of the Curwood-Hoddy Home, Saturday, May 5, 9-4pm. The home, which is located at 508 West Williams Street in Owosso, was donated by George Hoddy to Baker College of Owosso prior to his death in 2010.

SAC Board Member, **JoEllen Hartley** is looking forward to another successful sale and invites SAC members and friends to donate their unwanted treasures. Pickup is available for larger items. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit SAC's \$1,000 high school scholarship award. Donations are tax deductible. Thanks for your support!

Woodard Furniture Exhibit

In celebration of SAC's 40th anniversary in 2012 a major exhibition of Woodard Furniture will be presented June 1- July 29 at the Shiawassee Arts Center. The exhibit committee is looking for specific pieces to possibly include in the exhibit including:

- Orleans Side chair
- Florentine chair
- Mayfield chair
- Set of Nesting tables
- Andalusian room screen or any other Woodard room screen
- 1890's Wood Rocker
- Ionian chair
- Allegro chair
- Trianon chair
- Skyline chair

Members are also seeking any "wood" Woodard furniture manufactured between 1866 and the 1960's and any "metal" Woodard furniture from 1920's to present which is no longer in production. Send photos only please. Email preferred – US mail OK but photos become property of SAC and will not be returned. Photos to show entire piece, closeup of any special details and condition of the piece. Please share as much information about the piece as you know...age, design or pattern, etc. Include contact information – your name and email and/or phone and send to SAC or email sac@shiawasseearts.org. Call 989.723.8354 for more information.



Are You Planning A Party?

Your Arts Center is a beautiful setting for your party or whatever event you may be celebrating! The dramatic view of the river and Curwood Castle in addition to the high quality art on display makes for a memorable occasion. Call 989.723.8354 for more information or to reserve the Arts Center for your special event.

Artist News

- The 15th Annual SAC Member Artists Show is March 6-April 15. All current and renewing artist members are invited to display one piece of artwork that must be available for sale. A \$100 People's Choice Award is given at the end of the show.
- Exhibiting artists in all media are invited to submit work for 2013 exhibit consideration by June 15th. One-person or group exhibits are possible. Photographs, CDs or emailed jpegs of recent work are acceptable for review.
- The Shiawassee Artist Guild will be hosting a free demonstration of Golden Paints on April 17, 6:30pm at the Arts Center. Valerie Allen will be explaining the different paints and mediums available. Participants will be able to sample the products and each attendee will leave with a free bag of "goodies" to try out at their leisure. Call 989.723.8354 to RSVP.

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