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ARTS CENTER

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## WOW! SAC AT 50?!

How can it be possible that the Shiawassee Arts Center will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022? How the years have flown by. From our first seventeen years at Curwood Castle to our last 33 at the Arts Center so much has happened that we want to remember it with a special 14-week FREE Historic Owosso Exhibition May 6 - August 14, 2022. And, that is not all. Plans are underway to produce a limited edition commemorative book to mirror the exhibit. The exhibit opening reception for SAC members will be the evening of May 6th and the public opening reception will be the following day on May 7th.

During the 2022 exhibition SAC will be hosting a series of Lunches & Lectures and guided Walking Tours of Owosso's Historic Districts and Oak Hill Cemetery. Elementary and Middle School students will be bussed in to experience the exhibition and to create a piece of art to remember the visit.

Additional events and activities include a Plein Aire Painting Day, Antiques Roadshow with DuMouchelles Art & Auction House, a Spring ArtWalk, a Bicycle Scavenger Hunt of historical houses/sites/markers and an Antique Car Show. In addition, since the entire main floor of the Arts Center will be included in the featured exhibition, artist consignment galleries will be moving (just for 14 weeks) to a downtown location (TBD).

### *What a celebration it will be!*

**Sponsorship opportunities and benefits are available at all levels and for all events. Contact SAC 989.723.8354 for more information or to make a donation.**

To kick-off the festivities, later this year SAC will be offering for sale an incredible Polish glass hand-painted ornament of Owosso's own Curwood Castle. Not only was the Castle SAC's home for 17 years, Curwood's writing studio will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022! Look for more information about this unique commemorative offering in your mail soon.



Thomas E. Dewey crossing Main Street, 1944



Frieseke Brick Yard Workers, 1876



Owosso Post Office, 1908



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**NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

- SAC is collecting memories for our upcoming 50th anniversary celebration and we would like yours! Please take a few minutes to fill out our quick survey online. Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SACmemories> - You may also receive this by email or, if you prefer a hard copy, they are available at the Arts Center. Thank you!
- Welcome to new SAC board member, Gregory Popovitch. Greg had an exhibit of his beautiful daguerreotypes at the Arts Center a few years back and he has kindly offered to help with SAC's 2022 History of Owosso exhibition.
- Deepest sympathy to the family of former SAC board member and major supporter on the passing of Dr. James McEwan
- SAC is pleased to include these new acquisitions in our permanent collection:

*Frederick Rigley, oil on canvas, Gloucester Boats, donated by the Family of Sue Anderson*

*Jennifer Ross, oil, Our Good Boy, donated by Piper Brewer*

*Dr. Madison Gilbert, photograph, Castle of Dreams, donated by Lee Sowle*

*Natalie Park, watercolor, Blue Icicles, donated by Piper Brewer*

**-ARTFELT THANKS-**

- To Charles Lyons for his generous continuing support of *The Creative ARC Program* and for sponsoring the special Children's Exhibit earlier this year
- To Julie Allen Burke for recommending SAC receive a major gift from the Nancy Friday Foundation
- To the Cook Family Foundation for sponsoring SAC's Summer Intern, Taylor Estes
- To Steven Teich for helping to underwrite the cost of the Curwood Castle ornament
- To Linda Hill for continuing to have SAC's driveway plowed during the winters
- To Bob Wilcox for his continuing tech support
- To Michael Ardelean who recently retired from the board of directors
- To Lee Sowle for sharing his photography skills and knowledge for SAC's upcoming 50th celebration

**LOVE THE ARTS? LEAVE A LEGACY!**

Help sustain the Shiawassee Arts Center for future generations. For many supporters, Planned Giving is an ideal way to make a meaningful impact to a non-profit organization. Whether a major gift such as property, bank account, stocks or bonds, life insurance or retirement plan over time, or at your death (charitable bequest), make this a part of your overall financial and estate planning.

A popular and enduring planned gift is a simple charitable bequest, which is made through your will or living trust, designating SAC to receive a specific amount or property upon your death.

Owosso resident and SAC board member, Steven Teich, has included SAC in his estate planning.



*"For many generations, the Teich family has been identified with the arts and therefore, SAC held a special place in the hearts of my parents. They were involved in its early development and as a tribute to them I feel SAC is the perfect organization to leave a portion of my estate. In the past, the prevailing thought by many has been that the arts are expendable. Time has shown that to be untrue. The arts are a viable necessity for the happiness and well being of us all. I am very happy that I will be able to contribute in some small way to future generations of my community."*

..... Please consider leaving a legacy gift to the Shiawassee Arts Center.



## MEMBER ARTISTS SHOW

What a great exhibit for SAC to open with after the State of Michigan lifted Covid restrictions!

Over 90 Michigan artists are participating in SAC's 24th Annual Member Artists Show. At the Opening Reception \$100 Awards were presented to Arthur Johns of Elsie, Marti Liddle-Lameti, Philip Ruehle, Andrew Rieder, all of Owosso and Pauline Southworth of Davison.

Honorable mentions were presented to Deb Drew Brown of Williamston, Kimberly DeVoe of Grand Blanc, Marie Gougeon of Laingsburg, Jennifer Ross of Corunna and Rich Tesner of Flushing.

Juror, Valerie Allen, curator of Studio 23 in Bay City and a professional artist, stated, "What a show! The full range of artwork on display is high quality with content that is thoughtful and interesting. SAC's member artists are to be commended for their commitment to art and for sharing their talents with the region."

The show, which is generously sponsored by Owosso Graphic Arts in memory of Lance Ellenberg, continues thru September 5th.



Lance Ellenberg's family, Connie Ellenberg (mother), Pam Carlson (aunt) and Jennifer Ellenberg (widow) attended the opening reception of the Member Artists Show.



Award Recipient, Arthur Johns is shown with the show's juror, Valerie Allen. His large steel sculpture, "UFO Detector" was too large to fit through the doors of the Arts Center. We are enjoying seeing it on the south lawn at SAC.

SAC Exhibits Director & Honorable Mention recipient, Jennifer Ross and Pauline Southworth, who is shown with her award-winning acrylic painting, "Irish Lad, Cork, Ireland."



Lance Ellenberg is shown with SAC Board member, Betty McGinnis, at his bakery several years before his untimely passing in 2020. Lance had also served on SAC's board of directors and greatly enjoyed participating in SAC's clay classes. We miss him!



Marti Liddle-Lameti (left), holding her award for her fiber/felt piece "Somewhere in Michigan", with SAC Executive Director, Piper Brewer and SAC Arts Education Director, Linda Ruehle.



Andrew Rieder with his mixed media on wood "Resolve"



Philip Ruehle with his oil on linen canvas panel "Phantom Limbs"







SAC recently received a significant memorial donation in memory of a 100-year-old woman who passed away at an assisted living facility. Her family had designated memorials to the facility's art activities program, which the woman greatly enjoyed. This is the first large gift SAC has received as a direct result of our SMARTS Program. We are pleased to know that SMARTS helped to make a positive difference in this woman's life.

# SAC IT TO YOU!



## SMARTS PROGRAM

The Shiawassee Mobile ARTS for Seniors provides hands-on experience in artistic creation to dozens of Shiawassee County seniors each month. This program allows seniors to express themselves, include them in the community, and improve their quality of life. By way of professional artists/instructors, this program also extends opportunities for the kinds of creative experiences that can help seniors grow, further their well-being, and enrich their lives.



This Program is possible due to the generous support of the Shiawassee Council on Aging and the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.



## 48TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SHOW



SAC was pleased to award \$2,400 in scholarships to 17 students from five area high schools at the Annual SAC Scholarship Show & Competition held May 2nd at the Arts Center. A total of 40 students from Owosso, Corunna, New Lothrop, Ovid-Elsie and Byron students participated in the show.

For 48 years the Shiawassee Arts Council has offered scholarships to talented young art students. Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, over \$87,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to provide students in grades 9-12 with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth. Thanks to show sponsor Shattuck Specialty Advertising, award sponsors (Family of Janis Kazen, Rathbun Public Relations, Family of Arlie & Rosemary Edwards, Hon. & Mrs. Clark Harder, Molly Tipton & Trevor Morris, Jerry Power Family, Piper Brewer, Michael Kovich, Shiawassee Artists' Guild, Bethany Lardie Family, and Friends of the Arts), the high school art teachers and to show chairperson & SAC Art Education Director Linda Ruehle. The two impartial judges who reviewed the work on originality, creativity, technical skill and presentation stated, "We were very impressed with the talent displayed and it made our job of jurying very difficult."



Janis Kazen Senior Award recipient, Sarah Wittum with award sponsor, Maureen Gilna. The award, which is given in memory of the late Owosso artist by her family, is granted to a graduating senior who plans on pursuing art at a college or university.



## CHILDREN'S CLASSES



Teaching art to children in our community is one of SAC's biggest priorities. We offer a variety of classes and workshops for elementary and middle school students (after-school), home-schoolers, scouts, church groups, and 4-H Clubs. Classes can be arranged to earn badges or just for the students' enjoyment and artistic enrichment.

Our simple, hands-on multi-media classes vary from painting and drawing to mosaics and pottery. Purchase an annual SAC membership for your child (\$20) or the entire family (\$50) and receive class discounts. If you would like to arrange a class for your group, please call 989.723.8354



SAC welcomed three classrooms of second grade students from Owosso's Central School at the end of the school year. The children created watercolor paintings en plein aire while enjoying the beautiful day.



Taylor Estes, a sophomore at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, is SAC's Summer Intern thanks to support from the Cook Family Foundation. She is seen helping SAC campers with their projects at DeVries Nature Conservancy.



## ADULT CLASSES



Award-winning artist, Lisabeth Curnow held a Plein Aire Watercolor Workshop at SAC in June.

The Shiawassee Arts Center offers classes for adults to explore their artistic side, no matter the skill level. Whether you want to try your hand at painting for the first time or you've been sculpting pottery for years, our adult classes are designed for you to work at your pace and enjoy yourself.

We offer a variety of classes including painting, drawing, watercolor, calligraphy, pottery, and more! Whatever medium you find yourself drawn to, we've got it. Come learn from some of the best artist instructors in Shiawassee County. Check out SAC's website [shiawasseearts.org](http://shiawasseearts.org) for available classes and workshops.

## THE CREATIVE ARC

With generous support from Charles Lyons, SAC's *Creative ARC Program* continues to provide meaningful art experiences to developmentally disabled young adults. The program, produced in collaboration with the ARC of Mid-Michigan, a non-profit organization that advocates for disabled persons, involves the students in a wide variety of media that provide meaningful experiences.

Diana & Instructor, Kathryn Gehrs-Pahl pose for a Creative ARC photo.



## 2021 SUMMER ART CAMP MEMORIES

Children in kindergarten through 8th grades had fun creating pottery on the wheel, sculptures and more this summer. The first two weeks of Nature Art Adventures were held in partnership with DeVries Nature Conservancy at their facility. The last two weeks were held at the Arts Center. Fall children's art classes start up again at SAC after Labor Day. Visit [shiawasseearts.org](http://shiawasseearts.org) for class listings.







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## UPCOMING EXHIBITION

A new exhibit opens September 8 and runs through October 31 with featured artists Marti Liddle-Lameti of Owosso, Robert Doran-Brockway of Owosso, Glen Lewis of St. Johns and members of the Shiawassee Artists' Guild. The opening reception to meet the artists is Sunday, September 12, noon-4pm.

## ARTIST REMINDERS

### 33rd Annual Holiday Along the River Show .....

All artists 18 years and older, working in all media, are invited to participate in SAC's 33rd Annual Holiday Along the River Show, November 6th - December 31st. The Opening for members is Saturday, November 6, 6-8pm and the Opening for the public is Sunday, November 7, 1-3pm. Deadline to apply is Friday, October 15. NEW Artists to SAC please submit three (3) jpeg photos of your work for review and acceptance with your online application. You will be notified by email if your work is accepted. Details and application can be found at: shiawasseearts.org

### Last Consignment Change-Out .....

November (see Holiday Show check-in dates) will be the last consignment change-out for 2021. If artists wish to have items for sale at SAC November 9 - December 31 you MUST participate in SAC's 2021 Holiday Show. We are always looking to add to our existing group of talented exhibiting artists! If you do not wish to participate you will need to check-out your consignment work before the Holiday Show begins.



## FACILITY RENTALS

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make the perfect venue for  
your special event!  
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more information.