COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

It is hard to believe that 30 YEARS have passed since SAC moved out of Curwood Castle into what is now our beautiful Shiawassee Arts Center! Many of you may remember the Castle was our home for 17 years before the move to our present location. So, we thought it was time to CELEBRATE!

Join us Saturday, October 19, 6-8pm and enjoy spirits and great food by the Wrought Iron Grill while Ryan DeHues and his trio are entertaining you. Bid on 30 fabulous silent auction items including a "Tower Tour" to the Top of the Mackinac Bridge! Purchase a $5 raffle ticket for a gorgeous Sapphire & Diamond Platinum Ring valued at $6,500 – or, if you are the winning ticket holder choose $2,500 cash!*

Tickets to the Celebration are $30 for SAC members and $50 for guests. As always, your invite also includes the opportunity to renew your membership (or become a member) and to purchase raffle tickets. Visit shiawasseearts.org for more info and a complete list of Silent Auction items (bids accepted via phone up to 7:30pm, 10/19). Call 989.723.8354 for more information.

*The drawing will take place at 8pm, October 19 at SAC. Need not be present to win. 1,300 tickets must be sold or the raffle reverts to a 50/50 drawing with 50% of the proceeds to the winner and 50% to SAC, less expenses. License #R53487

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THE ARTS CENTER would make the perfect venue for your special event! Call 989.723.8354 for more information.

New Exhibit Features Five Mid-Michigan Artists

A new exhibit opened September 3 at SAC featuring the work of artists Catherine Tonning-Popowich of Owosso, Leo Brennan of Fenton and the Photography Group of David Annis of Okemos, Angela Clayton of Vernon and Bruce Cornelius of Haslett.

The exhibit, which runs through November 3, is generously sponsored in Honor of the William Burk Family. The public is welcome to attend the opening reception to enjoy good food and drinks with the artists Sunday, September 8, 2-4pm. Members will receive 20% off one featured artist item purchased during the reception. 

This event is generously sponsored by:

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& His Trio
Congratulations to new SAC President-elect, Clark Harder. Many thanks to Jerry Gregoricka for having served in this role and as a SAC board member since 2015.

Welcome to new SAC board members Carrie Rathbun-Hawks, President of Rathbun Public Relations based in Laingsburg and Steven Teich, previous owner of The Teich Group Interior Design firm in Saugatauk. Steven is now retired and has returned to his home town of Owosso to live.

JAX, shown with Linda Hill, is SAC’s new mascot. This 5-year-old Maltese, a rescue dog like SAC’s previous mascot, Jackpot, adores everyone except those teasing squirrels.

As a portrait artist I enjoy creating more candid portraits capturing special moments. I graduated from UoM-Flint with a Fine Arts Degree and focus on studio art. I met my husband there in an Art history class and now we have two beautiful girls. We lived in the UP for six years and during that time I decided to take my love of art more seriously and started doing commission work --- mostly pet portraits. When we moved back down, my husband encouraged me to pursue art full time. While we were looking for homes in the area we visited the Shiawassee Arts Center and was encouraged to become a member of the Shiawassee Artists Guild. Now I am a SMARTS instructor and work at SAC’s front desk on weekends. I enjoy being a part of such a special place.

To the families of Jackie Barnum, Joyce Fox, Barbara Hall, Bill Hayes and Albert Lieberman who designated SAC to receive memorials in their names and to the donors who gave in their memories

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• To Bob Wilcox for his continuing tech support
• To Dar Gibbs for sharing her creative skills
• To Lance & Jennifer Ellenberg for their kind donation of art supplies
• To those who helped hang the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit and those who help hang every exhibit*: Janet Baugher*, Linda Beeman, Sam Beeman, Tom Cook & Anna Owens, Dan Chrenka, Jeff Deason, Deb Gregoricka, Frank Livingston, Rich Tesner, Tom Tomasek*. Additional helpers include Diane Cutler, Robert Doran, Marti Liddle-Lameti, Richard Lowe, Emily Marrah and Natalie Park

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SEPTEMBER

MEMBER ARTISTS SHOW

Photo Caption:
Over 90 Michigan artists participated in SAC’s 22nd Annual Member Artists Show. Awards totaling $525 were presented to ten artists with the First Place Award going to Ann Lee Merrill of Linden for her watercolor, “Back Porch” shown with Juror, Randal Crawford and SAC Exhibits Director, Karen Marumoto. Crawford, a 26-year Professor of Art at Delta College in Saginaw with a BFA from Philadelphia College of Art and MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art, stated “Everyone in this outstanding exhibition is a winner for having the passion and dedication to create art.”

Additional award recipients were Bonnie Brown, David DeVoe, Kimberly DeVoe, Nancy Kronenberg, Susan McGuire, Gary Mulnix, Susan Newcom, Carolyn O’Connell and Sheryl Stephens. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Anita Brett, Lisabeth Cumow, Ruth Egnater, Marie Gougeon, Tom Lipinski, Douglas Thayer and Tom Tomasek. The show was sponsored by The Schluckebier Hood Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors and DayStarr Communications.

ARTIST REMINDERS

31st Annual Holiday at the Center Art Show
All artists 18 years and older, in all media, are invited to participate in SAC’s 31st Annual Holiday at the Center Art Show, November 9 - December 31. The Member Opening is Saturday, November 9, 6-8pm and the Public Opening is Sunday, November 10, 1-3pm. Deadline to apply is Friday, October 18. 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 before 5 pm on Monday, October 21st if your work is accepted. Details and application can be found at: https://shiawasseearts.org/artists/2019-holiday-show/

Last Consignment Change-Out
November (see Holiday Show check-in dates) will be the last consignment change-out for 2019. If you wish to have items for sale at SAC from November 9-December 31 you MUST participate in our 2019 Holiday Show (see info and application online at www.shiawasseearts.org). We’re always looking to add to our existing group of talented artists! Artists not wanting to participate will need to check-out their artwork Sunday, November 3.

COME TOUR WITH US!

Join the Shiawassee Arts Center for a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts, Tuesday, October 8 to view the new impressionist exhibit of works by Monet, Cezanne, Degas, Van Gogh and others. The Indian Trails motorcoach departs SAC at 9am and returns around 5pm. At the DIA take a self-guided tour of the Humble and Human: Impressionist Era Treasures from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, a selection of more than forty Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works. After lunch, which is on your own, continue to explore the DIA and Gift Shop. $40 for SAC members, $50 for guests. Call SAC 989.723.8354 for reservations or for more information.

OWOSSO ARTWALK

SAC Artist Rich Tesner of Flushing, shown with his beautiful “Lahaina Harbor” Member Show piece, will be demonstrating his craft and creating a painting from start to finish during the Annual Owosso ArtWalk, Saturday, September 14, 11am-4pm. In addition, members of the Shiawassee Artists Guild will be displaying their artwork and selling glass-fused pendants to raise scholarship funds. Join us for a fun-filled day of art!

OWOSSO HISTORIC HOME TOUR

SAC will be open 10am-5pm for the Saturday, September 21 Home Tour, which is featuring several Woodard homes. The Arts Center has on display seven patterns of Woodard wrought iron furniture covering the 1940’s to the present. Ivan Olinsky’s oil painting of Sadie Woodard, c.1930 and the Joseph Woodard-designed chandelier, which was donated by the David & Barb Space Family, are in SAC’s permanent collection.

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The SMARTS Program is continuing to be very well-received by all the residents and staff of the six participating nursing homes and assisted living facilities --- Pleasant View, Durand Senior Center, Olive Branch in Perry, Ovid Healthcare, Oliver Woods and Memorial Healthcare Long-Term Care. On average SAC provides 25 classes to over 250 residents each month.

One recent story made us realize what an impression the program is making on the residents. The class project was painting a large clock-face. SAC staff needed to bring the clocks back to the Arts Center to add the hands and “works” before giving them back to the residents. It took a couple weeks to complete them and one resident at Olive Branch asked each time if her clock was ready. The week that the clocks were returned, the staff saw the resident on a stretcher being transported to a hospital. As she was rolled to the ambulance she hollered “Do you have my clock yet!”

This local fundraising effort is based on the international #GivingTuesday campaign, which occurs annually the Tuesday following Thanksgiving --- it’s December 3rd this year. Two dozen Shiawassee County non-profit organizations are working to raise funds for specific projects.

This year, SAC is raising matching funds for our SMARTS Program with a goal of $5,000. A portion of the amount raised will be set aside to purchase and plant trees in Curwood Castle Park. Studies have shown that planting trees is the best way to combat climate change. So, please help SAC #RaiseUpShiawassee!

Intermediate Drawing Classes
Instructor: Philip Ruehle, MFA
Skill Level: Intermediate (not a basic beginners class)
When: Tuesdays, Six weeks, September 10 - October 15, 12:30 - 3:30pm
Cost: $115 SAC member, $125 guest
Explore the process and techniques of graphite while working from the landscape, still-life and figure (portraits and hands). Each week will consist of a demo followed by one-on-one instruction. Visit shiawasseearts.org for required materials

Mud in the Morning - Pottery on the Wheel & Handbuilding
Instructor: Linda Ruehle, Potter & SAC Arts Education Director
Skill Level: Beginning to Intermediate
When: Tuesdays, Six weeks, September 10 - October 22 (no class October 15)
Cost: $145 SAC member, $155 guest
Come experiment with clay! Learn various techniques of wheel throwing, handbuilding and glazing. Individual development is of primary importance. Cost includes 25lbs. of clay, glazes and firings. Dress for mess!

Market Basket Weaving Workshop
Instructor: Sue Collins
Skill Level: All levels welcome
When: Thursday, September 19, 10am - 2p,
Cost: $35 SAC member, $40 guest
Students will create a basket 10" x 6" x 5" with a filled bottom and oak handle. No experience necessary. Bring a friend or plan on making new friends! This basket would make a great gift! Coffee and tea provided.

Beginning Fundamentals of Blacksmithing
Instructor: Arthur Johns
Skill Level: Beginners
When: Five Weeks, Mid-September start, date TBA
Cost: $220 SAC member, $235 guest
This course will offer a comprehensive hands-on overview of the art of blacksmithing. Students will be introduced to basic forging and metal-working techniques including stock manipulation (both bar and sheet metal forming), basic tool-making and traditional joinery and finishing techniques. Class is limited to four students.
September 12: Paint the Town!
Create an acrylic painting of a hometown landmark, from the Curwood Castle to Willman Field or maybe even Cone Zone! Paintings will be on display at the Shiawassee Arts Center during ArtWalk, Saturday, September 14, 11-4pm.

September 19: Ahoy Mateys!
Aye...September 19th is International “Talk Like a Pirate Day” and to celebrate, we’ll sail to Treasure Island where young buccaneers can design their very own pirate ships using watercolors. Arrr!

September 26: Kids at the Wheel
Play in clay and create two functional dinnerware pieces! Pottery will need to be glazed on October 17th and fired once more to be completed.

October 3: Vampires, Werewolves, and Ogres, Oh My!
Be Dr. Frankenstein for a day and construct a monster face pot using clay! Creations will need to be glazed on October 17th and fired once more to come alive.

October 10: Golden Waves of Corn
Learn about perspective as you paint a colorful landscape of a farmer’s field - great quilts of golden, brown and green squares held together by the thick, green stitching of hedgerows - a popular subject for many artists.

October 17: Glazing Pottery
Put the finishing touches on clay pieces created in the September 26th Pottery on the Wheel class and/or the October 3rd Monster Face Pots class. Pieces will be fired once more and available to pick up at the October 24th Pumpkin Painting Class. Also, students who missed glazing at summer art camp are welcome to join in this session.

October 24: Happy Fall Y’all - Get Your Pumpkin On!
Don’t miss SAC’s annual pumpkin painting workshop! Using this unconventional canvas paint a friendly scarecrow, cats, bats, a haunted scene or maybe the cutest lil’ pumpkin in the patch! Register early so that we pick the perfect pumpkin for you from the patch!

October 31: No Class!
Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

2019 Summer Art Camp Memories
This year’s Summer Youth Art Adventures were two weeks in partnership with DeVries Nature Conservancy “Nature Art Adventures” and two weeks at SAC “Art Around the World in Three Days”. Sixty-three students, Kindergarten thru 8th grades, created watercolor and acrylic paintings, sculpted with clay, constructed fish mobiles out of wire, embossed copper tiles and more. Middle/High School students took part in three multi-media workshops following the camps.

In addition, the YMCA and Bright Beginnings both requested tours of SAC and art projects for their fifty summer camp students.

With ongoing generous support from Charles Lyons through the Shiawassee Community Foundation’s Gerald Gilbert Fund, 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 and meaningful experiences.
SAC awarded $1,850 in scholarships to 25 students from nine area high schools at the 46th Annual SAC Scholarship Show & Competition held in April. A total of 97 students from Owosso, Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg, Morrice, New Lothrop, Ovid-Elsie, Perry, Byron and Home School students participated in the show.

The $500 Janis Kazen Senior Award was presented to Ovid-Elsie School senior, Grace Fowler, by Maureen Gilna, who is pictured with SAC Art Education Director, Linda Ruehle. The award, which is given in memory of the local artist by her family, is granted to a graduating senior who plans on pursuing art at a college or university.

Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, over $82,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to provide students in grades 9-12 with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth. Many thanks to the show sponsor Joyce Fox, award sponsors and the high school art teachers. The three Genesee County judges, who judged 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.”