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HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY SAC!

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

And, what a celebration it will be! Nearly six months of festivities and fun starting off with the April 24th dedication of a new brick walkway, then a special Historical Exhibit of Owosso and a highly-anticipated limited-edition book that mirrors the exhibit, a spectacular Opening Reception on May 6, an exciting downtown Pop-Up Art Gallery opening May 7, an opportunity for 1,500 school children to view the exhibit and create artwork that will be displayed outside the Arts Center, a June-July series of "Food for Thought" lectures and lunches by a variety of experts on historical topics related to Owosso and SAC, guided walking tours, an "Antiques Road Show-style" Appraisal day with DuMouchelles Auction House, a Plein Aire event, and closing the festivities with a historical bicycle scavenger hunt in partnership with the House of Wheels, which is also celebrating its 50th anniversary! WOW! See more details inside . . .

PAVING THE WAY FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS!

April 24, 2022 is the official 50th anniversary of the Shiawassee Arts Center. To kick off the four-month festivities we are Paving the Way with a brand-new brick walkway on the south side of the Arts Center.

Jerry Lostracco, chairman of the fundraising campaign, thanks the generous supporters who purchased the engraved bricks. Stop by for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new walkway that Sunday at 1pm. And then step inside the Arts Center for refreshments and to catch the "Cats" exhibit before it closes later that day.



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IT'S ALL ABOUT CATS!

Tabbies, Calicos, Tortoise Shells, Siamese, Manx, Maine Coon, Selkirk Rex! Honored over the centuries. Written about by poets. Sung about in opera. Featured across the internet. And the purrfect subject matter for artful expression. SAC's current show in the River Gallery brings together the work of three visual artists (Scott Yukio Fergus, painter, Laura B DeLind, printmaker, and Doug DeLind, ceramic sculptor) and three performance artists (poet Anita Skeen and singers Connie Page and Kelly Boyle) all in a celebration of cats.

Owosso artist, Gary Mulnix, who is known for his bronze sculptures, is displaying a charming series of two-dimensional works in the Herbert Gallery. Sixteen members of the Shiawassee Artists' Guild are exhibiting their multi-media work in the Moore Gallery and, for the first time, SAC instructors who are also exhibiting

artists are showcasing their work in the Docent Gallery. If you are interested in art, love the spoken word, and have a fondness for cats, this show, which is sponsored by Randy & Molly Woodworth and continues through April 24, is for you!

The annual Field Meet brought together all of the Owosso grade schools at the end of the school year for a fun day of games at Willman Field.



This photo, taken in 1958, shows the Capitol Theater and a 1957 Ford leading the parade down Main Street, Ferris Bros., Williams Drug Store, Elite Restaurant, Arthur Wards and Cunninghams's Drugs. What fond memories of Owosso!

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

WELCOME to new SAC board member, Lisa Bremer-Gallinger. Lisa, daughter of the late Jack & Florence Bremer, recently moved back to Owosso and has been generously volunteering her time at the Arts Center. She is an occupational therapist and has a Culinary Arts degree. We look forward to tasting one of her specialties during our opening reception on May 6th!



SAC is pleased to receive a Kirk Newman bronze sculpture, *Winged Man*, donated by Marsha Lyttle, to our permanent collection and an oil-on-canvas painting from award-winning Owosso artist, Xavier.

-ARTFELT THANKS-

- **Photo 1** - *Artfelt thanks to Tony Young of Young Chevrolet Cadillac,* for donating SAC's van to our organization. His generous gift has allowed SAC to continue to provide the SMARTS (Shiawassee Mobile ARTS for Seniors) Program to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- **Photos 2 & 3** - *Artfelt thanks to artists K.W. Bell and Scott Poe* for gracing the grounds around the Arts Center with their inspiring public art sculptures.
- **Photo 4** - *Artfelt thanks to Connie & Jerry Voight* for their continuing dedication to the arts in our community and to their generous support of the Shiawassee Arts Center's major donor campaign and the 50th Celebration.

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

Help sustain the Shiawassee Arts Center for another 50 years. For many supporters, Planned Giving is an ideal way to make a meaningful impact to a non-profit organization. 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. **Please consider leaving a legacy gift to the Shiawassee Arts Center.**



Thank YOU Friends and Supporters for your Kindness and Generosity over these past 50 years! Please accept the enclosed SAC 50th decal as a small token of our appreciation.

JOIN US FOR SAC'S 50TH CELEBRATION
 Events & Activities May 6 - October 30
 Featured Exhibit: Pictorial History of Owosso, 1836-1966

Thought you knew a lot about Owosso's history? Have you heard of one of Owosso's most popular spots in the 1890s called Caledonia Park? Did you know that during Prohibition there were 38 ice cream shops in Owosso? Did you know that Owosso was one vote shy of becoming the state capital? Over 400 photographs, stories and videos, covering 130 years of Owosso's early unique and fascinating history, will be on display throughout the main floor of the Arts Center, free and open to the public, May 6 to October 30. You are sure to learn something new!

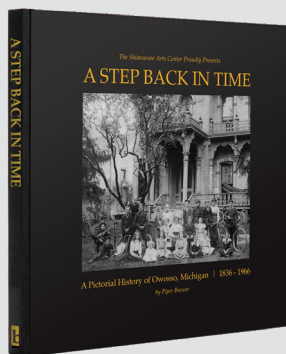
Owosso grade school students have been invited during the month of May to view this entertaining and educational exhibit. They will then create a piece of artwork that will be displayed outside the Arts Center through the rest of the year.



OPENING RECEPTION

FRIDAY, MAY 6 • 6-9PM

Look for your invite in the mail soon!



Be the first to view the fabulous *Pictorial History of Owosso* Exhibit on display throughout the main floor of the Arts Center. Enjoy live music by Crooner Ryan DeHues and Songstress Marla Moore while enjoying delicious appetizers from six Owosso restaurants and caterers and sipping your favorite drink while bidding on great auction items. Have your photograph taken in front of a historical backdrop, printed out in 60 seconds, and placed in a keepsake metal frame. Have author, Piper Brewer sign a copy of her much-anticipated limited edition book, "A Step Back in Time".

LIVE AUCTION

Participate in a live auction of twelve very special items with auctioneer and SAC supporter, David Hood.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Signed Ansel Adams photograph donated by Len Thomas
- John Safer polished steel sculpture, *Phoenix* donated by Paul & Marjorie McConaughy
- Gordon Graham painting donated by the family of Lyman & Jane Woodard
- Grandfather clock, two marble vases and corner chair donated by George Hoddy
- Dr. Leonard Wades painting, *Night Watcher*, donated by Linda Hill
- Woodard table donated by Michael Kovich
- Large clay raku cat donated by Doug DeLind
- Paintings by June Cary, Randall Higdon and Tim Widener
- Frederick C. Frieske original painting, *Sailboats*, oil on board, 1902, donated by Piper Brewer



If you are unable to attend this event and would like to bid on any of these terrific items, please visit www.shiawasseearts.org for more information and to place a bid.

Special Anniversary Page on SAC's Website! Visit www.shiawasseearts.org and click on the red anniversary logo to get up-to-date information on all the anniversary events, exhibits, partnerships and commemorative items. Piper's popular "Step Back in Time" Argus-Press columns will also be available on our website. And, be sure to share our "Step Back in Time" social media posts with your friends and family.

POP-UP ART GALLERY



Visit SAC's exciting new Pop-Up Gallery in downtown Owosso at the historic and completely renovated Wesener Building, 104 North Washington Street. Over forty mid-Michigan artists will be displaying and selling their multi-media artwork there from early May to late October.

Join us for the Opening Reception, Saturday, May 7, 10am-2pm to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments from our neighbor shop, Books & Beans. Visit the Downtown Farmer's Market just steps away and be sure to check out our banners hanging along the streets. We want everyone passing through to know SAC is celebrating its 50th!

The Pop-Up Gallery will be open Tuesdays through Fridays, noon to 4pm and Saturdays, 10am-2pm. Stop in often - artists will be there to greet you as they demonstrate their creative process.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Join us for lunch and learn about our community's history from a variety of experts. There will be plenty of time for questions, as well as the opportunity to view the *Pictorial History of Owosso* exhibit and check out the interesting gift shop items including ornaments and jigsaw puzzles of Curwood Castle. Delicious lunches will be provided by Owosso's Abiding in the Vine, voted the number one tearoom in Michigan! Seating is limited so call early 989.723.8354.

- **Thursday, June 9** - Bill Ballenger, "Owosso's Famous Politicians"
- **Tuesday, June 14** - Clark Harder, "Memories of WOAP"
- **Tuesday, June 21** - Elizabeth Wehmann, "Early Shiawassee County History", book signing after talk
- **Wednesday, June 29** - Piper Brewer, "A Step Back In Time", book signing after talk
- **Friday, July 15** - Margaret Rockwell & Carolyn Holmes, "First White Settlers in Owosso"

food for thought

"ANTIQUES ROADSHOW-STYLE" EVENT - COMING TO SAC THIS SUMMER

Did you ever wonder if that family heirloom collecting dust could actually be worth something? Come find out!

Later this summer, appraisers from DuMouchelles Fine Art and Estate Appraisers in Detroit will be on-hand to evaluate your collectibles, jewelry, antiques and more at the Arts Center. These are the same appraisers who have appeared on the popular Antiques Roadshow! Look for more details soon www.shiawasseearts.org.

TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME



Sample a few of Owosso's historical and architectural treasures with a guided walking tour of the Oliver Street Historic District displaying one of the most outstanding concentrations of 19th-century residences in the state. The Owosso Historical Commission welcomes us to stop by the 1860 Amos Gould House for a glass of lemonade and travel back in time to experience Owosso as it was over a hundred years ago. The 90-minute guided tours June and July begin and end at the Arts Center. Call 989.723.8354 for more information.



BICYCLE TOUR SCAVENGER HUNT OF HISTORIC SITES

Bring your bike, a helmet and your friends August 14, 1pm and be part of this partnership between SAC and the House of Wheels bike shop in Westown. Refreshments, prizes and high-fives afterward at the Arts Center.

SAC 50th anniversary events and activities are made possible with the generous support of:

Connie & Jerry Voight, Michigan Humanities Council, Piper Brewer, George Skestos,
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SMARTS PROGRAM

The Shiawassee Mobile ARTS for Seniors Program provides hands-on creative experiences to dozens of Shiawassee County seniors each month at the Owosso, Durand and Morrice Senior Centers and at the Shiawassee Arts Center.

The classes, which are taught by professional artists/instructors, allow seniors to express themselves, include them in the community and improve the quality of their lives.

SMARTS is made possible due to the generous support of the Shiawassee Council on Aging, the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the Debra Wegman Memorial Fund.

THE CREATIVE ARC

With the continuing 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.

49TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SHOW

For 49 years the Shiawassee Arts Council has offered scholarships to talented young student artists. Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, nearly \$90,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to provide students in grades 9-12 with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth. This year's show will be held April 27-May 1 at the Arts Center with the Awards Reception Sunday, May 1, 1-3pm. Up to \$2,000 in awards will be presented.

The 2021 Janis Kazan award recipient, Sarah Wittum, Owosso High School senior.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Teaching art to children in our community is one of SAC's most important priorities. We offer a variety of classes for elementary and middle school students (after-school), home-schoolers, scouts, church groups and 4-H clubs. Classes can be arranged to earn badges, for birthday parties or for other special events. If you would like to arrange a class for your child or group, call 989.723.8354. SAC Assistant Art Education Director, Natalie Park helps a young student with her project.

ADULT CLASSES

SAC offers classes for adults to explore their artist side, no matter the skill level. Whether you would like to try your hand at painting for the first time or you have been sculpting pottery for years, our adult classes are designed for you to work at your pace and enjoyment. Visit www.shiawasseearts.org for more information.

2022 SUMMER ART CAMPS

SAC invites children in kindergarten through 8th Grades to participate in the 2022 Summer Art Camps! The first two weeks will be held in partnership with DeVries Nature Conservancy at their facility off north M-52. The last two weeks will be held at the Arts Center. Check SAC's website for dates and times.



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ARTIST REMINDERS



All current, renewing and new SAC artist members are invited to display one piece of art in any medium in the non-juried 25th Annual Member Artists Show September 7 - October 30. Artwork must be available for sale. SAC artist membership is \$40/year. \$500 in awards will be given. Applications will be available online by early June. Pictured: SAC Exhibit Director, Jennifer Ross with the painting of her daughter, Arianna.

FACILITY RENTALS



The Shiawassee Arts Center would make the perfect venue for your special event.

Call 989.723.834 for more information. Please note that during the special History of Owosso exhibit the months of May through August, the Arts Center will not be available for rent inside.

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This 36" reproduction of the Owosso Grand Trunk Depot sign will be available for purchase in SAC's Gift Shop during the special "History of Owosso" exhibition.