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"Lady with the Sunshade"

HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY FREDERICK C. FRIESEKE!

Join us for Brunch at the
SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER
to Celebrate
Owosso's Famous
Impressionist Artist
(1874-1939)



Frieseke Self-Portrait, c.1901

Frieseke Brunch Sunday, April 7, Noon

\$30 members • \$35 guests

Call 989.723.8354 for reservations
or visit shiawasseearts.org

*This event is generously supported by
Cherie & Harlow Murray*

Called one of the "culminating figures among American Impressionists", Frieseke was born in Owosso in 1874 to German-American parents. His childhood home at 654 North Water Street was built of bricks from his father's brick plant.

After graduating from Owosso High School in 1893 Frieseke studied painting at the Chicago Art Institute and the Art Students League in New York. In 1898 at the age of 24, he headed for Paris with \$500 his father had given him. From then on, although he returned to the United States occasionally for shows or to meet with his agent, Frieseke became an expatriate: living, working, marrying and dying in France at the age of 65 in 1939.

During his lifetime Frieseke was an artist of renown who won many awards and exhibited his paintings often in Europe and the United States. In 1926 Frieseke donated a painting, *Lady with the Sunshade*, c.1910 to the City of Owosso. The painting is on longterm loan to the Shiawassee Arts Center and is displayed in the Frieseke Gallery along with three other original paintings and many reproductions.



CURRENT EXHIBIT

Tatsuki Hakoyama of Grand Rapids, Barbara Walworth of Saginaw (pictured in the middle with her friends) and Robert Evans of Okemos, are exhibiting their work through March 10. The show is sponsored by the Nancy Friday Foundation.

UPCOMING EXHIBIT

MARCH 12 - APRIL 28 | Features Valerie Allen & Armin Mersmann of Midland, Pooh Stevenson of Owosso and members of the Shiawassee Artists Guild. The opening reception is Sunday, March 17, 1-3pm. The show is sponsored by CLH Insurance Agency.



A Creative ARC student shown with instructor, Kathryn Gehrs-Pahl at the opening reception of SAC student artwork and the special Indigenous Artists Exhibition in January, which was sponsored by the Cook Family Foundation.

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WELCOME

NEW SAC BOARD

MEMBERS:

KAREN MEAD

&

PATRICK LOMBARDI



Karen, of Owosso, is a professional artist and former co-editor of *The Independent* newspaper. It is Karen's great photo of SAC that graces much of our publicity. Patrick, who lives in Ovid, generously opened up his lovely historical home and carriage house to SAC last fall for our annual fundraiser. We look forward to working with both of these new members!



SAC Staff & Mascot, JAX

-ARTFELT THANKS-

- To the **Cook Family Foundation** for their continued generous support of SAC
- To the **Nancy Friday Foundation and Foundation Board Member Julie Allen Burke** for their continuing generous support
- To the **Towsley Foundation** for a three-year SMARTS II Program grant.

DON'T WANT TO PAY THE IRS? DONATE TO SAC!

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your tax-deferred retirement accounts are considered income, and may be subject to both federal and state taxes. For Individuals who are 70-1/2 or older, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows you to send money directly from your IRA to an eligible charity, such as the Shiawassee Arts Center, and does not count toward your taxable income for the year. Either pay the money to the IRS, OR to your favorite charity! Call 989.723.8354 for more information.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

SAC Committee Members are busy planning an exciting fall fundraiser, which will be held the evening of September 14 at the Arts Center. Look for your invitation in a few months along with your membership reminder.

SAC is pleased to announce that we are partnering with Perry DiClemente, the new owner of the building to the south of the Arts Center. A state grant has recently been awarded to rehabilitate the property, now called Curwood Place, and SAC looks forward to moving our clay classes there. In the meantime, Jennifer and Philip (pictured right) are working on eight murals for the exterior of the building through a grant from the Curwood Festival.





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 and the Michigan Arts & Culture Council.

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 them meaningful experiences.

51ST ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SHOW

For 51 years the SAC has offered scholarships to talented young student artists. Since SAC's establishment 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 May 1-5 at the Arts Center with the Awards Reception May 5, 1-3pm. Up to \$2,000 in awards will be presented. Many thanks to Maureen Gilna and Jeannette & John Smith for their continuing support of the scholarship program.

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.

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.

2024 SUMMER ART CAMPS

SAC invites children in kindergarten through 8th Grades to participate in the 2024 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 REMINDER

All current, renewing and new SAC artist members are invited to display one piece of art in any medium in the non-juried 27th Annual Member Artists Show May 14 - July 7. Artwork must be available for sale. SAC artist membership is \$40/year. \$500 in awards will be given. Applications will be available online soon. *Young-Shill Roberts, of Holt, is shown displaying her artwork in SAC's 2023 Member Artists Show.*

FACILITY RENTALS

The Shiawassee Arts Center would make the perfect venue for your special occasion such as a child's birthday party. Call 989.723.834 for more information. *Maddix recently had his 8th birthday with his friends and family at SAC creating watercolor paintings and celebrating with birthday cake!*



Popular SAC gift items now available in SAC's Gift Shop include the Owosso-Opoly game (Jennifer is shown with SAC board member, Michael Kovich), the Curwood Castle puzzle and glass ornament and the second edition of "A Step Back In Time: A Pictorial History of Owosso" by Piper Brewer

