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FRIESEKE COLLECTION GREW IN 2024

2024 was a banner year celebrating Frederick C. Frieseke's 150th birthday (1874-1939) with a special event held on his April 7th birthday, two wonderful paintings gifted to SAC's Frieseke Gallery and two outdoor signboards installed in Curwood Castle Park promoting his life and work.



A lovely 1920 painting, *Dressing*, oil on canvas, was generously donated by Cherie & Harlow Murray (pictured) last October. It is given in loving memory of her parents and former Owosso residents, Charles and Esther Sanders. The painting has an excellent provenance, descended directly from Frieseke's family (Kilmer) and is included in the Frieseke catalogue raisonne compiled by his grandson, Nicholas Kilmer. The Murrays, who live in Saginaw and recently became SAC board members, stated, "We believe Frieseke would be very pleased that this beautiful painting now resides in his hometown of Owosso."



In December, Hank & Liesel Meijer generously donated this impressive 1905-06 oil painting, *Afternoon Tea on the Terrace* to SAC's collection. Meijer representative, David Hooker and SAC Director, Piper Brewer (with SAC mascot, Jax) are standing next to the large five-by-five foot piece, which was part of a much larger mural Frieseke created for John Wanamaker's Hotel Shelbourne in Atlantic City. Hank Meijer stated, "I'm thrilled it's found a home with SAC."



The Shiawassee Distrist Library - Owosso, and Edwards Sign & Printing Company teamed up with SAC to create two doublesided Frieseke "ArtWalk" signs, which were installed near the Arts Center in Curwood Castle Park. Another Frieseke sign will be placed outside the library later this year.



CURRENT EXHIBIT

Now through March 8, features the work of Cindy Evans of Williamston (above), Joel Ellis of Haslett (below) and members of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild. The show is sponsored by CLH Insurance.

UPCOMING EXHIBIT

March 14 - April 19

Sponsored by: Cherie & Harlow Murray

Features Karen Mead of Owosso, David Broadworth of Swartz Creek, Rochelle Aultman of Coleman. Ten potters KW Bell, Mark Chatterley, Doug DeLind, Marie Gougeon, Barbara Hranilovich, Jann Johnson Lardie, WenFen Pan, Jim Reinert, Linda Ruehle and Beth Voulgaris are also featured in a "10 for 10 on Fire" exhibit. Opening reception is March 14, 5-7pm.



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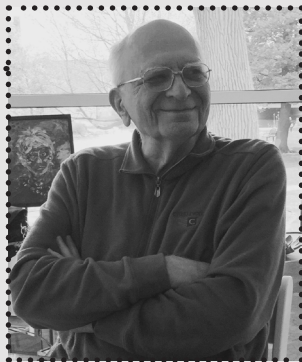
WELCOME to new SAC Board Members Paulette Darling, Jennifer Ellenberg, Betty Monroe, Cherie & Harlow Murray and Joy Welty. We look forward to working with these new members! Thanks to retired members Lisa Bremer-Gallinger, Bridget Bryson and Hon. Gerald Lostracco for their years of service. Our best wishes to Philip Luckhurst, who left SAC in January to continue his studies at Kendall School of Art & Design. Welcome to new staff members Anita Damwijk and Lilly Evans.

BOB WILCOX

A longtime SAC board member and tech genius, Bob Wilcox, passed away last October at the age of 93 years.

He generously remembered SAC in his estate planning.

A tree has been planted along the river in his memory and, because he always enjoyed a good cup of coffee, "Bob's Coffee Bar" has been created within the Arts Center to always remember him.



-ARTFELT THANKS-

- To the **Cook Family Foundation** for continued generous support of SAC
- To the **Nancy Friday Foundation and Foundation Board Member, Julie Allen Burke** for continued generous support of SAC
- To the **Shiawassee Community Foundation**, an anonymous donor, plus **RaiseUp Shiawassee** donors for generous support of SAC's SMARTS 1 Program
- To the **Towsley Foundation** for grant support of SAC's SMARTS 2 Program
- To the **Michigan Arts & Culture Council** for a Mission Support Program grant

UPCYCLE ART IN THE PARK

2025 UpCycle Art in the Park SAC Committee Members are busy planning an exciting fall fundraiser, which will be held August 15 - 30, 2025. Look for your invitation in the mail in June along with your membership reminder.

Ovid artist, Tom Tomasek (left) with his award-winning 2024 Upcycle sculpture. The piece is now included in SAC's permanent sculpture park.

Owosso Mayor, Rob Teich stands next to his 2024 Mayor's Choice award-winning UpCycle sculpture created by Owosso artist, Deb Knipe.



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SMARTS PROGRAM

The Shiawassee Mobile ARTS for Seniors Program, in partnership with the Shiawassee Council on Aging, 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.



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.



ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SHOW

For 53 years SAC has offered scholarships to talented young student artists. Since SAC's establishment in 1972, over \$95,000 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 23-27 with the Awards Reception April 27, 1-3pm. Up to \$2,000 in awards will be presented. Thanks to Maureen Gilna and Jeannette & John Smith for their continuing generous support of the program.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Teaching art to children in our community is one of SAC's most important priorities. SAC offers 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 artistic 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, adult classes are designed for you to work at your pace and enjoyment.

2025 SUMMER ART CAMPS

SAC invites children in kindergarten through 8th Grades to participate in 2025 Summer Art Camps! The first two weeks are held in partnership with DeVries Nature Conservancy in June. The last two weeks are held at the Arts Center in July. Check SAC's website for dates and times.



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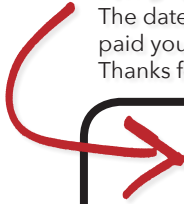
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ARTIST REMINDERS



**28th Annual
Member Artists Show
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All current, renewing and new SAC artist members are invited to display one piece of art in any medium in the non-juried Annual Member Artists Show May 2 - July 5. Artwork must be available for sale. SAC artist membership is \$40/year. \$1,000 in awards will be given. Applications available online soon.

Beth Voulgaris (above), of Clarklake, received 1st Place in SAC's 2024 Member Artists Show



Several dozen of SAC's "History of Owosso" storyboards are on display at the 1915 Owosso Armory

FACILITY RENTALS

The Shiawassee Arts Center would make the perfect venue for your special occasion such as a wedding shower or a child's birthday party. Call 989.723.834 for more information.