

From the President



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President

WINTER AND THE ARTS

You have heard of people who get depressed during the Winter months – this is called Seasonal Affective Disorder. The body craves more sun and vitamin D and when it feels deficient, everything becomes “gray” and “blah.” There are lights to use to correct this and of course, vitamins, but an even better solution is to brighten your home and office – bring in art, in all forms. Good music, colorful paintings, a tinkling fountain sculpture, green plants and patterned rugs will give you such a lift! Know where to buy those “healing” tonics? Gallery 104 in LaGrange will give you a great start with paintings, fabrics, sculptures and glass works. Delight your senses and you will alter your mood.

Besides all that, we want to see you! There are over 30 artists who display their work here, but also volunteer their time at the gallery. Come by and talk. We are so happy to discuss our work. Just the enthusiasm will make you feel good. And while you are at it, go to our website and join the association!

Hope your new year is wonderful!



ARTIST'S CORNER

“Bringing the Arts to Oldham County”



Animal Attraction is Back!

A Call to Artists: AAOC presents our Third Annual Animal Attraction Show
March 20 – May 12, 2012
A multimedia art show featuring all manner of animals.
Entry deadline: Saturday, March 3 (midnight),
call Gallery 104 or visit www.gallery104.org for prospectus



Scholarships

The time is quickly approaching for our scholarship committee to begin its work. Scholarships are due March 1, 2012. For those of you who might not know, AAOC gives three \$5,000 scholarships to graduating seniors RESIDING in Oldham County and who intend to pursue the arts as a career.

Our committee works with Dollars for Scholars to select these young people. We are always in need of volunteers to judge portfolios and read essays. Of all of the jobs I've had with AAOC, this is the most rewarding. If you would like to join us in this endeavor, just email or call me. We need lots of help!

For more information about our scholarships go to www.ocdfs.org and www.AAOC.org and click on scholarships.

Donna Miller Scholarship chair
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Call to Artists!

Arts on the Green, Fine Arts and Craft Festival
Juried Art Show • Date: June 2 and 3, 2012

The following categories are accepted:

**Photography • Painting/Drawing
3D Wood • Consumables • Ceramics
Sculpture/3D • Metal • Mixed Media
Fiber • Jewelry • Glass 2D or 3D**

Deadline: March 15, 2012.

Entries may be accepted after the deadline.
A late fee will be applied.

Please go to website: www.artsonthegreen.org or
www.artsassociationofoldhamcounty.org.
Looking forward to a spectacular festival in 2012.
Questions call Mary Klausung, AOG Director:
502-241-9393.

Our Future Artist

Congratulations to Mollie Grace Fox, age 9, winning the
“Arts on the Green Kids Notecard Contest 2011”.

A Very Special Derby Event

Derby en Plein Air- April 29, 2012

Mark your calendar today. This is a spectacular opportunity for you to enjoy Frank and JoAnn Luecke's lovely sculptured garden property the Sunday before Derby. A garden specialist and assistants will be on hand for questions. You will be free to roam the property and enjoy spring cocktails and small plates under tent. One artist will be in residence creating an original Plein Air work, which will be made available through a raffle draw at the end of the day. Advance tickets to members available in March at \$50.00 per individual ticket.

1st Quarter Notes from your Membership Chairman

We are very excited to announce a cooperative effort between the Oldham County History Center and AAOC. These two organizations have always shared a desire to bring the best of educational and entertainment opportunities to Oldham County. This collaboration is one more important step in our plan. For this year we are co-sponsoring two exciting and interactive events: The Art of Richard Luce, Western and Historical Art and The Lunch Bunch Series (more information as this series develops).

In November at the Annual Meeting we introduced a “Just for Members” program. This program has two purposes: to offer just to our members one or two special events each year and to ask you to invite your non-member friends to join you as your guest at the “member-only” events. The Oldham County History Center will be joining us in this special member drive during the Richard Luce show.

In addition to our regularly scheduled Gallery 104 shows, here are the two exciting special events just for you for this year:

The Art of Richard Luce, Western and Historical Art

May 31-June 3, 2012, Artist Reception May 31, 5:30 PM, Rob Morris Chapel

Richard has devoted his life to portraying the history he loves and now he is bringing some of his exciting original works to Kentucky for this one-man show. Bring a friend to this member-only event sponsored by The Arts Association of Oldham County and The Oldham County Historical Society in conjunction with the Colonial Trade Faire and Arts on the Green. This collection is wonderful. If you have not seen it, visit his website at www.richardluce.com.

Private Shopper Event, Winter 2012

Members will get an early jump on those “one-of-a-kind” gifts, use the member discount to shop and join the Holiday private reception at Gallery104. And of course, plan to bring a friend.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at one our great events!

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MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND TO OUR AAOC SUPPORTERS:

BENEFACTORS

Frank & Jo Ann Luecke
David & Terri Miller
Duane & Anne Murner
Patrick & Amy Wellborn

FRIENDS

Wayne &
Sandra Graves-Alcorn, Ph.D.
Stan & Mary Klausung
Ken & gail McDaniel
Helena Grimes
Lisa Roberts

Charlie Ward, CPA
James & Nancy Theiss
Wayne & Linda Theiss
Fastlane Publications
Don & Mary Wells
Jerry & Roxanne Kopp
Kurt & Mary Broecker
Ralph & Vicki Dennis
Marion Gibson
Zack & Carole Logan
Mike & Jolene Griffin
Ned & Cornelia Bonnie

HONORARY

David Tate

January Artist of the Month

Mary Kinney



Mary Kinney has spent many years in the arts and crafts world developing her style and technique. Her background is in painting and Mixed-Media is her primary focus. Much of her current work is created in the encaustic method using heated beeswax and pigment as the painting medium. She also uses acrylic mediums and paint, along with a mixed palette of oil, water-color, gouache, charcoal, graphite and collage. She describes her work as “Experimental Mixed-Media Painting.” Memories and nostalgia are her muse as she creates a new Mixed-Media series called “Pigtail Girls,” paintings of old fashioned cut paper dolls in sentimental settings.

Kinney's work is currently on display at Gallery 104, LaGrange, Ky, and Kinney Art Studio, 208 E. Main St, LaGrange, Ky. You will also find her at the 2012 Cherokee Triangle Art Fair and 2012 Art in the Arbor, both in Louisville, Ky.

February Artist of the Month

Robbie Mueller



Robbie Mueller is a Kentucky-based mixed media artist who specializes in folk art. Robbie attended Western high school in Louisville and Transylvania University in Lexington. He took early retirement from a teaching career in Oldham County to pursue a passion in woodworking that evolved into a full-time career in art.

Robbie considers himself a contemporary folk artist. He turns found objects: wood, wire, metal roofing, refrigerator brushes... into figurative forms like sheep, roosters, opossums, and more. A garden rake serves as a tail on

a whimsical turkey sculpture titled “Struttin’ My Stuff”. Robbie is known for the attention to detail and the special quality he achieves on surfaces with finishing techniques.

Robbie is a member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists & Craftsman and is a featured artist in Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsman 50th Anniversary Album. Kentucky educational Television will air a segment about Robbie and his folk art, January '12, on *Bluegrass & Backroads*.

March Artist of the Month

Fred Ruffenach



Fred Ruffenach, who now resides in Crestwood KY, is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After holding a number of positions in the technology field, Fred relocated to KY. Fred spent his first 6 years living in the Highland's neighborhood of Louisville where he learned to appreciate the arts and crafts styles in neighborhood. Fred has always had a love for art and has found a passion for creating original stained glass pieces.

He specializes in architectural and free hanging stained glass windows. Fred works in the classic lead came method when creating his art. He has the ability to mix design and colors to create beautiful windows for any decor. One of his favorite techniques is to use clear textured glass rather than colored in his designs. This allows the natural light to play a larger role in how the design is perceived as it changes throughout the day.



Executive Director

Kathy Dowling

There's a saying, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars." Entering my third year as your Executive Director, I've realized that I've certainly "landed among the stars." One of these stars is Carole Logan who is a talented plein air painter and Gallery 104 window decorator, extraordinaire. Carole is chairing our Fifth Anniversary Gallery 104 Artist Show & Sale. Don't miss this opportunity for our artists to double display space and offer significant bargains for art lovers.

To celebrate Valentine's Day we've invited the Louisville Area Fiber and Textile Arts (LAFTA) group to exhibit their art challenge works created from romance novels donated by the Friends of the Library. Local fiber artists, Sally Lackner and Joanne Weiss will chair this exhibit and "chocolatey" reception.

In March, two other bright stars, Karen Barry, along with co-chair, Rita Stout, will be coordinating our 2012 Animal Attraction Show. This show always proves to be a favorite for stunning artwork, fund raising & sales.

AAOC continues to offer a variety of art classes of various painting mediums & stained glass. Our upcoming Artists of the Month, Mary Kinney, Robbie Mueller and Fred Ruffenach, will be gracing the gallery with their beautiful works.

Finally, the hidden stars, our 2012 board members and committee volunteers, have the experience, dedication and enthusiasm to lead us toward a fun & profitable year of special events and activities in bringing the arts to Oldham County.

Board of Directors

President Sandra Graves

Vice-President Marion Gibson

Exec. Director Kathy Dowling

Board Members

JoAnn Luecke

Mary Klausing

Tom Kinney

Mac MacWilliams

Jim Zimmerman

AAOC Membership

Levels and Benefits

- President's Reception and Annual Meeting
- "Just for Members" special programs
- Quarterly newsletter
- Discounts at Gallery 104 and other local businesses
- Advance notice on classes - some discounts available
- Invitations to all of our private and public Gallery shows

- Student \$20** All of the above benefits
- Individual \$35** All of the above benefits plus: Discount rates for Arts on the Green booth space
- Family \$50** All of the above benefits for the entire family
- Friend \$100** All of the above benefits plus: Website recognition
- Patron \$300** All of the above benefits plus: Recognition in printed programs
- Benefactor \$500+** All of the above benefits plus: Preferred seating at special events

My company has a matching gift program I would like to volunteer

I am an artist, my specialty is _____

New Member Renewal Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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www.aaoc.org or www.gallery104.org



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Winter 2012

ASSOCIATION OF OLDHAM COUNTY

Classes & Workshops

2012 Winter Schedule



Open Studio with Lea Ann Luce
Acrylic painting. \$15 per session, All age groups.
Thursdays, 3 - 5 pm
Contact Lea Ann at: leaannluce@insightbb.com



Watercolor & Mixed Media with Luci Mistratov
January 30 - March 5
Mondays, 10 am - 2 pm. Brief break for lunch - Cost: 6 sessions; \$145
Contact Luci at: luciamist@hotmail.com



Stained Glass Class with Roxanne Kopp
The art of making a beautiful stained glass panel requires many steps as well as time. Students become comfortable with the process before moving to the next step. Each student will be able to complete a stained glass project of their choosing. Small Group, Fee: \$180
Beginning in January, Sunday 1 - 4 pm



The DSLR Camera: A Beginner's Course with Perry Lee

Explore the full potential of your DSLR camera! If you have not yet had your camera out of AUTO mode, this is the course for you. Just bring your camera, your user's guide, and the USB cable that connects your camera to your computer. Memory card should be blank as well.
Class Size: 6 max. Fee: \$100
March 3, 1 - 4 pm, March 10, 9 - 4 pm

Mike Prather Returns!

Oil Painting Classes

Beginning Jan. 7, 2012

Gallery 104 in La Grange

Every Saturday morning at 9:00

- No experience necessary
- Must supply own materials
- See Gallery 104 for fee structure
- Must have a good, positive attitude



Gallery 104 Artist in Residence Class Schedule Winter 2012
To Pre-Register Call: 502-222-3822 or email: execdir@aaoc.org