

The Owatonna Arts Center's

V I S I O N S

July - August, 2006

The mission of the Owatonna Arts Center is to provide the people of the Owatonna area with opportunities to expand their awareness, participation, experimentation and appreciation of the creative process and of the visual and performing arts.

President's Message

I hope this message finds all of you enjoying the splendor of summer! The mosquitoes have been tame thus far, but the recent rains may change that. I'm positive our City Park & Rec. Department are up to the challenge of keeping them away.

I want to spend this time talking about the Festival of the Arts. It is being held this year on the weekend of July 29.th It is truly a fantastic event that the whole family will enjoy. I know we have year after year. It's always fun to see the different artists and the incredible talent that they bring to Owatonna for the weekend. Please try and support these artists so we can continue this wonderful event each year by attracting the top artists from the area. A tremendous amount of time goes into planning this weekend, and we thank all those who work on the committee.

I want to extend my personal congratulations to Nancy and Roger Benjamin. They are this years recipients of the Community Arts Award. I have known the entire Benjamin family all of my life and cannot think of a more deserving couple. They continue to enhance the Arts in our community with all they do.

Another congratulations to Mary Butler-Fraser, this years OAC volunteer of the year. Many of you know Mary, her energy and hard work have continued to enhance many of the programs and events we have here throughout the year. Thanks Mary!

Finally, as usual (I love to finish with this), Silvan has put together some wonderful exhibits and artists for your viewing pleasure. Please take advantage of the great summer days and come out to see us at the Arts Center.

Steve Grubish, President

Tim Jones Paintings Exhibition

June 3 - July 30, 2006

If you haven't had the opportunity to see this show, maybe the titles will entice you to stop in and take a look, linger and think. "Canyon Wheels," Visitors to the Manifold," Bubble Head," and "The Last Cow of Arcadia." Stop in for your own personal think time. The exhibition closes on July 30.th

Minnesota Saved

July 16 - 30, 2006

Minnesota Saved - A Quarter Century of Historic Preservation in Minnesota, is an exhibition that honors communities like ours for bringing new life to historic structures. In fact, the State School Administration Building is sited in this exhibition as well as the Chateau Theater in Rochester now the home of a Barnes & Noble bookstore. This exhibition is a tribute not only to preserving history but to creating a new history and life in old structures. This exhibition opens July 16th and runs through July 30.th

Festival of the Arts Featured Artist, Scott Duffus July 29 - 30, 2006

Scott Duffus is the featured artist for the 2006 Festival of the Arts. You may know him as an interim Lutheran minister, not as a creative explorer. Scott's interests are varied; he researches the subject, the media and then sets out to create. Most artists will understand the process they are trying to master, like printmaking, but Scott will also build his own press to print with. His inquisitive mind finds unique solutions to engineering needs and esthetic visual solution. His prints and sculptures will be on display at the Wells Fargo Bank throughout the weekend.

Festival of the Arts, Saturday, July 29,th 2006, 9-5 PM, Sunday July 30, 11-4 PM. The last weekend in July, Central Park will have the feeling of a European market place.

Festival of the Arts Workshops Friday, July 28, 2006 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Festival of the Arts invites you to try your hand at one of the three artistic media. There will be three free workshops to select from on Friday morning, July 28.th there is limited space therefore you must preregister by July 19.th There will be a small fee for materials. Jim & Judy Miller of Clear Lake Iowa will demonstrate throwing and various applied sculptured techniques. There is not a material fee for the clay workshop, please note that no pieces will be fired. Don Hodges an acrylic artist will demonstrate various techniques of application of paint. and talk about composition, atmosphere and light. The material fee for the acrylic workshop is \$4.00. Please note that paint and canvas board will be supplied. You will need to bring the following brushes #12 flat and #6 round. Deb Mather will demonstrate basket weaving and you will make a small basket. The basket will be 5 1/2" in diameter and 5" tall. The materi-

als fee is \$8.00 The three artists giving the workshops will be in the park through out the weekend displaying and selling their works. At one o'clock each of the three workshops artists will share in an informal roundtable discussion about how they market their art.

Pancake Breakfast at the Eagles Club

Sunday, July 30, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a good old fashioned pancake breakfast with sausages and eggs on Sunday, July 30 at the Eagles Club. Serving begins at 7:30 a.m. and runs through 12:30 p.m. The price is only \$4.50 in advance or \$5.00 at the door, however, if you purchase them at the door, we do not get the full amount. Enclosed are 4 tickets. We hope that you will purchase them. Please return the money or the unused tickets to the Owatonna Arts Center by July 24.th Thank you for supporting the Arts Center.

Photographs of Manshige Takada August 6 - 20, 2006

Because of the great interest that Mr. and Mrs. Takada have in people and their cultures, they have visited 35 different countries using their photo skills to capture their observations.

Their photos that will be on display are their interpretation of people and places from around the world. As local interest, there will be pictures from the surrounding area as well as some excellent photos taken in Japan. Mr. & Mrs. Takada have had their photos displayed in exhibitions in Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, Japan.

Mr. Takada was born in Tokyo and Mrs. Takada was born in Kyoto, Japan. Their home is in Nara, Japan but they spend some of their summers at their lake home on Hunt Lake, east of Kilkenny, MN.

Sebastian Pírk Scholarship Fund

Purpose: To create the opportunity for potential students to attend classes at the Owatonna Arts Center who might not otherwise be able to afford the tuition.

Discretionary funds are available to be used at the discretion of the OAC Director, OAC Education Director, or President of the Board of Directors to supplement the tuition of deserving students. The goal is to match or supplement whatever the student can afford or raise toward tuition.

All prospective students will be considered as long as funds are available. The Board of Directors and OAC Director will be responsible for soliciting additional funds as needed.

Volunteer of the Year 2006

The energy and ideas that volunteers bring to an organization is its life blood. The Arts Center is blessed to have many loyal volunteers that are responsible for making so many good things happen. This year we would like to say Thank You to an individual that has given so much of herself and continues to share here talents with us. Mary Butler-Fraser has been a board member, member of the friends, served on the Festival of Arts Committee, organized the Rockin for the Arts Fund raiser, makes all the soups for the Chili Supper and Pastimes and has helped with numerous behind the scenes activities. Thank you Mary, for your continued support of the Arts Center.

Community Arts Award 2006

The commitment of individuals in our community to making Owatonna a quality place to live is often heard in the comments of visitors and locals. Visitors or new comers are impressed with the variety and professionalism of cultural experiences in our community. Other comments often heard are that other communities of comparable size don't have the same amenities. An important part of why

the arts flourish in Owatonna is because of individuals like Dr. Roger and Nancy Benjamin.

The Arts Community recognizes them for their contributions and support of the Arts in Owatonna. Nancy has embraced the family tradition of her parents, Harry and Ruth Wenger of not only enjoying the arts but being active in the arts and committed to the continued growth of the arts so all may be touched by the Arts. Nancy has been active on the music committee at the Arts Center, given numerous concerts, has accompanied the high school choir and the Roger Tenney Choral. Roger is the president of the Arts Center Foundation. Thank you for enriching our community.

Thank You!

The urns at the Arts Center are a profusion of color; you will want to take a closer look at them to enjoy the variety of plantings in each. Artist Christine Anderson stopped in to see her work on display at the 54th. Annual Steele County Art Exhibition and was caught up in the spring planting. Christine selected the plants to go with the geraniums that had already been purchased, and then planted the urns. We thank her for her gardening expertise and also for her gift of plants.

The Landscape and Floral Design Class at the high school with directions from their instructor, Liz Tinaglia, planted all the pink impatiens.

The Spring Luncheon was a great deal of fun for all who attended even if there was a little change in the program. Megumi Takada Steffan who was to demonstrate the Tea Ceremony was taken ill and so the program changed. Nancy Hockenberry of Albert Lea most graciously gave a monolog about an historic woman from Albert Lea. The monolog was apart of their 150th Celebration programming. Wooden dolls and other memorabilia that decorated the tables was from CJ Brase's collection. CJ shared her experiences of seeing Japan through the eyes of a westerner, making for a very personal look at the Japanese culture. The Country Club served a lovely oriental salad and fresh fruit for dessert. Thank you to the Friends and everyone who attended for making it a success.

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Memberships, donations and memorials to OAC are welcome any time, and help to enhance the current financial stability of the Owatonna Arts Center.

OAC Gallery Hours:

1 to 5 PM • Tuesday thru Sunday • Closed on Mondays

OAC Calendar of Events

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Festival of the Arts Workshops

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Festival of the Arts, Central Park

July 30, 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pancake Breakfast at the Eagles Club

August 6 - 20

Photographs of Yanshige Takada

September 10, 2:00 PM

Kent McWilliams, Piano Concert

September 17, 2:00 PM

Thursday Musical Concert

September 23

Owatonna Arts Center Gala