

# Art Society of Strathcona County

## NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2014

### LIFE LESSONS FROM THE EASTER BUNNY

Don't put all your eggs in one basket...  
Walk softly and carry a big carrot ....  
Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.....  
There's no such thing as too much candy....  
All work and no play can make you a basket case  
Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.....  
Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits....  
Some body parts should be floppy...  
Keep your paws off other people's jellybeans....  
Good things come in small, sugar-coated packages.



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## President's Message

I think it's spring! ☺ The roads are dry! The geese are back! The Oilers have won a game or two. Wasn't NOA fun? The workshops at the Centre are hummin' and the renovations are beginning! We have many new members stepping up to volunteer!...and the Easter bunny comes this month! Life is good....eh?

Hopefully you are encompassing some of your workshop knowledge into your artwork for the May/June Loft Gallery show and/or the Fall Show.

Thanks, Elaine, the workshops have been enjoyed by many and everyone is looking forward to the others scheduled for this year. I personally have enjoyed sitting in on the DVD Paint Along series...the instruction is clear and the company and Margaret's comments are always great!

I hope you remembered to send in your ACACA membership, and submit your 3 paintings to a zone show (deadline April 15), so you have a chance to showcase your art at the Alberta Wide Show at the Ottewell Centre July 19 to Aug 16! The ASSC is doing extensive advertising and hoping to draw a very wide audience for this event. The Loft Gallery will be open and Joyce is looking for members to work a shift or two on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays so please be in touch if you can assist.

It is hoped that the many new members who are signing up will enjoy being a part of this Society and will remain as members to participate and take advantage of all the opportunities that the Society has to offer. I welcome any comments or suggestions that you might have at any time.  
(minirose@telusplanet.net)

The Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair is April 11, 12 and 13 and the ASSC, along with the Loft Gallery and the Ottewell Centre rentals, will be promoted at the ASSC booth as the Society continues to spread the word about the wonderful opportunity we have here in Sherwood Park. Please stop by on your way through the Fair and say "hi" to the members staffing the booth.

Happy painting! and



Regards,  
Sonja.

## Thank You to:

- Joyce and Kay for the new pamphlet – “Call for Artists for the Loft Gallery.” Nice job.
- Kay and Dess for setting up at NOA and all those manning the booth and promoting the ASSC at the Night of Artists Gala.
- Kay and Peter for your work on the ACACA advertising.
- Sue and Doreen K for the great job on polishing the Centre floors (again.) It is our hope that the new floors this summer will be less work.

## Members' Corner

- Next Board Meeting: **April 1** at 6:30 pm @ Ottewell Centre
- Next General Meeting: **April 8** at 7:00 pm – Critique of artwork by Judy Shafer. Contact Bonnie if you wish to have a piece critiqued.
- Strathcona Country Trade Fair: **April 11-13**. Check out the ASSC booth!
- Loft Gallery Members' show: **ongoing until April 27**
- Student Competition, Show and Sale: **May 9 & 10**
- Mothers' Day Tea and Art Sale: **May 11**
- Start cleaning house! In conjunction with the **June** meeting, we will be holding a garage sale of items by Members. Sale will be by donation to the meeting Coffee Fund.

**Members:** If you are interested in having a piece of your artwork critiqued, please contact Bonnie Halliday to let her know. Then bring your piece to the April meeting and learn!

## THE LOFT GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

Open Saturday & Sunday from 12-4 pm

Open show for all members: **Ongoing until April 27:**

**May 17 / June 19:** Open show for all members

The Loft Gallery and Gift Shop is one of two sources of income for the Society this year. All members are encouraged to sign up for the **May/June** show to enter artwork so the Society can be proud in the face of the public! Previously shown artwork is accepted if it has not been shown in the past year. One to ten pieces may be entered.

See Joyce at the General meeting or email [joyceboyer@shaw.ca](mailto:joyceboyer@shaw.ca)

## THE SHERWOOD PARK PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

### In association with the ASSC

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An update on the ASSC's fledgling photography group which was launched last year by Roy McLaughlin.

The group meets at the A.J. Ottewell Centre, (Red Barn) at 7PM on the first Wednesday of each month. What began as just a few interested persons discussing various random topics the membership has now grown to about 26 with several others indicating an interest in joining. There were fourteen in attendance at the last meeting on March 5th. Photography experience within the group ranges from nil to professionals using equipment from point and shoot cameras to advanced DSLR cameras with interchangeable lenses. Roy has now developed a specific agenda for each meeting where certain aspects of photography are explained and then practiced.

We are fortunate to have several extremely talented members including professional photographers in our midst who enjoy sharing their incredible knowledge not only of shooting photos but also recommendations of equipment and post editing of photos with appropriate software.

So far this year there have been two very successful two day workshops. One by Al Dixon of Al Dixon Photography, on High Dynamic Range photography that included an outdoor shooting session on a rare mild day in January. The most recent workshop was the weekend of Feb. 28 and March 1st on Basic Digital Photography, presented by Leslie and Mark Dreger of Wilderness Light Images. On this occasion participants took advantage of the Salisbury Greenhouse to practice their skills.

Besides the monthly meetings and workshops, there are other random photo shoots organized from time to time. The photography group meetings not only create a great discussion forum for persons of like interests, but encourage members to take control of their cameras by ceasing to rely on the Auto Mode. By understanding some basic photography principles amazing results can be achieved rather than just snapping pictures.

Roy has been approached by the Canada 55 Games Committee which is being held in Strathcona County August 27-30 if there are any members of our Photography Club who would like to volunteer as a photographer for this event. Those interested can contact him and he will provide them with more information.

If you are interested in attending the next meeting is Wednesday **April 9th at 7pm.**

Submitted by Chuck Tweedy  
For Roy McLaughlin  
April 2014



## ANNUAL STUDENT COMPETITION, SHOW AND SALE:

May 9 & 10

Mark your calendars so you can attend this awesome showing of artwork by the high school students in the Strathcona County. Contact Lynn B. at [lynnonthelake@shaw.ca](mailto:lynnonthelake@shaw.ca) if you can assist with art take in, sign out, or any other small jobs.

## DON'T FORGET THE MOTHERS' DAY TEA ON

MAY 11 FROM 1-4 pm

This year the ASSC will be hosting the Tea providing tea, coffee with dessert and fruit. We have invited the Strathcona County Potters to join us and they will have several tables of their pottery wares for sale along with our artists' tables.

There are only 8-10 tables available for artists to hang and display their artwork. We may have more art tables and less Tea tables if needed. Contact me early so you don't miss out! Please email me at: [artworkbykm@gmail.com](mailto:artworkbykm@gmail.com) if you are interested in having a table and/or you are happy to help with the organizing, set up and take down.

Table fee is \$10.00. We will have a cashier and wrapper set up. Artists please submit a list of their inventory. Each item must be marked with a number and a price. Reimbursement will be made to artists by cheques after reconciling the sales. Volunteer hours count for your membership requirements. All members showing will help with set up and take down of tables, signs put out on the street and take down, kitchen duties and clean up of floors and kitchen.

I will distribute a poster closer to the date for everyone to share on FaceBook and to email to your patrons and friends.

Thanks!  
Kay McCormack

**ACACA SHOW JULY 19 TO AUGUST 16:** Held at the Ottewell Centre, the ACACA is running their show from July 19–August 16 on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 10 to 6 pm. The ASSC proposes to have the Loft Gallery and Gift Shop open during these same days and hours. Volunteers will be needed for shifts in the loft gallery, however, if anyone wishes to volunteer for the ACACA show instead or as well, they can contact Joyce at [joyceboyer@shaw.ca](mailto:joyceboyer@shaw.ca) or Sonja.

### showing?

If you are having a show or an art event, please send your information to Julie Taylor, Newsletter Editor, at [jamtart53@gmail.com](mailto:jamtart53@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Newsletter!

### getting to know you

Members would like to get to know other members. Please forward your information to Elaine Forsberg at [elaine.forsberg@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.forsberg@gmail.com) and include a short autobiography (6–10 lines) and a couple of pictures of your artwork. At some point, you will be featured in the ASSC Newsletter.

### coming up

It's not too soon to start creating items for the Christmas market – check out Pinterest for ideas – <http://www.pinterest.com/>. The sky is the limit!

~remember to update your artwork regularly on the ASSC website!

~please record your volunteer hours in the book located in the drawer to the left of the kitchen sink. These hours record your eligibility to show your artwork in 2014 & they are also part of the application for the ASSC's annual AFA grant.

~“LIKE” the ASSC on Facebook and please pass the message around!!!

## ASSC WORKSHOP list for APRIL Newsletter 2014

**NOTE:** The ASSC web site is now set up for making online payments using credit cards or Pay Pal. Many thanks to Peter for setting this up ☺. With the the ease of registration this may result in classes filling up quicker than before. Therefore, anyone considering signing up for a particular workshop might want to register early rather than be disappointed to find out the class is full.



### APRIL

- **NEGATIVE PAINTING** for beginners with Dess Plewis April 5<sup>th</sup> 10–4pm  
Cost \$50/\$65
- **DYNAMIC LANDSCAPES & FLORALS** – Continued one day workshop with Gregg Johnson – date at be determined
- **“PAINT ALONG”** Mastering Color and the Plein Air Experience by Stephen Quiller April 16 10–2 Cost \$5
- **MASTERING ACRYLICS FOR INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED** with David Langevin Sat. Apr. 26 & 27  
9:30–4 pm Cost \$225/\$300

### MAY

- **FINDING ONE’S MUSE** with Ron Wigglesworth – Friday May 30 6:30–9:30  
& Sun. June 1 10–4pm Cost \$75/\$90

### SEPTEMBER

- **COLOUR HARMONIES SING WITH LIGHT** with ROSE EDIN – Sept. 4, 5, 6, & 7<sup>th</sup> Cost \$350/\$425
- **“PAINT ALONG” WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS DVD** with Donna Jo Massie Sept 10<sup>th</sup> from 10–2 Cost \$5
- **13 COMMANDMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PAINTINGS** Johannes Vloothuis Sept 19,20,21 Cost \$325/\$375
- **OIL LANDSCAPE PAINTING ESSENTIALS** Johannes Vloothuis Sept 22,23,24 Cost \$325/\$375
- **3 MINI PASTEL WORKSHOPS** with Joyce Boyer – 3 Monday evenings Sept. 8, 15 & Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 9:00 pm. Cost \$25/\$30 per session including supplies
- **6 WEEKS IN WATERCOLOURS** with Willie Wong – 6 Monday mornings Sept 8, 15, 29, Oct, 6, 20, 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 12:30 pm. Cost \$160/\$195

## OCTOBER

- “PAINT ALONG” DVD – Paint Stunning Landscapes in Oils from Photos DVD  
Wed. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 10–2 Cost \$5.00
- MIXED MEDIA II – Doris Charest Oct. 4/5. 9am–4pm Cost \$125
- “PAINT ALONG” DVD – Oct. 22 10am – 2pm TO ANNOUNCED
- Sharon Lynn Williams – To be Announced – Friday Oct. 23 10–4pm
- PAINTING TOWARDS ABSTRACTION (designed for intermediate to advanced artists working in any medium) with Sharon Lynn Williams  
Oct. 24/25 10–4 Cost \$125

## NOVEMBER

- ALL SEASON ORNAMENT WORKSHOP with Barbara Mitchell Sat. Nov. 1 10–1 :  
30
- “PAINT ALONG” DVD – To be announced Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 10–2 Cost \$5.00
- “PAINT ALONG” DVD – To be announced Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 10–2 Cost \$5.00

\*NOTE: All supplies lists and information for each workshop is listed on the ASSC website under workshops.

\*NOTE: With the popularity of the workshops registration is not official until payment is received.

Report by Elaine Tweedy  
Workshop co-ordinator, April/14



### TESTAMENT FROM A WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT ~

“Hi Elaine. I very much enjoyed being at Gregg’s workshop on the weekend. I am very impressed with your facility and the way things run so smoothly. I will join your society soon. I do not have much time for volunteering at the moment but I should have more free time this fall. Thank you for the wonderful snacks too. It was a good time.”



## **For Sale**

**Listed in Kijiji for \$185 but member of the ASCA can have it for \$140. Original cost over \$1200.**

**Hitachi multi media/video projector. Model cpx-327. 1800 Lumens. Perfect for PowerPoint presentations / video or any other application where you want to project computer images onto a large screen. Works well even in well lighted room. I've had this projector for about 10 years however have only used it on four or five occasions and not at all in the past 5 years. Retired now and do not need it. Considering the price of a new one, this is a steal of a deal. Projector works 100% the last time I used it, and not a lot of hours on the 2000 hour bulb. Complete with cables, remote control, manuals and carry case. Call 780-416-5557 or see Chuck or Elaine Tweedy**



# Artist of the Month ~ Terrie Shaw

## ARTIST'S STATEMENT

*“While often representational, I feel my work reflects my love of the possibilities that are found in the unexpected. In every step of my process there is an opportunity for me to find something I didn't intend to find. The play of pattern, texture, colour and light hiding beneath my pieces thrills me. I delight when the viewer of my work and the students that I teach see how the unexpected becomes part of the whole.”*



Terrie Shaw's life and career as an artist has been infused with creativity and colour, and her passion has always been found in the unexpected. Her artistic path has taken many twists and turns. She was born in Middleton, Nova Scotia. Her family moved about, living in Miami and New England, until she was twelve, and then moved back to Nova Scotia. Terrie has spent her adult life living all over Canada but now calls Edmonton, Alberta home.

Terrie has honed her collage and mixed media practice over the past 10 years, and now her expertise is reflected in her current colourful body of work, “Age Is A Gift” This painting has been nominated for the 2014 Eldon and Anne Foote Visual Art Award.

Terrie has been commissioned to create the front cover of the SAGE Directory (Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton) for the past four years, publication of the fifth is in the works.



Terrie's artwork representing Seniors...

SAGE FRONT COVERS AS THEY APPEAR:

“Friends Gather” (2010) / “The Journey” (2011)

“Compassion” (2012) / “Happiness Is” (2013)