

Art Society of Strathcona County

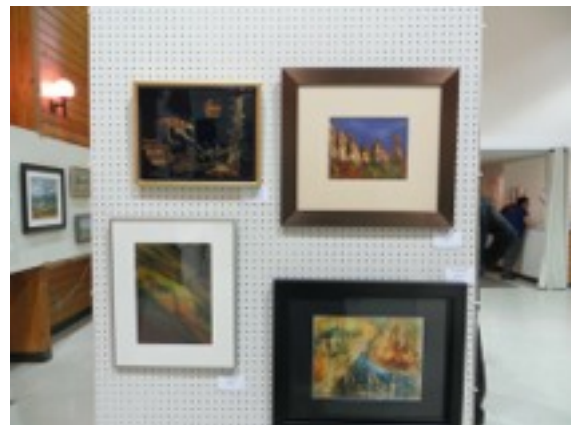
NEWSLETTER



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The Fall Show Artwork!



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president's message

It's that time of the year again...when we must plan our new year 2014. In my opinion, time spent with other member artists working on art is the main focus of our Society. Volunteering with other member artists to produce an art project or event makes us a personal Society and not a business. Of course, it is a fact that not everyone can volunteer time, so your support of the activities of the Society is also much appreciated. The "Nominating Committee" will be canvassing the members to ascertain what volunteer position they might be considering for the next year. Remember, under the new Bylaws, we will be inviting a maximum of 7 "Board members at large" to attend the meetings and assist with decisions on present and future undertakings. When the Committee calls, say "Yes!" and we will look forward to meeting you on the Executive, or the Board, or a Committee!

I do hope you are busy baking, knitting, crafting for the Christmas Market! Whether you only have one or two items or you have a bunch ready, please enter by Nov 1- then come and enjoy the fun, the cider and the goodies! Bring your friends too!

If you didn't have artwork ready for the fall show, complete a piece or two for the spring show! The members would love to see a piece of artwork from each member, and if you need inspiration, plan on attending some of the "Paint Along from DVD" series that Elaine has scheduled. Watch the DVD, then paint along with the instructor. The presentations I have seen are clear, easy to see and hear, and educational. Of course, there are many upcoming workshops scheduled for you to enjoy. They will be up on the website shortly!

Thanks to the Fall Show Committee! Great job of keeping the budget low, and showing a profit! It was delightful to see so many members helping out with many smiles and encouraging words!

It has been said that "being displeased with our work comes with the territory. Without displeasure there is no improvement and no progress. Further, how boring it would be if everything we did were totally satisfactory". So the Society will not rest on its laurels but will push further and upward embracing new ideas with the newly formed Board.

When I assumed the position of President, it was my goal to organize as many aspects of the Society as possible. This, I believe, has been accomplished, with the support of Board and Committee members who are passionate about their positions. Love that! And I am totally excited about new ideas that are being explored for 2014. If there is

someone in the membership who would relish the position of President, I would be pleased to speak with you prior to the December meeting, as there may be members who are weary of me!

***If you are a new member, or have been around for a while, please visit with me at 6:15 pm before the General Meeting on November 12 to learn about the Society, its Policies, and how you can be part of this great group.

thank you!

to the Fall Show Committee! You all worked so hard – laughing all the while! Hope you enjoyed being part of the organization team and are proud of the event as it happened.

Regards, Sonja

members' corner

- Next Board Meeting: **November 5 at 10 am**, Ottewell Centre
- Next General Meeting: **November 12 at 6:15 pm** – Information for new members; **7:00 pm** – General Meeting; **8:00 pm** – Meet John from Delta Art and learn about all the new products out there!
- Christmas Market: **November 16 (10–4 pm) & 17 (12–4 pm)**
To enter call Joyce at (780) 433-5950
- **December 10 Meeting: 6:30 pm start** – Meeting followed by Elections and Potluck. Garage Sale of unwanted ASSC items; donations collected for A Safe Place. **Please remember to bring something for a Safe Place! Please see idea list below!**

items needed by A Safe Place

Face and Hand Creme

Shampoo

Ladies Socks

Sleepers (Newborn to large sizes)

Hair Dryer

PJs

Gift cards from Walmart, Safeway, Target, etc.

the loft gallery & gift shop open saturday & sunday from 12-4 pm

- The next rotation is **November 2/December 22** which will have a Christmas market theme - thanks to all who are participating!
- Members....please make sure you stop by to check out all the artwork and gifts, keeping Christmas in mind. **BRING YOUR FRIENDS** - It's a great place to find that perfect gift and never too soon to start shopping!
- The Loft Gallery will be closed during the month of **January**. Watch for information on the upstart in **February**.

****Please contact Joyce Boyer at (780) 433-5950/email cjboyer@shaw.ca to sign up for entry into these shows, to volunteer for Gallery shifts or for further details.**

report on fall show – Submitted by Dianne Dixon

This fall, a committee of 11 members spent several months planning and producing the Fall Show. Thirty-six artists entered 204 pieces of art. There was a wide array of art mediums and styles. Sixteen pieces of art were sold. Over 500 guests visited the show and more than 40 ASSC members volunteered their time to help. The profit to the Society was nearly \$800. This was the first attempt at online registration and it went fairly smoothly. Colin McLean was our guest speaker, at Friday's Opening Night, and he certainly did his homework on the history of the ASSC and art, in general, within the County. We had a People's Choice Award and the painting chosen was by Allan Milne. There was a lovely spread of food and beverages on Friday evening, and snacks were served all weekend during the show. Harpist, David Humphreys, provided background music for the evening. Many people complimented the ASSC and the Fall Show committee on a great show. I would like to thank the committee members, Sue Borland, Norma Callicott, Leslie Degner, Fiona

Graham, Elaine Harden, Ellen Kempers, Marg Klappstein, Muriel Krushelnicki, Inger Paulsen, and Lorene Thursby for all of their hard work and creative ideas. Thank you to Sonja and Bonnie for their advice and support.

christmas marketplace – november 16 & 17 (Saturday & Sunday)

The Annual ASSC Christmas Marketplace will be held on **November 16** and **17**. **CALL FOR ARTISTS** to set up artwork, crafts, knitting, jewelry, Christmas items, baking, etc. Entry fee is \$10. No volunteer hours or meeting attendance required and no commission is charged! Set up is at **8:30 am** on **November 16**. Register with **Joyce at (780) 433-5950**.

All items must be labeled with a number, the price, and initials of the artist. All sales are handled at the front cash desk and, therefore, an inventory of items must be left with the cash desk upon set up. Past markets have been successful and a bundle of fun for the members! So plan on participating – and, if not, plan on attending and bringing your friends. It's never too early to start Christmas shopping!

festival of trees~november 22 (official opening at 1 pm) 23 & 24 (at 1 pm) @ Agora, Centre in the Park.

Visit the Agora and see the ASSC tree! Come and vote – maybe we can hope for another award for the ASSC tree!

congratulations

to Sue Scott who was juried into the SWCA (Society of Western Canadian Artists) as a new member and the next level of art: Associate! Congratulations Sue!

member shows

Vince Roper has a solo exhibit of his paintings running from October 25 to February 27 at the Misericordia Hospital "Garden Cafe." It shows everything he's been up to over the last 18 months! Please take a look if you're out that way! Way to go Vince!

Sirkka Kadatz is featured in: [CURIOSITY – Art for the Inquisitive](#)
Presented by the Society of Western Canadian Artists and the Visual Arts Studio Association in St. Albert

October 29 to November 30, 2013 (Tuesday to Saturday, 10 – 5pm)

Opening Reception – Saturday, November 2, 1–4 pm

VASA

25 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, St. Albert

Contact: [780 460 5990](tel:7804605990), info@vasa.ca ~ Three Cheers for Sirkka!

please remember

ASSC Membership Fees are due before **January 31, 2014**. If you are going to be away, please leave a cheque at the welcome desk at the next meeting (you can postdate to January if you like) or mail it to the ASSC, PO Box 3061, Sherwood Park, T8H 2T1 before you leave. If your fees are paid prior to **January 31, 2014** then you will retain volunteer and meeting attendance time accumulated during 2013.

showing?

If you are having a show or an art event, please send your information to Julie Taylor, Newsletter Editor, at jamtart53@gmail.com so it can be included in the Newsletter so that members are aware!

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 which should 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.

don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook

remember to update your artwork regularly on the ASSC website!

ASSC workshops (co-ordinator Elaine Tweedy)



**Karen
Richter's
Workshop**



NOVEMBER

DVD Lecture & Social Afternoon – Sunday, November 3, 1–4 pm.

Drop in Fee: \$5

PAINT ALONG WITH STEPHEN QUILLER DVDs– Wednesday, November 6, 10–2 pm. The ASSC will provide DVDs to view and paint along with. Margaret Klapstein has volunteered for this event. A small fee of \$5 will cover coffee/snacks/DVDs. Register with Sue or you can email Elaine at etweedy@shaw.ca For all levels – beginner to advanced. Great way to meet new members and socialize while doing what we love – paint!

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

To Register For Workshops: Mail payment to: ASSC, PO Box 3061, Sherwood Park, T8H 2T1 or drop off at the Ottewell Centre on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday between 12–4pm. **OR** email Sue at artsoc@telus.net. Check www.artstrathcona.com for more information.

*****Registration is not official until payment is received.*****

JANUARY 2014 !!!

DVD Lecture & Social Afternoon – **Sunday, Jan. 12 ~ 1-4pm.** Cost: \$5

“PAINT ALONG” – **Saturday, Jan. 11 ~ noon-4pm.**

and **Wednesday, Jan. 22 ~ 10-2pm** with SHARON LYNN WILLIAMS
“WATERCOLOURS”. For all levels – beginner to advanced. Great way to
meet new members and socialize while doing what we love – paint.
Cost: \$5

HIGH-DYNAMIC-RANGE IMAGING (HRI or HDR) Photography
Workshop – **Friday, Jan. 17 ~ 6:30-9:30pm** and **Saturday, Jan. 18 ~
10-4pm.** Cost: \$50

“WINTER LANDSCAPE” IN WATERCOLOUR with Willie Wong.
Saturday, Jan. 25, 10-4pm. Cost: \$50

“NORTHERN LIGHTS” ONE DAY WORKSHOP with Willie Wong.
Sunday, Jan. 26, 10-4pm. Cost: \$50

FEBRUARY 2014!!!

DVD Lecture & Social Afternoon – **Sunday, Feb. 2 ~ 1-4pm.** Cost: \$5

“PAINT ALONG” – **Saturday, Feb. 1 ~ noon-4pm.**

and **Wednesday, Feb. 26 ~ 10-2 pm.**

“WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS DVD – WITH DONNA JO MASSIE. For
all levels – beginner to advanced. Cost: \$5

DRAWING with Ron Wigglesworth – **Saturday, Feb. 8** and **Sunday, Feb.
9 ~ 10-4pm.** Cost: \$100

6 WEEK CLASS – 3 PROJECTS with Willie Wong ~ **6 Mondays, Feb. 10
– March 17 ~ 9:30-12:30pm.** Cost: \$150

6 WEEK SESSIONS IN OILS with Joyce Boyer ~ **6 Mondays, Feb. 10 –
March 17 ~ 12:30-3:30pm.** Cost: \$150

getting to know our ASSC members! the artwork of Allan Milne



Introducing, long time resident of Sherwood Park and member of the ASSC, Allan Milne. He has a passion for art that shows up in his own unique, but bold, contemporary paintings. Allan has always been interested in visual art, but more than that, the creative process. For this reason he ended up taking art in high school and further on to the University of Alberta where he completed the Bachelor of Education program. He has taught for 14 years, 10 of those years in the art classroom, with the majority being at the high school. Allan continues to share his passion for art at the Art Society of Strathcona County. “As an artist, I have grown a lot over the past eight years with some changes to my style, but overall sticking to a bolder statement with colour and composition. I do like looking at pieces that I created when I first started and see how I have grown technically as an artist. The past couple of years have seen considerable growth in my art through the different venues, festivals, and shows that I participate in. I participate regularly in the Art Society annual spring and fall shows, the Whyte Avenue Artwalk, and an Indie arts and crafts show called “Make It”. Lately, I have been focusing on commissions coming from as far away as Palm Springs, for a soapstone sculpture and Ottawa for a painting.”

As of late, Allan’s work was chosen for the Strathcona County Art Acquisition and he placed second at the last juried Art Society show. As well, he has won the People’s Choice Award in the past two Art Society shows! Outside the world of art, Allan's passion is his wonderful wife and three incredible children!

Artwork Below Titled: “Western Perspective”, “Bear Hugs” and “Jasper Jewels.”

