



February 2017

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Exhibit Schedule

In the Gallery this month:

The Iowa Watercolor Traveling Show

Open now thru the end of March

Featuring artworks by 24 talented
Iowa watercolor artists!

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday - Friday : 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 3 PM

Closed Sunday and Monday

Thank You!

Arts on Grand is grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers!

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SPARC Concert Series a Huge Hit!

The SPARC concert featuring Morgan Kramer and Megan O'Brien was a great hit with the full house at SCT Playhouse on January 6th. Both singers presented special music from a variety of composers from Mozart's Magic Flute to Verdi. Their encore duet, "Baby, It's Cold Outside" was so fitting with the chilly temperature and the reluctance for the audience to end the evening.

The next SPARC event will be Masters of Soul on April 7th at Spencer Community Theatre. Tickets will be available for sale starting in March

New Show in the Gallery!

The Iowa Watercolor Society Traveling Show is the gallery exhibit for February and March. Twenty-four artists are represented in this exhibit, including our local artists Anita Baedke Plucker from Terril and Linda Fries from Peterson. The juried show recognizes watercolor artists throughout the state and these 29 paintings are among the 60 paintings chosen from over one hundred entries. This is a great exhibition and not one to be missed!



Presenting the 2017 Exhibition Schedule!

Arts on Grand looks forward to the April - May exhibit of student art. Area schools have been invited to show examples of high school student work for the first part of the show. Then area preschools will bring work of their pupils to have a gallery full of young artists' creations.

Here's a sneak peak and what else we have coming up in 2017!

Showing Now:

Iowa Watercolor Society

Feb 1 - Mar 30

Coming Soon:

Local Schools Exhibition

Apr 1 - May 8



Gallery Calendar:

Lily Oncology

May 9 - June 17

Ann McGregor

June 20 - July 29

Terry Firkins

Aug 1 - Sept 23

Artisans Road Trip

Sept 26 - Oct 21

New Artists

Oct 24 - Nov 18

Christmas in the Gallery

Nov 20 - Jan 5

Quiz Time!



Many Roman statues came with what interesting feature?

- A) Hidden compartments
- B) Real human hair
- C) Detachable heads
- D) Real fabric garments

Look for the answer hidden in this newsletter!





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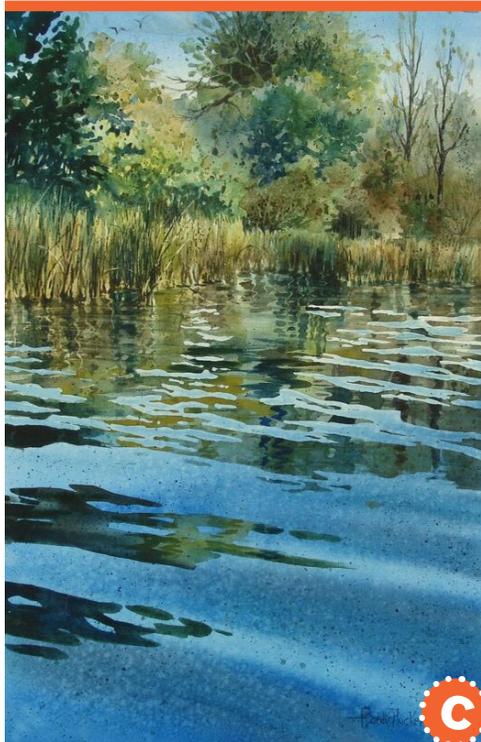
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Come and Create!

Arts on Grand continues to welcome artists on Wednesday afternoon for "Painting Partners" from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Artists bring individual projects to work on, while sharing encouragement from others. If you don't paint, bring your pencils, knitting, crochet, scrapbooking materials and join the fun.



Class News: Watercolors with Anita!

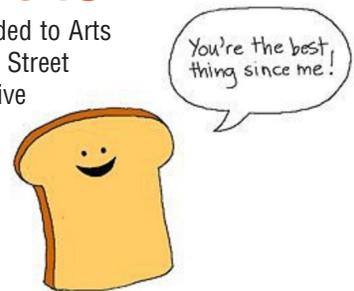
Anita Baedke Plucker will teach a watercolor class for adults, who have had some experience with the medium. The class will run March 16, 17, 18 (Thurs – 1-4; Friday – 9-4; Saturday – 9-4). The cost is \$120 members and \$130 for nonmembers.

Call 712 262 4307 or email curator@artsongrand.org to sign up for the class and receive the supply list. Minimum 6 students - maximum 16 students. This is a great opportunity to advance your skills in the medium!

Membership Drive Update

Thank you to those members who have generously responded to Arts on Grand membership drive. We have been on Spencer's Main Street for twenty-five years, and hope to be here another twenty-five years!

We would be remiss if we didn't take a moment to thank all of our artists who continue to choose Arts on Grand as a location to share and showcase the fruit of their talents and labor. We are proud to be your gallery!



The Story of Purple

Every time you reach for your paints and pastels, you are selecting from colors and pigments that are years in the making. Today, we're going to talk about one of the oldest colors with the most interesting history available on your palette: Purple.

"Pupura" was a favorite pigment of the ancient Romans when they brought it to Greece. It quickly became the "it" color of the wealthy classes and highly exclusive. Its means of creation, however, were considerably less glamorous. Purpura was created from the macerated enzymes of small shellfish that were only found in the region of Tyre (now modern day Lebanon) and its process created a fishy smell so horrible that the vats used to prepare the pigment were housed well outside the city walls. This outrageously expensive color required more than 9,000 ill-fated mollusks to create a single gram of pigment!

The exclusivity of purple carried over to the Elizabethan era, where only Elizabeth the 1st and her immediate family were the only ones allowed to wear the color, which was considered a symbol of royalty under the rules of the Sumptuary Laws, which dictated what individuals could wear based on their social status.

Fast forward to the 19th century, where a new advancement to the hue was created from unlikely means: by trying to find a cure for malaria!

We have chemist William Henry Perkins to thank for the color mauve, which he discovered when trying to extract a cure for malaria from tar. The process left a "strangely beautiful color" on his glass flasks. The new hue quickly became a fashion staple for all and the rest is history!



Letter from the Director,

Arts and Culture programs have always struggled to earn and receive funding and seem to be the first on the list of budget cuts or savings for State and Federal politicians. At the Federal level, there is talk of eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts program entirely. This elimination of funds would affect the Iowa Arts Council, which receives federal money for Iowa Arts and cultural programs for all of Iowans. The State of Iowa just approved to remove 6.1 million dollars from the Iowa Arts and Cultural trust to help with the State deficit.



This in turn would affect Arts on Grand, which has received funds for programming and exhibits through the Iowa Arts Council. Memberships and the continued support of the community have always been the key to survival for Arts and Culture, and now it will be even more imperative. Thank you to all our members, volunteers, artists and community friends for your continued support. We are very grateful. The Iowa Watercolor Society exhibit is up, and there are some wonderful pictures. Please come in and visit us, we would love to see you.

- Chris White, Executive Director