



March 2017

# arts ON GRAND

## 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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- ◆ Polly Nelson     Melissa & Lily Cadmus
- ◆ Ellen Sorenson     Emily O'Loughlin
- ◆ Carol Cadmus     Stephen Baker

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## Iowa Watercolor Society Continues

Arts on Grand is pleased to continue the Iowa Watercolor Society Traveling Show for the month of March in the Gallery. Please drop in and see the work of local artists Linda Fries and Anita (Katie) Baedke Plucker and twenty-two other Iowa artists.

In conjunction with this exhibition, Arts on Grand will host a **Watercolor Workshop with Katie Plucker March 16th through the 18th**. The class fee is \$120 for AOG members and \$130 for nonmembers and seats are still available! Visit [www.artsongrand.org](http://www.artsongrand.org) for more information, and sign up for the class by emailing Joanne Schar at [curator@artsongrand.org](mailto:curator@artsongrand.org) or by calling 712.262.4307.



## Art Contest Announced!

Arts on Grand is excited to partner with the Clay County Fair to present the Centennial Art Contest! The Clay County Fair is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year and needs your help creating the perfect piece of artwork to commemorate this special

event. The winning design will be printed as posters and postcards, as well as recreated as the Art Barn's annual collaborative Mural Project. The winning artist will also receive a prize of \$1500.

Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit their original designs to the Clay County Fair for consideration. Submissions must be two-dimensional (painting, drawings, photo, flat fiber art, etc.) and must be scalable to 8 by 10 feet. **Entries are being accepted now through May 15th**. For a full description of the rules and regulations, please visit <http://www.claycountyfair.com/about/centennial-art-contest>.

## Local School Exhibition Coming Soon

Arts on Grand welcomes area schools to display high school student work starting the first of April. The exhibition is set to open April 1st (no fooling!) and run through April 22nd. The public is invited to join us in the Gallery for a reception celebrating these talented young artists on **Tuesday, April 4th from 5:30 to 7 PM**.

The following student show is the Spencer preschools and the reception for this exhibit is **April 27th**, with the show concluding on May 8th. It has been a few years since Arts on Grand has exhibited the work of these mini Matisses, so it should be fun for family and friends to see this public display!

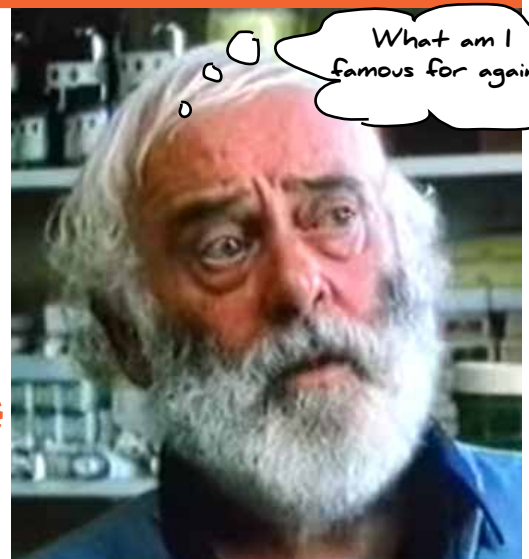
## Quiz Time!

Tom Keating's paintings are considered highly valuable and collectable, which is surprising considering what reason?

- A) They all feature dogs in clothes
- B) They are blank canvases
- C) He paints with condiments
- D) They are forgeries



Look for the answer hidden in this newsletter!





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## For Sale in the Gallery Shop!

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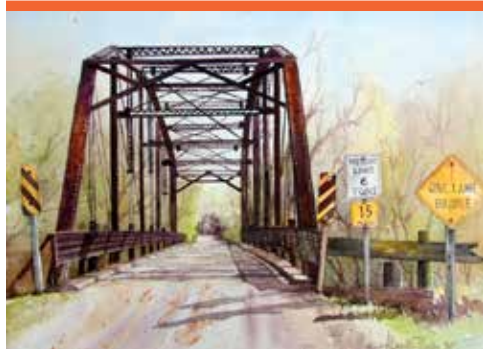
**Paintings** - Will Drzycimski, Barb McGee, Bruce Morrison, Nancy Schoenewe, Judy Thompson, Mary Mello-Nee, Karen Ruddy, Mary Heikens

**Jewelry** - Connie Hankens, Susie Rodriguez, Laura Blanchet, Nancy Schoenewe

**Glass** - Jesse Bogenrief

**Pottery** - Gene Polson, Ron Netton, Lynn Swan

**Wood** - Perry Polson



## 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](mailto: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!

## SPARC Series News

Get your tickets for "Masters of Soul" performing April 7th at Spencer Community Theatre! This vocal ensemble will perform some of the greatest soul and R&B hits from the Four Seasons, the Supremes, Stevie Wonder, the Temptations and more!



## Alice's Tea Party Returns!

Alice's Tea Party will be at Arts on Grand on **Sunday, March 12th from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm**. The origin of this event came from the collector tea cups and saucers from the collection of Alice Schar, a long time Spencer resident and area middle school teacher. Throughout her career she received cups and saucers as gifts from her family and students, eventually amassing a collection of over 60 cups!

This is a great time to bring friends for conversation and viewing the Iowa Watercolor Exhibit. As usual the Mad Hatter might stop by with his doormouse. Everyone is welcome for tea and cookies!



## See You Later, Alligator!

Well, guys. This is it.

By the time you read this article, I'll probably have cleaned out my (admittedly, quite messy) office. I'll have taken care of the final tasks that need done, and I'll have brought my highly neglected office plant home with me to be neglected even further. (I'm not much of a plant person, really.)

I started at Arts on Grand on September 4th, 2014. It's a day I'll never forget, as the Clay County Fair started the very next day. Suffice to say, it was my "trial by fire". I had nine days to understand the inner workings of the Art Barn and learn the names of artists and volunteers. After that, I had four days with my amazing predecessor to learn how to update the website, layout the newsletter, learn where files were kept, and even more names of artists and volunteers. Suddenly, it was "See you later, Alligator! Call if you have problems!"

I would be lying to you if I said that I was 100% confident in my abilities when I started. In fact, I don't think I slept that first week flying solo at my new job, but like anything new in life - the more you do, the more you learn. I learned that saying "let's go for it!" when planning seemingly impossible tasks is the best way to start. I learned that sometimes things fall a little flat and don't work exactly the way you wanted, and that's ok. I learned that when you turn your van into a giant Paint By Number project that it is impossible to lose in busy parking lots.

But now, it's time for me to venture out again. I'd be lying to you if I said that I was 100% confident in my abilities (funny how these things tend to repeat themselves, isn't it?), but I am confident in Arts on Grand and her crew. This place was already great before I got here, and it will continue its tradition of being a mecca for creatives long after I'm gone.

In closing to you all and to my fellow AOG crewmembers, I leave with the same exit remarks stated to me over two years ago - "See you later, Alligator! Call if you have problems!"

I promise I'll always pick up the phone.

- Katie



"Katie, is this really the best picture of you that you could find?"  
"Yes. Why?"

## Letter from the Director,

Everyone here at AOG wish Katie Hughes the best as she moves on from AOG. Katie is a valued member of AOG, and her many talents will truly be missed. AOG's loss will truly be someone



else's gain in Des Moines. Good luck, Katie, and we hold it to your word that you will come back and visit (bring mini cupcakes). Katie is a true visionary. Who else would allow their van to be painted by strangers at the Art Barn? Which, very sadly, Katie had to say good bye to the Van Gogh Go this year. Katie was instrumental in the Murals at the Art Barn for the Clay County Fair and the annual arts and crafts supply garage sale, which we are in the process of getting this set for this year. Our next exhibit is the local high schools, where many talented high school art students will have their art presented. One of the students had their art sold last year. We hope to see you here!

- Chris White, Executive Director