

Holland Friends of Art

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Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
December		No Meeting - Happy Holidays!
January 20 Tuesday	5:45 pm HDL 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Speaker: Dawn Stafford <i>Still Life Painting</i>
February		No Meeting
March 17 Tuesday	5:45 pm HDL 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Speaker: Randall Higdon <i>An Unorthodox Approach to Watercolor</i>
April 18	HAAC	Drop off date for Tulip Time Show
April 21 Tuesday	5:45 pm HAAC 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Speaker: John Leben <i>Digital Art & Photography</i>
Apr 23 - May 15	HAAC	Tulip Time Show
May 1	HAAC	Tulip Time Show Opening
June 16 Tuesday	5:45 pm TBD 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Speaker: TBD
July 21 Tuesday	5:45 pm TBD 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Speaker: TBD
August 1	CP	Art In The Park
September 11	HAAC	Juried Fine Arts Show

Keep your eyes and ears open for any cancellations that may happen during the winter months. Members may look to local t.v. stations, call locations of events or call voice messenger service number: 395-3278.

Location Key

HAAC

Holland Area Arts Council

HDL

Herrick District Library

CP

Centennial Park

HFA + HAAC

Teamwork Makes The Dreamwork

Lorma Freestone, the director of the Holland Area Arts Council, recently held a meeting with board members of the Holland Friends of Art. In that meeting several topics were covered, but the main topic of conversation was this: Our missions are the same. Our goals of promoting local artists and top-notch programming are the same. Why can't we join forces more?

Essentially, the HAAC is opening it's arms wide to the HFA, by offering the use of the HAAC building for HFA members' meetings, workshops, and guest speakers. By holding HFA events at the HAAC, we will be putting a brighter light on the main hub of arts in Holland. No doubt, the Holland Area Arts Council represents the core of arts programming for the local public. In this struggling economic climate, promoting each other under one roof makes sense, so the main talents of the HAAC and the HFA are discussing what a partnership would look like. What would change? What would stay the same? How can we work together and remain separate entities? How would membership work? Who's gonna buy the coffee?

But whatever happens, HFA members can rest knowing that our organization will not change completely as we know it, but will instead be made stronger... and we'll have a cool place to meet. As information comes in, we'll do our best to communicate to members what's happening. In the meantime, stay warm! More on this as it develops...!

Allegan Area Arts Council

A Call For Garden Art

The Allegan Area Arts Council is interested in locating Michigan artists producing unique and beautiful garden art. Fine artists working in metal, clay, stone and cement will be gathered indoors for one very special early Spring day of gardening delight on March 28, 2009. Please call 673-7080 or email tcandlc7@yahoo.com. Firm deadline for entry is March 1st at 5:00 pm.

Holland Exhibiting Opportunity

Gallery 602 at the Holland Hospital

The Gallery at Holland Hospital has openings for exhibitors beginning the first of March. The gallery will accommodate approximately 30-35 works of art--depending on size. Each exhibit is for a two month period. Members of H.F.A. can use the entire space, or they can share exhibiting space with others.

If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Judy Nykamp at 616-392-4406 or email her at wjnykamp@juno.com.

2009 Tulip Time Art Show

40th Anniversary Show

Our annual Tulip Time Art Show will run April 27 - May 30, 2009. The show will be held in the Holland Area Arts Council mainstreet gallery at 150 East 8th Street in downtown Holland. Entry is open to members only (but you can become a member when you drop off your artwork). The drop off date for artwork will be Saturday April 18 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. One piece per artist will be allowed. MAXIMUM size for 2D artwork is 600 square inches and must be ready to hang. The opening reception will be April 27. HAAC will handle all sales of artworks and receives a commission on the sales.

This year is H.F.A.'s 40th anniversary. The theme for the Tulip Time Show for this special 40th year will be "THE TULIP".

Artwork must be picked up by June 3, 2009. If you are not able to pick up your artwork yourself, please arrange for pick up by other means. H.F.A. or the Holland Area Arts Council will not be held responsible for artwork left after June 3, 2009

You + Debut = One Magic March

Don't forget about the **H.F.A Sponsored DEBUT SHOW** at the HAAC. This show will showcase the upcoming talent from art students in our local schools. The opening is March 12th, 2009.

If you are interested in volunteering to help set this exciting show up, please e-mail your contact information to Noel Castro at paperpuppet2001@hotmail.com

Opportunity to Exhibit

The Community Church of Douglas Calls For Entries

The Community Church of Douglas, 6780 Wiley Rd., Douglas, would like to invite HFA to exhibit their work Sun. April 19 through Sun. May 3, 2009. We are asking those who would like to participate to write a short statement about their medium and/or what inspires their art. All 2-dimensional work must be framed and ready to hang.

It is up to each artist to decide whether you wish to offer your work for sale. Each artist will handle their own sales. If you should sell something we hope you will consider making a contribution to the Community Church Art Fund.

Depending on the number of artists participating, we will ask each artist to bring one or two pieces of art to display if space allows. Drop off time would be 1 PM to 3 PM on Friday, April 17, at the entry to the Community Life Center. If you are unable to bring your work at that time, please drop it off at the church office on the Thursday before, (hours 8am-3pm). Plan to pick up your work on Monday, May 4, between 10am-2. Any work not picked up will be held in the church office.

There will be an artists' reception after the 11 AM service on April 19. We hope you will be able to attend. Please contact Carole Lake or Judy Oberholtzer if you wish to participate or have any questions. Carole's phone is 616-396-7867 or e-mail is dclake@sbcglobal.net. Judy's phone is 269-857-2866 or e-mail is wober@sirus.com. The deadline for responding is Wed. April 1.

Member Spotlight

ANN WHITMORE

In 1998 my husband Don and I both retired and decided to move from the other side of the state to live near Lake Michigan. My daughter and family live in Zeeland, and we wanted to be near our two young grandchildren. I had been a public school art teacher for twenty-five years and it was time to go. It was time to do what I told my art students to do: “just have fun and paint”.

Painting for me is watercolor. I have taken many helpful watercolor workshops put on by Holland Friends of Art and the Holland Area Arts Council. I have also gone with friends to other watercolor workshops around the country. I have served on the board of HFA, working as a co-chairman for programming. This experience also brought me new artist friends. It is through these local groups that I met my “Wednesday painting pals”. For the price of yearly membership at the HAAC, one can paint from noon to five every Wednesday. We meet to paint while also sharing our ideas, talents and friendship.

I encourage anyone who loves art to support both of these organizations. We are so lucky to have such a great art community right here in Holland. I have been encouraged to enter different exhibitions by my friends, and by reaching out through other art organizations, have begun to network with other artists. My latest watercolor series is called “The Material Girl”, paintings featuring fabrics I have collected and photographed to use as inspiration in watercolor paintings. (see example below)

My artwork can be found at Lake Effect Gallery on Eighth Street. You can also check out my whimsical soft sculpture chickens at the Thistle Gallery in Douglas.



HFA Membership Registration Form

If you are one of those unique individuals possessed with a strong love of art and wish to become a part of this organization, you are invited to fill out this form, and mail it to the address below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Couple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dues Exempt | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Patron |

Personal Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Art Interests _____

My Preferences:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tulip Time Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Scholarship Fund

Yes! I want to contribute to the HFA Scholarship. Please add \$ _____ to help college bound art students.

Paid By

- cash check # _____

Please make all checks payable to: "Holland Friends of Art"

Mail to:

Steve Vallarsa
HFA Membersip

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January Meeting Recap

Delving Deep with sculptor Marcia Perry

Last month's program with Marcia Perry was pleasure to attend. She has dedicated herself to revealing the beauty to be found in trees and the natural world. Since 1991, her studio/gallery (The Ark) between Holland and Saugatuck has offered visitors the chance to experience an authentic artist's habitat, learn about the long process of direct carving (and related arts) and adopt her spirit-filled creations. Whether hewn from huge discarded tree trunks or delicately carved from roots and branches, Perry's work is distinctive and memorable. Perry 'has been featured in many articles, interviews and television programs and received numerous awards for her artwork. A citizen activist, Perry also expresses her appreciation for the gifts of nature--and especially trees-- by working to protect our Michigan landscape. More information is available at www.marciaperry-ark.com

Next Meeting - Randall Higdon

7:00pm March 17, 2009 at Herrick Library Auditorium

Noted Michigan watercolor artist and signature American Watercolor Society member, Randall Higdon, will demonstrate his "unorthodox approach to watercolor" in which he combines transparent and opaque watercolor. Completed original watercolors will be on view to show the degree to which he incorporates the two watermedia. To view his work see www.randallhigdon.net

MEMBERS COMPETITION: Framed watercolor paintings.
Please hang these by 6:30pm