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SPRING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Spring is the time to renew your Amana Arts Guild membership which will be effective from June of 2011 through May of 2012. The Amana Arts Guild Board and Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our past members and contributors and to extend a welcome to all new members of our local arts agency. Without your support we would not be able to present the variety of community programs and services which have become an integral part of our organization.

Memberships are purchased in support of the Amana Arts Guild, its activities, and programs. Members receive a semi-annual newsletter and special event announcements, a discount at the Gallery Sales Shop and on classes and workshops, and invitations to exhibit openings. A membership form is enclosed for your use.

The Amana Arts Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All memberships are tax deductible.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

The Guild reminds everyone of the AMANA ARTS GUILD COLLECTION that has been formed with the Amana Heritage Society. We're in continuing need of additional Amana folk art items and traditions for study and research. We'd like to include: tinware, small woodwork, toys, baskets, quilts, carpetweaving, scatter rugs, all types of needlework, pottery, blacksmithing/metalwork, novelty items, calico materials and items, and early paintings.

We need your help...please contact the Amana Arts Guild today at 622-3678 and make your contribution. Remember: your interest in sharing these treasures with those of future generations is critical.

AMANA ARTS GUILD 2011 Gallery Exhibits

- Madeline Roemig-Bendorf: Retrospective - April 30 - July 4
- German Story Book Illustrations- April 30 - November 12
- Greater Amana Area Art Show- July 6 - September 5
- Mother and Daughters Explore Nature- (Michele, Dionne, and Deidra Miller) September 7 - November 12

Amana Arts Guild arts communiqué

Amana Arts Guild Newsletter

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POETRY AND PROSE FEST

The Poetry and Prose competition held on April 2 in the ITAC facility was a delightful event with Peter Hoehnle as Master of Ceremonies. We were entertained by the winners of the competition reading their entries. Zither music was also a part of the program along with "The Middlers" singing their favorite songs.

Winners of the competition in the student grade 5 and under were: Sarah Currier, Emme Tarnowski, Will Zuber, Graham Sandersfeld, and Trevor King.

The teen category winner was Nicole Hegewald.

Adult winners were: Susan Schaefer, Wilma Rettig, Madeline Roemig-Bendorf, and Edward Moersfelder.



"The Middlers" perform at Amana song, prose, and poetry fest

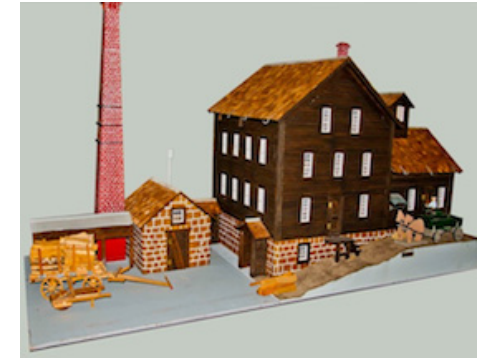
ARTS GUILD CLASSES

As a part of our continuing effort to promote the arts in our community

and to provide educational opportunities for local area artists, the Amana Arts

Guild offered a series of winter/spring classes this year. The class offering included Painting Studio (Feb. 10-Mar.24), Scrapbook Sampler (Feb.5), Rug Weaving (Feb.24-Mar.24), and Scroppin' Together (Mar.5).

Many of the adult classes we sponsor train students in traditional Amana folk arts. Students who complete these classes have the opportunity to sell the crafts they make at our Gallery Sales Shop in High Amana. If you are interested in a particular art or folk art class, contact the Amana Arts Guild at 622-3678 for information.



West Amana Flour Mill: Miniature by Leroy Graesser

DONATIONS

The Amana Arts Guild functions in part through generous donations of cultural objects and materials from Arts Guild members and other interested members of the community. We would like to take the opportunity today to thank Ray Berger for making and donating an Amana Christmas Pyramid to be raffled off as a fund raiser at our Festival of the Arts on August 13 at Middle Amana Park.

Our thanks also to Leroy Graesser for donating miniature replicas of the Homestead Store and the West Amana Flour Mill. These items will be on display at the Arts Guild Center.



Gordon Kellenberger with students at painting studio class

CHILDREN'S CLASSES 2011

The Amana arts Guild will offer our children's summer art workshops in a new format for 2011. This year will feature a five day Colony Art Camp, August 1-5 including four classes from 8:30 am to 3:50 pm each day. Students can enroll in all four classes and stay the whole day for \$60 or enroll in single classes for \$20 per class.

Gordon Kellenberger will be returning with his ever popular Critters, Creatures, and Creations making three dimensional art forms, based on a study of nature, from clay, paper, fiber, wood, rocks and other materials. Molly Kephart will be teaching Exploring Paper which will cover paper making, paper marbling, and origami. Michelle Miller's Creating Art is Fun will include both painting and drawing. Herbal and Plant Crafts with Lalanya Bodenbender will involve students in fun activities like herbal sachets, pressed flowers, and storytelling around the theme of wild flowers and herbs.

For information about registration, call the Amana Arts Guild at 319 622-3678 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 10am - 4:00pm.

REGISTRATION FORM

2011 Summer Children's Colony Art Camp

Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5

This year we will feature a five day Colony Art Camp for ages 6-14, August 1-5 including four classes from 8:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. each day. Students can enroll in all four classes and stay the whole day for \$60 or enroll in a single class for \$20. If you chose to send your child for the whole day you must send a sack lunch with them. A refrigerator will be available for use.

SCHEDULE:

8:30-10:10 A.M. EXPLORING PAPER

10:20-12:00 CREATING ART IS FUN

12:20-2:00 HERBAL AND PLANT CRAFTS

2:10-3:50 CRITTERS, CREATURES AND CREATIONS

If more than one child from a family is enrolled in a class the second child's fee will be \$15.00 per class or \$50 for all four classes.

Return this form to register

STUDENT(S) NAME, AGE, & CLASS REGISTERED FOR: _____

PARENT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

To register send this form with check to: Amana Arts Guild, P.O. Box

114, Amana, IA 52203. Enrollment is limited. For more information,

call the Arts Guild at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net

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AMANA ARTS GUILD GALLERY MUSEUM SHOP

OPEN DAILY 10:30 - 4:30

CLOSED TUESDAY

SUNDAY 11-4

MAY THROUGH THE END
OF SEPTEMBER

-OR BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT-

DURING OCTOBER
OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY

SPECIALIZING IN AUTHENTIC AMANA
FOLK ART AND CRAFTS-ALSO FINE ARTS

• SEASONS OF PLENTY:
AMANA COMUNAL COOKING

• "THE AMANA COLONIES:
REMAINING FAITHFULL,"

VIDEO COPIES AVAILABLE AT
GALLERY SALES SHOP

TEACHERS WANTED

The Arts Guild is looking for people in the Amana and Iowa County area who have a folk art or folk life skill they would like to pass along to others. Many people have some special skill in knitting, crochet, cooking special recipes, embroidery, gardening, painting pictures, landscaping, etc. and have never taught a class or considered teaching before. The Arts Guild is here to help people who want to teach their special skill get started. Our highly trained staff and volunteer advisors will help you through the step by step process of becoming an effective instructor.

Some basic things to remember when planning a class: 1) What information/subjects will the class include 2) How many sessions will students need to learn the subjects included and how long will each session be 3) What tools or supplies will be needed 4) What is the best method of teaching the subject -demonstrations, discussions, lectures, hands on experience, or all of the above 5) will you need to use handouts or other resources.

Some additional elements in planning a class will include: 1) the most convenient and effective dates, days of the (teachers cont.)

week, and time of day for the class sessions 2) what age group of students you want to teach 3) how many students per class 4) how much you want to charge per student. These are all things we can help you with. If you have a

COMMUNAL GARDEN PROGRAM

Thanks to continuing widespread community support, the Amana Arts Guild's communal garden program is back in operation for 2011. This year our crops will include Amana tomatoes donated by Ithiel Catiri, Ebenezer onions from Charles Hoehnle, Amana radishes and string beans grown from seeds harvested in last year's crop. The Shawn and Jennifer Sandersfeld family, Lisa Kokesh, Jan Lammey, Charles Hoehnle, and Gordon Kellenberger will be tending the garden which is located just south of the Amana Arts Guild Center in High. Produce from the communal garden will be used for authentic recipes served at our annual Communal Meal in November. If you would like to donate some time or become otherwise involved with this project, contact Gordon Kellenberger at 622-3562.

EVENTS LATER THIS YEAR

WORKSHOPS

THE SPIRIT OF SUMI-E

June 13-17

CLAYWORK: FIRING RAKU

June 20-24

LANDSCAPE IN PASTEL

June 27-July 1

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART

WORKSHOPS August 1-5

WATERCOLOR WEEKEND

September 24-25

WILLOW HARVEST BASKET

CLASS October 7-9

SPECIAL EVENTS

Handcrafted throughout the Ages-

July 9-10

Festival of the Arts - August 13

Woodfest - August 26-28

Fall Fibre and Clay Show -

November 5-6

Communal Meal - November 12

Christmas Haus Tour - December 3-4

Art Night 4pm-8pm - May 6, 20

June 3, 17 July 1, 15 August 5, 19

Artisans Studio Tour -

September 16-18

skill or special knowledge and want to teach, give the Amana Arts Guild a call at 319 622-3678 or email amanarts@juno.com.

Some of the subjects of particular interest to the Arts Guild are:

German language, Cooking: Amana foods, Pastry making, Cake decorating, Easter eggs decorating, Holiday baking, cookies, coffeecakes, New Year pretzels, Canning, Knitting, Needlepoint, Quilting, Photography Photoshop, Basket weaving, Hooked rugs, Pottery classes (working with a potter studio), Sewing clothes, dirndl, Amana dress, simple style clothing, Writer workshop, Dancing - ballroom, hip hop, Wine and beer making, Wine and beer tasting, Heritage gardening, Gardening, Landscaping, Amana Fashion Show and Tea, Topical lectures, Amana history and culture, Lithography, Watercolor painting.

FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN BASKETRY

The Festival of American Basketry Conference was held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday April 1,2,3, 2011 at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Eighteen students participated in four classes. Marilyn Moore from Seattle WA taught 6 hour "Twined Wire Earrings" on Friday and "Jester" twined wire basket on Sat/Sunday 12 hour class.

Sandy Whalen from Milford, MI taught her "Willow Tray" on Friday and "Trinket Trunk" square willow class on Sat/Sunday.

On Friday evening the group gathered for BBQ supper in West Amana. A "Dessert Open House" for the 2011 Basket Exhibit followed.

The present string of Basket classes and confences started in July 1986 at the then Holiday Inn, Amana as Basketry across the country was growing. The Amana Arts Guild held the first, mid-west conference, and only conference anywhere, for many years.

The conference changed to a Spring event the next year and was held at the Arts Guild Center in High Amana where it has remained through the 25th year of the conference in 2011.

Teachers and students have come from across the U.S., England, and Germany. Local merchants have donated door prizes, food and have welcomed the basket community throughout the years, making this an event to cherish.