



Art Association
Serving the Arts since 1966

March 2009

Celebrating the Arts in Fairfield for 44 Years!

2009 Exhibit Calendar

January 2 – February 28

“Handblown Glass” By Art Cicotti

March 6 – April 30

“Watercolors” By Ann Porter

May 1 – June 30

“Liberty Iron Works” By Dale Merrill

July 3 – August 31

“Pastels” By Cecile Housl

September 4 – 30

“Membership Show”

By FAA Artists

October 1 – 31

“Contemporary Visions In Fiber”

By Iowa Art Quilters

November 6 – December 31

“Stoneware & Porcelain”

By Mary Weisgram

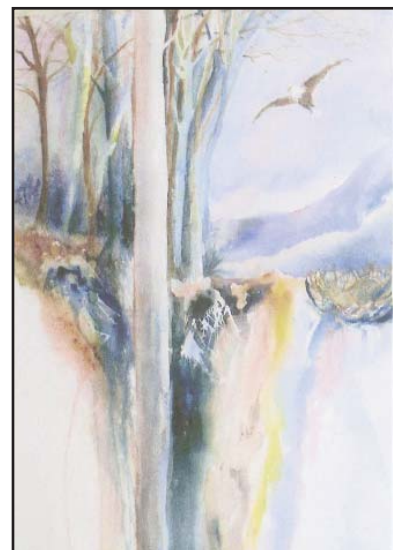
“Watercolors”

by Ann Porter

FAA members are invited to a private reception for Ann Porter, the featured artist for March and April. The reception will be from 6-7pm at the FA&CC. A special treat for the opening will be music by harpist, Barb Grimmer of Mt. Pleasant. At 7pm, Porter will demonstrate "Helpful Watercolor Hints".

The exhibit will open March 6, during the 1st Friday Art Walk and run through April 30 in the theatre lobby of the FA&CC. Hours are 9-5 daily and during theater performances.

Elizabeth “Ann” Porter is a semi-retired nurse practitioner who lives in Mt. Pleasant. She attributes her love of the visual arts to childhood encouragement and ‘an excellent art program’ in Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools. Porter was offered a scholarship to the Kansas City Art Institute as well as a job at Hallmark Cards, but was discouraged by her parents. “They didn’t want me to marry a starving artist or to become one.” Consequently, she is self-taught. She has studied watercolor with Betty Carr in Bend, Oregon and in Victoria, British Columbia. She is a member of the Art Guild of Burlington and works with Kemlyn Tan Bappe at Galleria Imago Dei, Fairfield.



She has participated in *En Plein Air* events in the US and in the United Kingdom. She is the recipient of numerous awards from regional Iowa Exhibitions.

Ann will instruct a **“Beginners Watercolor Class”** on Saturday March 21, from 1-4 PM in the FAA Studio. She will introduce basics for those interested in learning about watercolor and see if there is interest for more classes with evening hours in April. Register for class with suzan1252@aol.com or call Cindy Travers 472-5176.

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CLASSES & DEMONSTRATIONS



Glass bead making demonstration by Celeste Neff at the February 1st Friday Art Walk. Celeste's jewelry is available for purchase in the FAA Studio Gallery.



Artists Elaine Duncan and Suzan Kessel led a Mardi Gras Mask class for young artists.

Fairfield Girls Scouts recently participated in a class led by FAA board members Cindy Travers and assistant, Deb Doyle. The girls ages 9-11, learned about weaving as they worked to complete the badge requirements for "Yarn & Fabrics".



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CLASS SCHEDULE

MONTHLY CLASSES:

1st Saturday - 10-11:30 AM **"Arts & Crafts"** for kids K & up

2nd Thursday - 7-9 PM **"Ladies Night"**

3rd Saturday - 10-11:30 AM **"Young Artists"**, 2nd grade & up

OTHER CLASSES/WORKSHOPS will be scheduled for adults & children in variety of media. Watch for emails with details.

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"SATURDAY MORNING ART & COFFEE"

scheduled during the months ahead (emails will be announce dates) - 10AM - Noon at the FAA Studio.

Come do art! Glass painting, finish projects started, use the printing press if you have taken a class.....for Men & Women. \$10 fee includes coffee & some materials.

Make sure we have your email to get all the latest info on Classes & Events! Send yours to suzan1252@aol.com Classes coming up will be in Watercolor, Painted Floor Clothes, Glass Painting, Ukrainian Easter Eggs, Mosaic, Cooking Class, and lots more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MY FAIR(FIELD)LADIES - ON MAIN STREET JUNE 2009

The Fairfield Art Association is selecting artists to participate in an exciting Art Project for our community! Similar to Chicago's Magnificent Mannequins on Michigan Avenue, our "FAIR(FIELD) LADIES" will grace the downtown gardens for all to see this summer of 2009. Unveiling of our art installation of Fair Ladies will be at the June 5th Art Walk, and will remain in place until the September Art Walk.

The FAA looks forward to this being an exciting project to add to Fairfield's cultural garden full of events. In June the FAA will include viewing the mannequin art during it's annual Garden Tour. During each of this summer's Art Walk, a related promotion will take place. In July a "Name the Ladies" contest will be held, and August will include a "People's Choice Award". (There might be a surprise event too) September will conclude the exhibit with a Silent Auction of each Fair Lady and proceeds will benefit FAA and participating non-profit organizations.

A dozen half body torso mannequins will be provided by the FAA, in cooperation with a grant from the Fairfield CVB. Organizations and individual artists will be invited according to their expertise and experience in working with a variety materials. The FAA can provide help with artist contacts if needed. Guidelines and dates are listed below.

"Annual Dorothy Bell Garden Tour"
Sunday June 28, 1-5 PM. This year
Plein Air Artists will be working at
the gardens. Rain date July 5.

"Summer Art Camp- Print Making"
August 3-7. Grades 1-5. Camp
Exhibit at Friday Art Walk.

On Fri., March 6, 2009 St. Mary's Church. is hosting **Stones in the Field** a traditional Celtic/Irish in concert at 7.30 p.m. at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, and \$6.00 for 12 years and under. Tickets are available at the theatre box office weekdays noon-5 p.m. 641.472.2787 or on the web at www.iowatix.com. This concert is to benefit the building of the new St. Mary's Church in Fairfield.

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT:

1. Finished mannequins must be able to be attached to our pole base that will be used to mount each work. Height off the ground from base will be 4-5 feet. Components of decoration can drape on the ground, or be much shorter allowing pole to show.

2. While the sky is the limit to artists' ideas for creating, adornment of the mannequins should be in "good taste" for the entire population.

3. Use of recycled, found and used materials is encouraged, along with "Fairfield related" manufactured items. Purchase and collection of items needed is up to artist/organization producing the art installation.

4. The finished "Fair Lady" should be prepared to withstand weather from June – September. Materials used should be durable and not come off easily.

5. Decorated mannequins should take into consideration their garden nodes surroundings, and not spread excessively (over 4 feet wide) or weigh too much for mounting, and staying safely in place.

6. See the ideas included of Chicago mannequins to be inspired. Have fun & let your imagination go! Give us your theme idea as soon you decide, so we can make sure ideas & materials are varied.

DATES FOR PROJECT:

FEBRUARY 24, 2009 - General Project Announcement by FAA:

MARCH 10, 2009 - Artists & Organizations Selected by:

MARCH 21, 2009 - Pick up Mannequins from FAA Studio:

MARCH 21 -MAY 22 - Production Time for "My Fair (Field) Ladies":

During this time media events will take place, Ledger photos, FPAC TV interviews, & press releases.

SAT. MAY 23, 2009, 10 AM- NOON - Delivery of mannequins to FAA Studio:

MAY 26 – JUNE 4, 2009 - Installation of works downtown:

FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2009 - Unveiling of "My Fair(field) Ladies on Main Street".



FAA PAST PRESIDENTS

The FAA past presidents were recognized recently at the February 1st Friday Art Walk in the FAA Gallery.



Left to right: Joannie McGinnis - 2003-05, Terry Klein 2004-09, Don Kremer 1969-70, Dorothy Irving Wilcox 1971-72, Suzan Kessel 1978-81, 1983-86, 1996-97, Nancy Horras 1991-96.

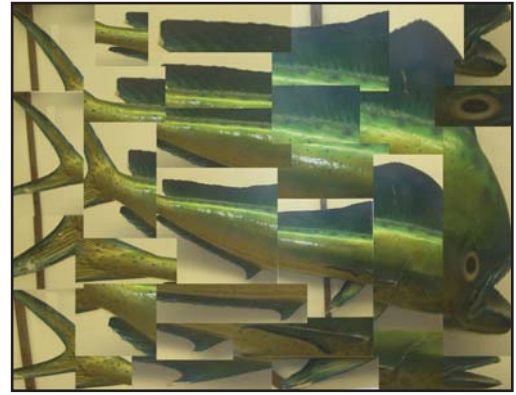


Photo montage by Fairfield HS Student Meredith Flattery

FHS teachers Diane Goudy & David Kraemer brought their MultiMedia students to the **Carnegie Museum** for a photo shoot recently. Students created digital montages such as the one pictured above. The montages will be displayed next to their featured item at an exhibit opening during the March 1st Friday Art Walk and running until the end of May.

While you are there check out the incredible LINCOLN display which has been endorsed by the **Iowa Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission**.

MEMORIALS

Thank you for memorials designated for Lola Crawford, mother of Tricia Slechta. The FAA board has decided to reactivate it's fund for future "Art for the Fairfield Community" - which in the past funded projects "*William Coop*" in the town square, and the "*Leapfrog*" sculptures by Chris Bennett along with the "*Imagine a Water Journey*" fabric mural at the Indoor Pool.

To honor a loved one with a memorial send your donation to FAA, PO Box 904, Fairfield, IA 52556 with the notation, "Art for the Fairfield Community."



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