

Looking Back and Looking Forward

Dear Members,

The Board and I are grateful to have you as members in 2018! Thank you for your loyalty and help for jobs big and small, and for showing up for all the programs we offered.

Celebrations for 2017:

- Moving to the Price Tower Design Center
- Our Spring Show in the Price Tower Gallery with Judge Derek Penix.
- Free Member-led "101 Classes" boosted membership.
- New instructors started teaching in the Design Center. They pay BAA 10% of the tuition received from their classes. Ross Meyers, Elaine Wilson, Ashley Droigk, Martha Reyburn, Sheetal Kulkarni, and Valerie Jones schedule ongoing classes with BAA.
- Our larger space allows for 2 different groups to use the building at the same time.
- Weaver's Song group held a weaving show and sale at the Design Center in October.
- ArtNight Meetings with Gary Gibson, Scott Ambler, Rachel Wimpey and Ross Meyers.
- Our largest Christmas Party ever with 70 in attendance!

The biggest change for 2018 is we are branching out into different avenues of creativity. We still offer drawing and painting classes, and in addition, we have Website Design, Hand Building with Clay, Knitting, and Photography on our 101 menu. Other non-traditional classes on the schedule for 2018 include Mixed Media Collage and Tapestry Weaving. You can view the schedule and sign up at our website: bartlesvilleartassociation.org or email bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com with your choice.

This year we have 4 out of town artists coming for workshops:

- **April 5-9 Clayton Beck** who is judging our Spring Show will teach a workshop for Oils or Pastels. The subjects will be Still Life and Portrait. Member price \$495
- **July 17-19 Chris Sundquist** will teach an Oils workshop – "Landscape painting from Photographs". Member price \$200
- **September 17-20 Jeanne Hyland** will teach "Wet & Workable: Flowers and Still Life" for Watercolors - Member price \$330
- **November 10 Chris Westfall** will teach an Abstract class for Acrylics. Member price \$105

For a fun Valentines Date, sign up for "Clay for Couples". Instructor Sheetal Kulkarni will show couples how to use hand-building techniques to make one or two unique pieces of pottery. Couples may choose Saturday 2/3 from 6-8 p.m. or Sunday 2/4 from 2-4 p.m. \$80 per couple

March 8 The Bartlesville Ladies Connection will partner with BAA and hold a meeting in the Design Center. We will get to tell about BAA and what we offer.

March 15 Carolyn Mock/ArtNight! Carolyn will speak about her work as an artist and sculptor, and do a demo on painting fur.

March 31 Spring Show Entries due at the gallery at Price Tower for Spring Show from 10am - 3pm. This is the day before Easter. A prospectus will be emailed to you in a few days.

April 7 - 27 BAA's 65th Annual Spring Show at the gallery at Price Tower

From Sandra Kent: OKA+ Schools is offering professional development workshops to PK to 12th-grade teachers on creative ways to engage students by integrating the arts and math. Please ask your teacher friends to check out Food Truck Face-off and MAGnificence in Math, Arts, and Geometry workshops on Feb 24 in Tulsa. Info at www.okaplus.org

Eldercare is seeking artist volunteers to help with their DayBreak program. Stevie Williams, Director of Community Relations, says it would not require a lot of time but the value to the participants would be great. Artist volunteers will give instruction on painting (mostly with acrylics) and time could be set up for a one-time specific class or for an ongoing time slot. Or if an artist has another talent that he or she would like to share, DayBreak participants are always interested in learning new techniques and art. Times would be 11am-12pm or 1-2pm Monday through Friday for an ongoing basis, or for a one-time class 10am-12pm or 1-3pm on a weekday. If you are interested please contact Stevie at [918-336-8500](tel:918-336-8500) or swilliams@abouteldercare.org.

We have a new treasurer – Welcome Eloise Needleman! We will write more about Eloise in our next newsletter. Tom Graves did a fantastic job as treasurer but felt it was time to step down from that post. Thank you for your service Tom, and thank you Eloise for stepping up.

We have amazing volunteers at BAA!

Maurice and Cathy Casad installed a large new sink in the back utility closet. They also installed pegboard on the wall leading to bathrooms. The pegboard will have brackets and narrow shelves to store wet oil paintings between classes.

These BAA members helped prepare the PT Gallery for the Kevin Box Exhibit that is currently on display: Tom Roane, Bill Whitte, Dedra Morgan, Cheryl Bridendolph, Anne Spoon, and Reita Adams.

Thank you all for serving!

Amy Jenkins
BAA President