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Message from the President:

Our guest speaker on November 20, Edee Joppich, spoke about creativity and the importance of pushing one's self even when the muse seems to be sleeping. While there's not space enough here to summarize all the helpful things she said, there was one that particularly stood out for me. It was a quote she attributed to Gwen Tomkow and went something like this:

"Many things are beyond our control
but we are in charge of our attitude."

Our December 6 Holiday/Christmas luncheon is just ahead. You are each invited to bring an artwork, which you have made, to donate to the silent auction. In the past, the suggested size was 5" X 7". It doesn't have to be exactly that size, but something small is recommended. Two dimensional works need not be framed. Consider your costs and effort in making the piece and use that to establish a minimum bid price. Then, if there are no bids at or above that amount, the art returns to you. The proceeds of the auction will be donated to the Capuchin Kitchen Children's Art Program. See you soon, Kathy

ATTENTION MEMBERS WITH ART AT OAKWOOD:

Sue Majewski of the **Oakwood Art for the Spirits** has scheduled **Thursday, January 22, 2015 from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm for PICK-UP.** The location is the same location as the drop off: **Oakland Medical Office, 33000 Venoy, Wayne** - across from the Wayne Oakwood Hospital (Annapolis).

Welcome new and returning members!

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Board Meeting:

10:00 prior to

GENERAL MEETING:

December 6, 2014

Christmas Luncheon
Detroit Yacht Club

11:00 - Meeting

12:00 - Buffet Luncheon

1:00 - Silent Auction



PLEASE RSVP so we can have an accurate count for the buffet -
Contact Deb Maiale 313-886-7607
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Correction on Fan-Out

Susan Bell - White Lake
Drop Home Phone number

Deborah Benedic,
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Linda Coutts - Mt. Clemens
Change: phone 586-549-7124

Sara Hadley - Novi
Drop e-mail address, incorrect
ADD: 248-567-2602 - H

Erica Chappius Grosse Ile
correct cel #: 313-608-6584 -C

Josephine Simon - W. Bloomfield
ADD: 248-661-1309 - H
248-895-3184 - C

Martine MacDonald- Allen Park
Drop: - House phone no.

Nancy Wellhauser - Harrison Twp
ADD new house phone:
586-493-1998, ADD to Directory
also.

What's Happening:

- 3 workshops (1st was in November) taught by *Larry Blovits*, former professor of art at Aquinas College is being offered at **Franciscan Life Process Center Workshop 2 - 12/10/14** 10 - 3, Emphasis on Charcoal & Conte Crayon - **Workshop 3 - 1/7/15** 10 - 3, Emphasis on Pastel.

For info contact <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/drawing-media-and-fundamentals-workshop-series-instructor-larry-blovits-workshop-i-tickets-14071741959?aff=efevent>
St. Adalbert's Basilica, 664 Davis Ave N.W., Grand Rapids, MI

- **Lawrence Street Gallery** up-coming exhibitions:
Dec. 2014 - *'Think Small'*
Jan. 2015 - *'Best of the Best'*
Feb. 2015 - *'The Body Eclectic'*
Mar. 2015 - **Jan Brown**
Apr. 2015 - *'Exposures: Photography 15'*

- **The Loft** is featuring a Black Friday Sale of *Fine Art 11/28 - 1/6/2015*. Hrs. M - F 12 - 5 pm 586-649-7522. theloftfineart.com
They also have monthly auctions - see www.liveauctioneers.com
38807 Harper Ave, Clinton Twp

- **Down River Council for the Arts 'Fall Festival of the Arts'** - a month long art show and Holiday Boutique at the 734-777-6109



- **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center 'Student Show' 1/24 - 3/27/2015**



- **River Gallery** at U/M Ann Arbor has an invitational exhibit *'Reaching for the Light'*

11/13 - 12/15/14, all media 2D fine art exhibition. Info: 734-433-0826
4th floor Rackham Graduate School
118 S. Main St, Suite B, Chelsea

- **Candy Law** is offering an *'Encaustic Basics Workshop'* on **Saturday, Jan. 17, 10 am to 4 pm**, at her Berkley studio. Cost is \$95 and includes all materials. For more info call 248-548-9877.

- **Lawrence Street Gallery** has applications available for membership www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

- **Gallery 17** presents *'Splendid Atrocities'* by Armageddon Beachparty, an exhibit of new work from the married dynamic duo of Detroit native artists: Motu & Kozma - now through **12/7/14**. Gallery 17 is located in the Russell Industrial Center.

- **Elaine L. Jacob Gallery** is featuring *'Menagerie, or Artwork Not About Love'* now through **12/12/14**.

- **Wayne State U Art Gallery** *'Memories: Stanley Rosenthal...'* exhibit ends **12/19/14**.

- **Center Galleries** show *'Ed Fella: History, Commercial Art, Art and the American Vernacular'* ends **12/13/14**

- **Susanne Hilberry Gallery** presents photographic work by *Leni Sinclair* and recent paintings by *John Torreano* now through **1/17/15**.

- Check out **Ann Arbor Art Center** for workshops in ceramics, **12/11- Luminarias**, **12/13 - fancy face mugs**, **12/19 - stenciled holiday plates - gift ideas for someone who has everything.** info@annarborartcenter.org
117 W. Liberty St, Ann Arbor

- The **Michigan Water Color Society** Membership meeting and projection of entries will be held on **3/7/15**.

- **Holiday gift shops** are opening at the **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center 12/4 - 12/20**, **Grosse Pte Art Center 11/28 - 12/24/14**, **Northville Art House** now thru **12/12/6/14** - Mosaic exhibit & auction, **Visual Arts of Livonia 12/5 - 12/14**.

(Call for hours on above sites)

- **Edie Joppich**, an art instructor at VAAL for 34 yrs and formal member of DSWPS, received a silver commemorative medallion and book of the paintings in the exhibition of the *'International Exchange Exhibition of Experimental Art'*; the final destination of the show was Cardiff, the capital of Wales.

- **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Assn.** opens winter class registration. See Winter Program guide online, term **1/5 - 3/28/15**.

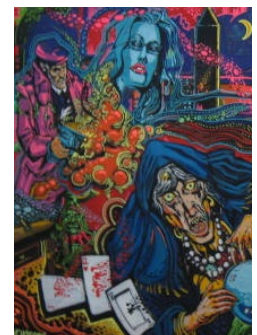
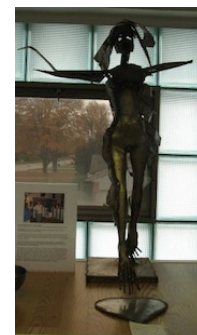
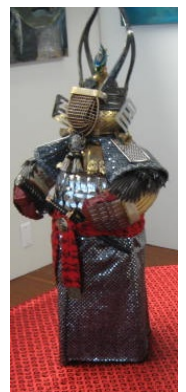
- Kathleen Spellman one day workshops **12/13/14, 1/10/15** at **Salem United Church of Christ**. Info: 248-474-6880 or 313-706-8038
33424 Oakland Ave. Farmington.



WHO SAID art doesn't sell?! Japanese polka-dot painter Yayoi Kusama became the most expensive living Female Artist at auction when "White No. 28," a milky white, 1960 example from her signature "Infinity Nets" series sold to a telephone bidder for \$7.1 mil.

Some interesting items in The Loft

38807 Harper, Clinton Township



GROANER ALERT!

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons.

The stewardess looks at him and says:

"I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger"

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• **Nobuko Yamasaki** had a show of her Woodblock print workshop at **St. Clair Shores Public Library**, included work by member **Deb Maiale** and 3 others. **11/1 - 11/29/2014**.

• **Janet Kondziela** made the Detroit News/Free Press the **11/2** her photo in the Big D.



• **Kathy O'Connell** was awarded an Honorable Mention in the **Livonia Civic Center 'Fine**

Arts Show' in November as was **Regina Dunne**. Other members juried into the show were **Janus Benda, Barbara Murphy and Olga Pawlowski**.

Barbara also had work in the **HVCA** show in Highland, **Nina Asmi** was awarded Third Place



• There will be a showing of **Candy Law's** artwork at **The Gallery of Royal Oak** at a reception on **Friday, December 5**, from 5 to 7 pm. Included will be recent work from her solo show at **ARC Gallery** in Chicago. Gift shop (248-545-8370) 617 S. Washington, Royal Oak across from Pronto Restaurant



• **Barbara Reich** reports her workshop at **Oliver Art Center** was filled, she's working on a new commission, the 4 person show **'Friendship and Light'** turned out fantastic; hubby Gary has been busy snowblowing the Traverse City snow.

• In the **Society of Dearborn** show, **Janus Benda** was awarded First Place in oils, Second Place in works on paper was awarded to **Olga Pawlowski, and Kathy O'Connell** awarded Best of Show/Juror's Choice as well as Second Place in Oils.

• **Jan Brown** was awarded Third place in the Canadian **Art Exhibeo** and received a glowing letter of recognition as well. See www.artexhibeo.com/?p=2908 (an excerpt from the letter is below)

"A Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery. Hijacking a statement by Winston Churchill for my own purposes, Jan Brown's paintings are a riddle wrapped in a mystery wrapped in an enigma. I'm always up for a challenge and among the many things that draw me to Jan's abstract paintings is how they throw down the gauntlet and challenge me to work through the push and pull between what I think and feel. Or is it what I think I feel? What is actually happening is this: Jan's paintings, and the evocative titles she ascribes to them force the paradox between thought and emotion into conscious consideration with the same kind of friction one gets when the edge of a knife is pressed and pushed upon a grindstone.

Getting involved intellectually with Jan's substantial body of work is going to set your mind ablaze: there's the inherent psychological and emotional impact of shapes, patterns and, of course, color (or the absence of color depending on the piece). There's also the titles that drop visual, emotional or literary cues which open up each painting to a plethora of narrative interpretive possibilities rather than pin the thing down.

Brown's body of work is a complex visual compendium of a complex mind undertaking the difficult task of overseeing the transmutation of her thoughts, memories and emotions onto the canvas. That is what abstract expressionism is all about, but Jan's mastery of the formal language of the genre (scratching and scraping away at gesticular paint strokes of loosely patterned color fields and washes) combined with her ability to take big emotional risks without producing overly sentimental paintings elevate the work into the realm of masters like Motherwell, Hoffman, and de Kooning.

You can study Jan Brown's powerful and astounding body of work here: <http://www.janbrownart.com>"

Entries Wanted:

• **Deposit of \$500. by 1/10/15.** **LaRomita Landscape painting workshop in Italy "Umbria: Sole e Terra" 7/22 - 8/5/15**

Workshop cost: \$3,850.00 (airfare not included) Includes: Art instruction (all levels) - Pick-up and drop-off at the Fiumicino Airport (Rome) - Accommodations and 3 (amazing) meals per day - Daily painting trips to Umbrian localities

La Romita returnees are eligible for \$200 discount; Participants bringing a friend are eligible to \$100. Max.

discount of \$300 per participant. Info: www.venturelistudio.net<http://www.laromita.org/art-workshops-italy-2015/nora-venturelli/>

• **Deadline: 1/6/15**

Anton Art Center's 42nd Michigan Artist Competition **'Michigan Annual XLII'** - entries Jpg, CD or email. Show dates: **1/30/15 - 3/3/15** Info: 586-469-8666 sszmot@theartcenter.org 125 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens, MI

• **Deadline: 1/12 & 1/13/15**

BBAC 'Student Current Works' show. 248-644-0866 or info@BBArtCenter 1516 S. Cranbrook Rd. Birmingham

• **Deadline: 1/23/15**

Ann Arbor South Univ. 'Art Fair 2015' 7/15 - 7/18/15.

• **Deadline 2/16/15**

Michigan Water Color Society '68th Annual' exhibition is accepting entries. They also have a new category in their exhibition "New Student Category - ages 18 - 24". Info: MWCSART.COM Show dates: **5/17 - 6/16/15** - opens at **Janice Charach Gallery Jewish Community Center** of Metropolitan Detroit, West Bloomfield. Info: (810)240-9252 or dwbdesign@mac.com.

NOTE:

If interested in out of state show entries, check out info@jurying.net for more info. There are quite a few out-state competitions coming up, too numerous to mention here



Detroit Society of Women Artists & Sculptors General Meeting - November 20, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am.

Reading of the October minutes were read by Joyce Manke due to the absence of Recording Secretary, Carolyn Sherwood. There was one change - Arlene Oakland is unable to provide the Christmas table decorations due to a confliction of dates. Motion to accept Minutes with change noted was made by Julie Sabit, seconded by Katy McNamee.

President Kathy O'Connell: introduced and welcomed new members Arlinda Crossman, Anna Hughes and Lynn Newman as well as guest Joan Smykowski. She advised that, as was reported in the newsletter, the change in meeting location had to be made and was happy to see so many members attending, especially with the inclement weather. She reported our program speaker today is Edee Joppich, former member of DSWPS, an active professional artist and gallery owner.

Treasurer Marilyn Orlando was unable to attend as she has had surgery on her feet and still having problems. Kathy read her report giving balance as of October 1 and balance on October 31, 2014.

Corresponding Secretary Joyce Manke: reported sending out 101 e-mail newsletters, mailed 65 by mail. Numbers are over our 151 membership as some members requested receiving both. She also stated she had brought in articles that appeared in the Grand Rapids paper re ArtPrize and they were at the sign-in table for those who wished to see them, as well as a picture that appeared in the Detroit News of Janet Kondziela on location wearing the big **D**.

First Vice President (Programs) Deb Maiale: reported she is still hoping that members will send in suggestions of places for our meetings, bearing in mind they should be near an expressway for easy access by members scattered throughout the area, ideally free, but could pay a reasonable fee -- need a 4-hr. block of time. Please call her if you have some place in mind, with their requirements and she will follow up.

As to Christmas luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club, please call her or Charlene O'Neil to RSVP. The Yacht Club is not a restaurant per se and needs ample time to have amounts on hand for attendees. Members are asked to respond by November 29th. Expected cost will be \$20.00, payable on that day.

Second Vice President (Exhibitions) Jackie Rybinski: reported as in previous years, there will be a silent auction with proceeds going to the Capuchin Art Program of art brought in by the members. Art does not have to be framed and should be of a small size. Participants can show a minimum sell price is they desire. She advised she has booked a show at the Grosse Pointe Art Center for the Spring of 2015, dates 4/17 - 5/2/2015. Read your newsletter for further details as they develop. Also we have a show scheduled at The Loft, Harper, north of 16 Mile Rd. in the Fall, September or October show. The Padzieski Art Gallery is definitely interested in our show being there in Fall of 2016. Attending members made numerous suggestions of possible places.

Third Vice President Arlene Oakland: advised if current paid up members have not received their Directories as yet, she has extras with her, see her after lunch.

Webmaster Katy McNamee: reported she is actively working on the webpage and asked members to send in personal photo and some of their work to be included, other info she might be able to use as well, depending on room, perhaps pictures of shows, activities, awards etc. One of the members said she was able to bring up the site, dswps.org and thought it was coming along nicely.

Parliamentarian Chair Barbara Cuthbert, Publicity Chair Shirley Hathaway, Membership Chair Alice Sherwood, By-Laws Chair Madge Lawson, Scholarship Chair Marilyn Bomarito and Memorial Chair Marilyn Orlando were unable to attend.

Social Chair Jean Thomas: Nothing to report.

Historian Julie Sabit: reminded members to update their resumés and photos, in checking she found 59 members who had not sent these in, 43 were new members in the 2011 - 2014 years. The member information is included in two binders and are brought to every show so people can check and see the work the members are doing. She will be bringing it to the Christmas Luncheon so it can be reviewed.

New Business: Kathy O'Connell and Regina Dunne are in the **Society of Dearborn**, with **Kathy** receiving Best of Show/Juror's Choice.

Respected submitted by **Joyce Manke**, acting Recording Secretary for Carolyn Sherwood.

