

Lake Superior Art Association
KIOSK
September-October 2023



LSAA Annual Meeting and Potluck Coming Up!

This year, we are changing it up a bit! The LSAA Annual Meeting will include a potluck and prizes. Anyone who signs up for a committee will have their name put into a drawing for a **\$50 Blick Art Supplies** gift certificate. All members attending will be in a drawing for other nice prizes, including donations from **General Pencil Company**/Kathy Hansen and Michele Tuccini. Members have volunteered to make centerpieces. It will be fun to see what they create! We will also vote on accepting the new updated LSAA Bylaws and the Slate of Officers presented by the Nominating Committee. **Please RSVP by Sept. 1st at Isaainfo4u@gmail.com**

Slate of Officers

LSAA, Inc. Executive Board and Nominations- 2023

Nominees whose names appear below have agreed to serve another year in office or have accepted the nomination for positions on the Board. Others may be nominated for positions on the board prior to midnight, Sept. 1st.

President: Lynn Buckland-Brown (nominated)

Lynn is a retired Art and Special Education teacher. She and her husband, Eric, moved to Marquette 8 years ago. While living in Gladstone, she was active with the Youth Assistance Program of Delta County (YAP), financial secretary at her church, officer of the teachers' union, served on the board of the Bonifas Art Center, and helped to organize various community

events. Now, life is centered on keeping their two dogs happy and enjoying life in and around Marquette! She dabbles in a variety of media.



Past President: Michele Tuccini (per approval of changes in Bylaws)

Vice President: Kim Danielson (nominated)

Secretary: Julie Highlen (nominated)



Julie Highlen and her husband made the move to Deerton, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, in 2016, enabling Julie to pursue art full time.

She and her husband, John, enjoyed artist-in-residences in Ely, Minnesota with the Listening Point Foundation, and the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. Julie participates in the Fresh Coast Plein Air Competition and the Grand Marais Plein Air Festival in Minnesota, a week-long competition with 66 juried artists and a month-long exhibit. She has been juried in for the 2023 Grand Marais competition as well.

Julie is a member of Zero Degrees Gallery, a past board member (Secretary) and mentored a high school student juried in at Zero Degrees. She sat in on a panel for High School seniors presenting their Senior Art Portfolio Presentation. Julie will also be teaching art to home school students beginning this September. She was a board member and Secretary for her previous art association in Jackson, Michigan for several years.

Treasurer: Brenda Patrick

Web Manager: John French

Communications Director: June Parsons (nominated)



June Parsons has been a Marquette resident on and off since 1968. She is now back as a (mostly) full-time resident. After teaching at NMU for 15 years, June spent 20 years in the Virgin Islands helping the university start a computer science program, then authoring college-level technology textbooks. "I hope that my experience with technology and authoring can benefit LSAA by enhancing communication with members and the community." June also lived in Savannah Georgia where she renovated and decorated several historic properties. "No matter where I was living, I always came back to the U.P. to spend summers in our cabin on the Dead River basin." June spent time in India as a technology consultant and became interested in traditional Indian painting styles. "I love the colors, details, and textures of India. I'm excited to see where it leads in my art."

Four/Five Members At Large

Susan Roubal

JoAnn Shelby

Carolyn Snyder

Marlene Wood (nominated, per approval of changes in Bylaws)



Marlene is the past owner/teacher/working artist of Positive Strokes Art School, a successful private art school in the Chicago suburbs for 35 years. She retired to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan 5 years ago after dreaming of doing so for over 30 years of visiting. She now continues to teach art both in Marquette, Escanaba, and through her private Studio. She is also involved in the art community through local events, competitions, as director of Zero Degrees Art Gallery, and more. Her passion is to share her knowledge through her teaching, painting, and supporting

the art community. Marlene lives off grid, close to Marquette, with her husband and two awesome dogs.

LSAA Program and Meeting Schedule

The Program Committee hope to have the schedule completed by the Annual Meeting in September. **Programs are usually the THIRD TUESDAY** of the months listed below, unless there is a conflict with room scheduling in the library. There may also be some art education/history programs added to the schedule this coming year. The Program Committee will be finalizing plans for these *proposed* programs, events, and art talks.

LSAA Member Meetings/Programs

Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Annual Meeting and Potluck 6:00 Community Room, PWPL
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Program: John Hubbard
Tuesday, January 16, 2024	Program: John Hardin
Tuesday, January 30	<i>Art Talk: Canadian Group of Seven</i> (Lynn Buckland-Brown)
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Program TBA
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Anita Meyland Birthday Celebration (Landmark Inn)
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Program TBA
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Program TBA
Tuesday, May 13	Program: Chris Groleau "Drawing Children Into Reading" (Program developed by Wendy Anerson Halperin)
September, 2024	Annual Meeting

Executive Board Meetings

Meetings are held the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month.

Oct. 9

January 8

February 12

March 11

May 13

June 10

August 12

September 9 Potluck and Annual Meeting

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." -Pablo Picasso

LSAA Exhibits and Shows

Deo Gallery

October, 2024 **Challenge Exhibit**

November, 2024 **Member Exhibit**

February, 2024 **Glacier Glide!** and **The Dog Dayz of Winter** (children's exhibit)

Both are held on the Saturday of the UP200 Sled Dog Race. (Tentative)

Fresh Coast Plein Air Painting Festival

June 28-29, 2024

Art On the Rocks

July 27-28, 2024

SPOTLIGHT On Our Members

Susan Grant has been painting several landscape commissions. Her next show will be at "Art On The Mountain", September 9-10 at Marquette Mountain.

Mary Ann Theis participated in the Marquette County Fair. She was awarded 11 ribbons for her wool knitting. She enjoys knitting; Shetland Wool patterns and children's wear. Now she is preparing for the Lake Superior Fiber Festival to take place at the MRHC on Saturday September 19th. Fiber artists will; show/sell their work, offer 8 presentations by local artists, have various vendors of supplies and the community is invited to participate in a fashion show. Save the date for an all-day event that will inspire.

On Valentine's Day she started a new knitting group, The Lake Superior Knitters at the Marquette Regional History Center. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 1-2:30. Members donate \$1 to \$5 per meeting to the MRHC. Members are at all levels of knitting and all age groups. The group also participated in Art Week.

LSAA members **Marc Himes, JoAnn Shelby & Marlene Wood** are featured in summer issue of *Creatopia* magazine. Joann is also a featured artist at Erickson Art Center June-September.

Ben Bohnsack is currently Artist in Residence at Olepangi Farm in Kenya, Africa, for eight weeks. He lives in a safari tent provided for him and relates to their guests while pursuing his art however he wants. He will be returning in mid-October and expects to offer a presentation in late October or early November at a date and place to be determined for anyone interested, focusing on art residencies, Africa, and woodblock printing. In the meantime, people are welcome to follow his experience on Instagram or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UPWoodcuts>.

Donna Budzenski participated in her first art show at the Chocoy Bayou Land Conservatory in Harvey. “What a lovely trail to wander through. Focused my artwork on the wild flowers, birds and other creatures that inhabit this lovely wetland area. The music and dancers contributed beautifully to the art walk too.”

Celebrating Anita Meyland!

Have you noticed the vitality of the arts in the Upper Peninsula? As with any example of robust health, many factors have combined over time to create this success. One woman who played a key role in this by example, educating, and organizing, is Anita Meyland.



Anita Meyland was born on March 5, 1897, to an artistic Milwaukee family. Her father, Fredrick Elke, learned how to paint frescoes, painting on wet plaster, and his work decorated many area churches.

Anita graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1917 and became an art teacher in Milwaukee. Upon marrying English teacher Gunther Meyland in 1924, they moved to Marquette where he had been hired by the normal school, now Northern Michigan University.

Although others called Anita “the grande dame of culture” in Marquette, “patroness of the arts” and even “bohemian,” the words she most often used to describe herself were “teacher” and “dilettante.”

Anita loved to teach.

She taught art in the Marquette and Ishpeming schools. She brought a group of women painters together who met every week for eleven years, studying a new painter each week, and then learning to paint in that style. She created “The Paintbox,” a children’s program held on Saturday mornings for any child who wanted to attend. She taught adult education art classes within the school system and for the elderly residents of Pine Ridge. She’s best known for organizing and naming Marquette’s first “Art on the Rocks” show in 1950, showing the work of ten local artists, most of whom she had trained. Her work with the **Lake Superior Art Association** and the **Art on the Rocks** show earned her countless awards, including the naming of the gazebo at Presque Isle Park (the site of Art on the Rocks for many years) after her. It’s more surprising that she would embrace the term “dilettante.” We’re now in an era that venerates specialization. The term “dilettante” suggests a dabbler—someone who never takes

anything too seriously. Anita would vigorously disagree. She never stopped learning new things and never stopped sharing them.

So, in addition to her painting, Anita learned to weave, and organized an Upper Peninsula weavers' group. She studied pottery, and 200 pots from her own collection formed the basis of a pottery exhibit at NMU in 1980. She learned, and then taught classes in scrimshaw, quilting, spinning, pewter, ironwork, beading, candle-making, and woodcarving.

Nor did Anita limit herself to the visual arts.

She was a charter member of the Marquette Community Concert Association, and active in the Saturday Music Club. She wrote a play for Marquette's Centennial in 1949.

There were people who thought the name "Art on the Rocks" was inappropriate because it suggested drinking. Anita was not inclined to change it. In a 1978 interview, she was described as "a little indignant" at the prospect of a return to provincialism in the arts, saying "I'm afraid we're going back in that direction."

Above all, Anita Meyland believed you should never stop learning, and never stop growing. Anita continued pursuing her multiple artistic interests right up until her death on March 7, 1995, just two days after her 98th birthday.

Ann Hilton Fisher granted permission for the KIOSK to use an adapted version of her presentation, which was given at the History Center's 2019 cemetery tour.

***LSAA is planning a celebration of Anita Meyland's birthday on Tuesday, March 5th, at the Landmark Inn. Ann Hilton Fischer will be giving a talk about this amazing woman! Jack Deo is will be sharing photographs. Watch for more information in the months to come!**

3rd Annual Art On The Mountain September 9-10, 2023

Art On the Mountain is an exciting annual event that takes place on September 9th and 10th at the Marquette Mountain Resort. Visitors can browse through a wide range of artwork including paintings, sculptures, photography, jewelry, clothing, and more.

In addition to the art, Art on the Mountain offers a variety of other activities to make it a fun-filled weekend. Attendees can enjoy delicious food and drink from the T-Bar and outdoor bar and grill, listen to live music performances, and take scenic lift rides that provide breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and the city of Marquette, with a beautiful hike down. For those looking for some active entertainment, there is also our art disc golf course available during the event. Disc golf enthusiasts can test their skills on specially designed sculpture holes while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Free Admission for Art on the Mountain art fair. There are additional fees for lift and hiking access. Go to <http://shop.marquettemountain.com/summerlifttickets>

Presented by Marquette Mountain at Marquette Mountain Ski Area, Marquette MI

City of Marquette Annual Art Awards October 15th, 2023

The City of Marquette presents the **Annual Art Awards** as a celebration of Marquette's finest creatives and advocates. The Awards began in 1997 to recognize and thank citizens and organizations who have demonstrated artistic excellence and/or have made significant contributions to the proliferation of the arts in our community.

Over the past 26 years, the Awards have grown in categories and prestige. Annual Awards include Arts Volunteer, Arts Advocate, Arts Educator, Youth Award, Visual Artist, Performing Artist, Writer, Special Recognition, Arts Innovation, Arts Organization, and *Arts Business*.

LSAA was the 1998 winner of City Arts Organization. Many of LSAA's members have been winners in the Awards 26-year history. You can find all the City Art Award recipients at [Annual Art Awards - MQTCompass.com](http://MQTCompass.com)

This event is free and open to the public with a semi-formal suggested dress code to match the occasion. A cocktail hour reception will be held at 6:00pm and the awards show will begin at 7:00pm. The 26th Annual Art Awards show will feature performances and honor this year's recipients.

Opportunities for Artists

Multi-Artist Mini Workshop Series!

A creative workshop series has been organized by LSAA member, Marlene Wood. The classes will be taught by seasoned, professional UP artists and will be held October 1-6, 2023. The classes will take place at a quaint private resort near Au Train, Michigan.

Wool Felt Applique Sunday, October 1 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$75.00

Materials are included.

Teacher: JoAnn Shelby, Snow Queen Studio

Learn to work with the luxury of wool felt. Felt does not ravel, so there is no need to turn edges under as you create your design. It is great for any type of image, nature to abstract! You will have patterns to choose from— small purse, ornaments, needle book, table runner, and more. Or bring your own ideas! Individual attention will be given to participants. Please bring your own lunch. All skill levels welcome!

Alcohol Ink Painting Monday, October 2 10:00 am-3:00 pm \$75.00

Materials are included.

Teacher: JoAnn Shelby, Snow Queen Studio

Alcohol inks are fast-drying, highly pigmented, alcohol-based inks that are great to use on any hard, non-porous surface including glass, metal, plastic, ceramic, stone, leather, and polymer clay. Once the ink is applied, the alcohol evaporates, leaving the dye behind. Students will have several different types of surfaces to experiment on. No drawing or painting skills are needed to achieve great results. JoAnn will show several techniques including abstracts and watercolor. All skill levels welcome.

Fun With Watercolor Tuesday, October 3 1:00 pm-4:00 pm \$50.00

Materials are included.

Teacher: Michele Tuccini

We will be learning some fun and easy watercolor techniques with a few small projects that any level of painter can try and be successful at! If you have watercolor supplies, bring what you are comfortable with. If you are a beginner or want to use our supplies, they will be provided. Your finished painting(s) might be suitable for a small ready-made frame or can be used as notecard(s). A paper trimmer will also be available for your use. All skill levels are welcome!

Plein Air Painting Wednesday, October 4 9:00 am-3:00 pm \$75.00

Materials are NOT included.

Teacher: Marlene Wood, Positive Strokes Art Studio

Learn about and experience the art of Plein Air Painting in a beautiful location, where a meandering river flows into Lake Superior. Plein Air is the art of painting with the existing light. Learn to capture what you see and experience in your own individual way. Individual instruction and critique will follow a quick *Plein Air Talk*. We will have a cabin available for bathroom trips and a final critique. Bring lunch to enjoy at your leisure or during the indoor critique. Bring your choice of painting mediums, paper towels, etc. Call Marlene for material list.

Would you like to paint all day, spend the night, and wake up to a morning of painting, or just enjoying your beautiful surroundings? Call Marlene for pricing and info. You would have your own room in a rustic cabin on Lake Superior!

Painting with a Palette Knife Friday, October 6 9:30am-12:30pm \$50.00

Materials are not included.

Teacher: Marlene Wood

Bring a photo of your favorite landscape or choose one of ours. Learn fun techniques of using a palette knife to paint with oil or acrylic paint. Bring a stretched canvas or board to paint on and your own paint. Bring palette knives, if you have them, but they also will be available for use. Please call, text, or email **Marlene Wood** for info or to register. 847-791-8403 or email her at posstroke@sbcglobal.net Checks can be made out to Marlene Wood. We are accepting only 6-8 students per workshop so please call to reserve a spot!

For more info on what's going on in the Marquette area, visit: <https://www.mqtcompass.com>

Senior Visual Arts Classes

Senior Visual Arts classes are typically offered on the **first and third Wednesday of each month** from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center, located in the lower level of Peter White Public Library. November's schedule was not available.

Wed., September 6 & 20 *Chalk Pastels with Colleen Maki*

Students will learn and practice the methods of blending chalk and creating a final drawing on black paper of the Northern Lights.

NOTE: Chalk pastels are messy, we recommend you wear an old shirt!

Wed., September 27 *Field Drawing with Amelia Pruiett*

**NOTE: This class will be held at the Presque Isle Pavilion, still from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Capacity 15*

Wed., October 4 & 11 *Fall Leaves in Watercolor with Colleen Maki*

Wed., October 18 *Making Metal Charms with Mavis Farr*

These classes are free to City of Marquette, Chocolay Township, Powell Township, and Marquette Township residents ages 55+. Non-residents are welcome to attend for a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the cost of supplies.

Reserve your spot by calling **Tristan at (906) 225-8655** or emailing **tluoma@marquettemi.gov**. The same class will be offered on both dates, so please only sign up for one or the other. No prior artistic experience necessary.

Presented by City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center and City of Marquette Senior Center at City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center, Marquette MI

Art Exhibits

Peter White Public Library and the City of Marquette Office of Arts and Culture announce the upcoming exhibits in the Public Gallery Program.

August/September Public Gallery Program Exhibits

Huron Mountain Club Gallery (Main floor): Daric Christian, *Cell Phone Photography*

Photos taken and processed with a cell phone.

The Deo Gallery (lower level): Antony Aumann, *Inner Turmoil, Outer Beauty: Portraits of Contradiction*

Oil pastel portraits.

Lower Level Lobby Gallery: Tamara Lee Niemi, *Exaltation*

October/November Public Gallery Program Exhibits

Huron Mountain Club Gallery (Main Floor): Steven Leuthold, *Artful Yoga*

The Deo Gallery (Lower Level): David Schmitt and Carol Phillips, *Inside/Out*

The Opening Reception for October/November Public Gallery Program exhibits will be held Thursday, October 12th, from 6-8pm at the Peter White Public Library (217 N Front St).

*These exhibits are presented by City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center and Peter White Public Library at City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center.

First Thursdays Art Tours September 7 and October 5

First Thursdays returns to Marquette for the third year with a monthly, self-guided tour inside local art galleries and studios on the first Thursday of every month from June through October. With artwork by over 150 artists, there is something for everyone to enjoy. This event features guest pop-up artists, live art demonstrations, workshops, entertainment and more.

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