

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our NEXT MEETING

IS **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY**



2024

MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY

AT **7:00 p.m.**

Our meetings take place at the
Mahany/Meininger Community
Center

3500 Marais, Royal Oak
(North at the light off 13 Mile,
between Main & Crooks)

Meetings usually are on the first
Tuesday of the month

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Braving the winter cold, it was truly heartening to witness so many of you at our January meeting, where member John Nagridge shared his mastery in knife painting. His expertise in plein air art left us inspired and eager for future discussions on this captivating technique. Currently, we are in the early stages of planning our own Royal Oak plein air festival for this upcoming summer.

This month, we are thrilled to welcome our esteemed member, Andrea Slomczenski, as our featured speaker. Andrea boasts an impressive portfolio, showcasing her illustration series and mural artistry. Personally, I had the privilege of being Andrea's high school art teacher, and it brings me great joy to see her flourishing after pursuing a degree in Illustration from CCS.

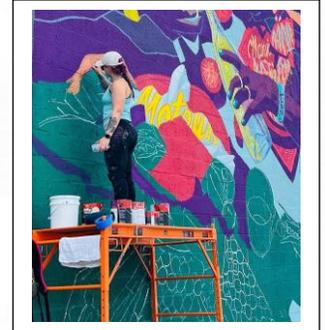
As we continue to build upon the momentum to date, I encourage each of you to reflect on how you might contribute to the growth and success of SOAA. Your level of commitment is entirely at your discretion, but we are eager to collectively reach our full potential. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the arts.

Warm regards,
Melissa Wilson, President, SOAA



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Mural & Studio Practices of Artist Andrea Slomczenski



Our February speaker, Andrea Slomczenski is a Detroit-based Designer, Illustrator and Muralist. While earning a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the College for Creative Studies, Andrea interned at Denihan Consulting, Inc. She is now the Creative Instructional Designer Lead of a team creating training materials in the Affordable Housing Industry. She and her group design and create Tools & Materials to train lenders and their clients through the mortgage loan process.

Using the most up to date programs and materials, Andrea specializes in creating engaging, innovative online learning systems for her clients which annually number in the thousands. Her preferred creative programs include Articulate 360 (a storyline), Adobe Creative Cloud & Captivate and PowToon among many others.

Since graduating from CCS, Andrea has worked with Playground Detroit, Disco Walls, City Walls, Detroit GSD, Detroit Parcs and Rec, and Spacelab Detroit. In 2021, she assisted Joey Salamon, Ouizi and Michael Polakowski as a mural assist – and this is where she learned the ground work for creating her own murals. Since then, she has been commissioned for mural work in Grosse Pointe; Orlando, FL; Tampa, FL; Detroit and eventually has done work all over the country. Andrea goes about her mural work with a message in mind and produces art that speaks and connects with that community.

Her personal work reflects a current and ongoing exploration of her family's Polish heritage beginning with her Great Grandma – Wladyslawa Laczynska Slomczenski (Lottie), one hundred twenty-five years ago. Lottie came to the U.S. alone at 16, and lived to 104. She married Michael Slomczenski in 1916 and they moved to Detroit and the auto industry in 1920. Andrea believes in – Authenticity, Love and Growth

2023-24 SOAA BOARD

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- Feb. 6** **Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**
Andrea Slomczenski, Illustrator/Muralist
"Mural and Studio Practices"
- March 5** **Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**
Carol Cook Reed
"Abstraction"
- April 2** **Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**
Joyce Harlukowicz, Pastel Artist
'Tips on Working with Pastels'
- July 6-7** **Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair**
- August** **Plein Air Royal Oak**
Sept.-
- Oct.** **Southfield Public Library**
Two Month SOAA Display – Multi Media
- Nov. 2-16** **Art at the Museum Show & Sale**

AT OUR MEETING: (please be on time)

- Please sign in and take a name tag
- If you bring a guest, have them sign in and introduce them to some of our members.
- Place your snack item in the provided space
- DON'T FORGET – Members - Set up your Artwork for our Artist of the Month competition.

The SCOOP - Happenings, classes, shows, and more...

PAINTING CLASSES WITH JOHN RASH

Painting - All Media

Thursday, 9:15 - 11:45 am

Painting - Watercolor

Friday, 9:15 - 11:45 am

Generally 8 classes - \$65. These classes are held at the Mahany/Meininger Community Ctr., 3500 Marais, Royal Oak. Information: 248-246-3900

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISPLAY PLANNED FOR NEXT FALL

We have booked a display opportunity at the Southfield Library for the months of September and October. If interested in participating and being a part of planning & setup, contact Melissa @ 248-770-8520 or signup at our monthly meetings.

GET ON THE SOAA REMINDER APP

You can now receive SOAA meeting and activity reminders on your phone by adding the **REMINDER APP** now.

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Are you interested in private art lessons? Look no further! Melissa Wilson, an award-winning art teacher, is here to guide you on your artistic journey. Melissa specializes in a variety of mediums, including Oil, Watercolor, Encaustic, Ceramics, Photography, and so much more. Her expertise and passion for art have earned her the title of Michigan High School Art Teacher of the Year in 2020.

Whether you're a beginner eager to learn or an experienced artist looking to refine your skills, Melissa offers private lessons tailored to your needs. You'll receive personalized attention and guidance to help you reach your artistic goals.

Each private session lasts 2.5 hours, providing ample time to dive deep into your chosen medium and make meaningful progress.

Take the first step towards realizing your artistic dreams with private lessons by Melissa Wilson, available for just \$50 per session. Contact Melissa today to schedule your private art lesson and unleash your creativity!"

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MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining us as a member. Annual Dues are **\$30 individual** or **\$35 to include a second adult family member at the same address**. Your dues go for programs, shows, awards and supplies.

Check or Cash preferred. If paying by check: Please make check payable to: **SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSN.**

We'd love to have you join us!

Hey awesome SOAA members!

🤔 Ever thought about taking the lead in our creative community? Well, guess what? We've got some fantastic opportunities for you to dive into the heart of SOAA! Consider being on one of these committees, running for the chair position or even be a part of the the Executive Board. We need you.

🏆 Awards Committee Chair:

Be the maestro of recognition! 🎭 Present monthly "Artists of the Month" awards.
Keep track of all the artistic triumphs throughout the year.
Unleash your inner presenter at judged events!

🖼️ Exhibit Committee Chair:

Set the stage for our exhibitions! 🤖 Secure dates, locations, and more.
Play the wizard behind the display equipment.
Work your magic with the Hospitality Committee during events.

👛 Fundraising Committee Chair:

Define and charm patrons to support our creative endeavors.
Cook up fun activities like "Silent Auctions" and 50/50 drawings.

🍷 Hospitality Committee Chair:

Be the host with the most! 🍴 Secure delicious treats for our meetings.
Set up the perfect serving table.
Partner with Exhibit Committee for extra support during events.

📄 Membership Committee Chair:

Be the gatekeeper of our creative family! Collect dues and maintain records.
Keep the database fresh and updated on Google Drive.
Roll out the welcome mat for new members!

📰 Newsletter Editor / Committee Chair:

Become the wordsmith behind our monthly newsletter.
Spread the creative vibes via Email or USPS.
Thank our generous members for their hospitality contributions.

🎤 Program Committee Chair:

Bring the wow factor! Get speakers, demonstrations, and entertainment on stage for our monthly meetings & events.

🌐 Webmaster Chair:

Lead the charge in the digital realm! 🖱️ Keep our website updated and buzzing.
Coordinate with different committees to keep the info flowing.

📣 Public Relations Committee Chair:

Be the voice of SOAA! Spread the word through social media and various channels. Get creative with QR codes, press releases, and more.

Ready for an even bigger role? 🤖 Ready to take the spotlight? We're gearing up for elections, and guess what? YOU could be the next star in our lineup! 🌟 Check out these Exec Board positions up for grabs:

🤖 President:

Be the maestro of meetings! 🗣️ Lead the charge at General Membership and Board meetings.
Put your pen to paper for the President's monthly message.
Craft killer agendas for meetings and lend a hand in exciting Association projects.
Your superpower? Encourage our members to dive into the creative buzz!

🌟 Vice President:

The understudy ready to shine! 🗣️ Attend and preside over meetings when the President is away.
Team up with the President on agendas and cool Association projects.
Unleash your enthusiasm to get members pumped up!

📄 Recording Secretary:

The word wizard at meetings! 🗣️ Take notes at General Membership and Board meetings.
Save those notes to the Google Drive for everyone's reference.

📧 Corresponding Secretary:

Spread the love! ❤️ Send thank-you notes and cards for all the good stuff.
Be the pen behind business communications as directed by the Board.

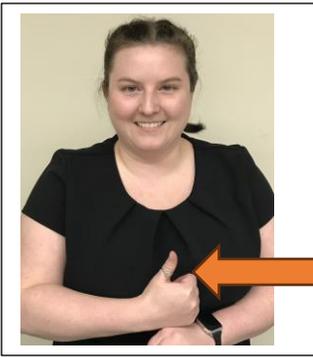
👛 Treasurer:

Money matters, and you're the maestro! 🗣️ Collect those dues and keep our funds in check.
Juggle the financial records, cut those checks, and balance the books monthly.
Make sure our presenters get the love they deserve!

If any of these roles spark your interest, don't be shy! Step up and let your creativity shine. 🌟 Contact us or attend our next meeting to learn more. Let's make SOAA even more awesome together! 🎭🤖

If any of these roles speak to your creative soul, it's time to throw your hat in the ring! 🗣️🌟 Reach out, express your interest, and let's make SOAA even more vibrant together. 🚀❤️ Your creative journey awaits!





Artists of the Month

JANUARY

3-D (one entry)

Rachel Kaltner, 1st
"Busy Bee Ring"

ABSTRACT



Joyce Knight Coyne 1st
"Who Loves You?"



Erica Davis-Hernandez – 2nd
Untitled

ARTIST OF THE MONTH ENTRY TIPS:

- SOAA members only
- Your work must be your own.
- You may submit up to 2 pieces per meeting in any medium and category
- Artwork brought in previously may not be shown a second time. Once only please.
- Place your art in its proper category area: Representational, Portrait, Abstract or 3-Dimensional

PORTRAIT



Mary Morrow – 1st
"Bird House"



Judy Bedrava – tie 2nd
"King of the Jungle"



Ute Brewer – tie 2nd
"Gaggle of Geese"

REPRESENTATIONAL



Beth Breneau – tie 1st
"Jonesville"



Scott Newport – tie 1st
Untitled



Melissa Wilson – 2nd tie 2 pcs
"DIA Etching"& "Pewabic Etching"



Happy New Year!