



Supporting the Arts in the Oshkosh Area

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September 2026

Newsletter



Joye Moon ©

Next meeting

Oct. 6, 2026

Oshkosh Food Co-Op

6:00 p.m.

OFAA Sept. Membership Meeting

Agenda - 09/01/26 - 6:00p.m. Evergreen Retirement Community Benhke Rm.

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation - Joye Moon will be presenting a demonstration that will focus on the 7 principles of design. There will be a hand out provided to follow along.
3. Business Meeting:
 - Approval of meeting minutes from June 2, 2026
 - Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - Workshops
 - Scholarships
 - Grants
4. Board of Director's recommendations. Discussion will continue at Oct. meeting
5. Plein Air Wrap Up: June 25-28 - Lynn/Joye
6. Art at the Market & Upscale, Resale, Art Sale: Sept. 12 - Elli/Vicky
7. Input on Faire on the Fox
8. Upcoming Events
 - Final Night Gallery of 2026 Sept. 5 in the Algoma Alley
 - 2026 Project SOAR Annual Gala - October 7, 2026 (Info &/or forms available)
 - Festival of Trees Nov. 14 @ Oshkosh Public Library
 - Holiday Party Dec. 8
 - Celebrate the Holidays with OFAA Member Show Dec. 3- 30 @ Becket's
9. President's report - Vicky
10. Adjourn for art share

Minutes for the OFAA meeting of June 2, 2026.

5:30 p.m. at the Oshkosh Menomonee Park, Kiwanis Pavilion

Attendance – 13 members present and 1 guest

Vicky Redlin opened the meeting.

Plein Air 2026: **Lynn Schaller** reported that the volunteer sheet is filling up and there are just a few last minute details the committee is tackling.

Cori Conrad is filling out the artist gift bags with area coupon and information along with their entry tent cards for the Sunday display of art pieces.

Thursday the 26th will be registration check-in at the Paine by the Conservatory. Setup at 7:30 a.m. There will be coffee and cookies for the artists and volunteers. Nathan from Richeson's will have a display/sales table. Registration and stamping of canvases set for 9:00 a.m. but the artists usually get there earlier.

Friday the 27th will be an open painting day for the artists to go anywhere.

Saturday the 28th is the Downtown Farmer's Market. We will have a booth with a tent to be able to hand out OFAA information and stamp any additional canvases for the artists. The market runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Clay will be coordinating easel setup at Evergreen Manor's Gathering Space at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday the 29th is the Public exhibit and sale of art pieces. A light breakfast buffet will be offered for the artists and volunteers in the Evergreen Fireside Lounge. Volunteers should arrive at 7:30 a.m. Artist check-in will be from 8:00 – 9:00. Judging from 9:00 – 10:00. We open to the public at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be announced at 12:00 noon and we are done at 1:00 p.m.

We currently have 23 artists signed up. **Vicky** is contacting all the publicity venues.

General Business:

Max Nobbe moved to accept the May 26th meeting minutes. **Jill Soik** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Night Gallery dates for 2026 are July 6, August 1, and September 5.

Fair on the Fox at the Leach Amphitheater will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 12th. OFAA members that attend are asked to bring suggestions and input back to **Vicky** for reporting to the Fair on the Fox committee.

Art in the Market will be Saturday, Sept. 12th and we would like to add another round of the Upscale, Resale Art Sale in a second booth attached to the Art in the Market booth.

Shelley Ingala moved to add the art sale booth space this year. **Sandy DePeaux** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This year's Festival of Trees (FOT) will be held in the rotunda at the Oshkosh Public Library.

Our OFAA Member Show will be held in the entry display area of Becket's for the month of December.

Elli Wollangk reported that the General Account has \$9,210.66 and the Scholarship Account has \$2,305.00. We made \$280 from the Upscale, Resale, Art Sale.

Scholarship Report: **Cori** reported that there has been one application at this time. The applicant will be going to MIAD the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design. The Scholarship Committee has decided to award the student \$1000.00.

Workshops:

Max is working with a presenter from Richeson's for a watercolor workshop.

Sandy moved to adjourn. **Max** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn for Art playtime with Melody Wollangk's School Art Dept.'s Chomp Saws.

Minutes submitted by **Elli Wollangk**



On July 21 the Board of Directors met to discuss the future of OFAA.

Several items from the May membership meeting were forwarded to the board to discuss and provide agreed upon recommendations to members for an upcoming vote. As per the agenda for this meeting, the items discussed for inclusion in the official bylaws were; number of monthly meetings, officially adding Zoom options, addition of a formal membership chairperson, purchase of a laptop for club use and inclusion of alternative voting methods. Other items discussed included a new logo, description in the bylaws defining our purpose, and scholarship dollar amounts.

After lengthy discussion and much thought the following recommendations are brought before the membership for consideration.

Background: membership numbers have been and continues to dwindle and participation in some of the larger events has become problematic due to busy schedules and other commitments. As such, smaller numbers of volunteers are tackling more responsibilities and are stretched beyond limits. Due to such limitations and the question already on the table as to updating the bylaws, the following is proposed.

The question; What kind of club do we want to be?

The OFAA Board of Directors recommends the following:

We would like to have the membership review and discuss the wording in the current bylaws for Article 2 – Purpose., particularly the final statement shown below in red. We ask the question of “Should we try to continue to support all the arts or pull back our focus to the visual arts?” The Board feels that, at this time, our resources of money, time, and membership have been stretched thin, and we need to allow time for association growth and review what avenues of involvement fit our membership’s goals for both involvement and fundraising efforts.

Article 2 – Purpose.

*The purpose of this corporation shall be to encourage, foster, support, and promote the arts, both two dimensional (2-D) and three dimensional (3-D). This will include but is not limited to: painting ceramics, sculpture, woodworking, metal, glass, photography, fiber and all other fine arts and fine crafts in the visual arts area. **Music, dance, poetry, and writing will also belong in the perspective.***

By refocusing on member enrichment, educational opportunities, advocacy, social events and limiting financial support for students, we can look at organizational growth and financial stability.

What does pulling back look like?

Elimination of some events such as the biannual Plein Air Festival to focus on continued fundraising efforts through WRAP, Upscale Resale Art Sales and other less volunteer heavy events would allow more time to focus on club-centric activities like monthly presenters, workshops, field trips, classes etc. Membership would be available to consult with other entities on holding their events and co-sponsorship of select events if requested and approved by membership vote. Volunteer participation as a club is not required for an event unless approved by majority membership vote.

Individual volunteering is encouraged.

All current events were carefully considered and weighed for amount of profit/loss, volunteer hours/availability, benefit to the club/public, and effect on scholarship dollar amounts. Since most dollars earned have been earmarked for scholarships and the number of students showing up to accept their award, much less fulfill the other requirements for issuance (attending a meeting, becoming a member etc.) are ignored, it was felt that fewer scholarships with lesser amounts and more variety were warranted.

Support for other types of fine arts is encouraged on an individual basis.

Recommended changes to the bylaws;

The OFAA Board of Directors is recommending that we keep the bylaws as basic as we can to allow for flexibility in scheduling monthly meetings and therefore put a motion on the floor at the September meeting to state the following:

Move to amend the current Oshkosh Fine Arts, Inc. bylaws for Article 6 - Meetings, Section 1. Membership Meetings. To read – *The membership meeting shall be held once a month, on the first Tuesday. The OFAA business year shall run from September 1 through August 31 of the following year. (Change noted in green)*

The OFAA Board of Directors is also recommending the following:

Move to amend the current Oshkosh Fine Arts, Inc. bylaws for Article 4 – Membership, Section 3. Voting Privileges. To read – *General membership shall be responsible for electing the Board of Directors in a general election vote. Members may also vote to amend the Bylaws. Each individual and/or teacher honorary member shall have one vote. A member must be in good standing to use voting privileges.*

A. Method of casting votes: Motions brought to the floor at a meeting will follow the standard protocol of moving a motion, seconding, discussion and calling of the vote. All members in good standing at the meeting will give their vote.

B. The Secretary will email notification of the motion(s) to the full membership within three (3) working days and those members that had not already cast a vote will have five (5) days from the date of the email to reply to that email to register their vote. At the end of that time, the motion will be declared moved or failed .

C. A member may vote by proxy with prior notification to the active secretary of the OFAA. (Change noted in green)

NOTE: This change would also have us looking at the last sentence in Article 10 – Amendments which specifically states but only in reference to voting on bylaw changes that –

Members who cannot attend the voting meeting must submit their vote ten (10) days prior to the voting meeting to the active secretary of the OFAA.

As to the other items on the list referred to the board for discussion;

-Adding an official membership chair was not deemed necessary.

-With less extensive financial recording requirements a laptop was not deemed necessary.

-Specifying ZOOM participation was not deemed necessary.

Rebranding;

Rebranding focuses on a new updated logo which all members will be encouraged to submit ideas for and will be decided by membership vote. After this issue is addressed, we can move forward with the development of a solicitation letter campaign that would address our publicity and raise funds in 2027.

What does membership get me?

With refocusing our efforts, we could be looking to offer artist demonstrations at more of the monthly meetings, additional workshops, field trips, educational opportunities, more socializing and sharing of art. Opportunities to volunteer at events to fundraise for club centered activities, programs and projects. Community impact from grants solicited or funds raised to support individual programs or projects approved by membership vote eliminating the need for large fundraising events with extensive work hours.

Member Sharing



Vicky Redlin will be the featured artist for the month of September at Vines and Rushes Winery. She will be exhibiting her travel photography and oil painting mixed media "Enhanced Reality". Open September 1 through 30.





**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES
for ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

August 2026

2026-2027 SOAR Board of
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Barbara Herzog
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OASD Music Teacher, retired

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Parent & Musician

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Dylan Stolley
Community Member & Artist

Alice Toepel
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retired

Dorothy Zerbe
Musician

Dear Friends of the Arts:

Project SOAR (Special Opportunities for Artist Residencies) has provided exceptional hands-on, active learning opportunities in the arts for students in all schools in the Oshkosh Area School District for over 30 years. Every year, the all-volunteer Project SOAR Board seeks to raise funds to continue to support a variety of hands-on and engaging artist residencies to improve student learning and promote creativity.

Project SOAR is hosting its annual gala on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. **Project SOAR is proud to announce SOAR Presents an Evening with MoJoe & Flipside.** According to their Facebook page, MoJoe & Flipside is a Central Wisconsin band of talented musicians. Their music style is best described as "funky-blue americana". Featured musicians are Joe Fittante, Kelvin Kasper, Tony Wagner, Charlie Sauter, & Bill Jordan. This will be an evening of fun, entertainment, and camaraderie with a delicious catered dinner, music by MoJoe & Flipside, and a tempting silent auction in the **Conservatory and Carriage House of The Paine Art Center and Gardens.**

The Project SOAR Board of Directors and I invite you to contribute to the success of the October 7, 2026 gala to benefit our students through hands-on arts education. Project SOAR is a non-profit under the auspices of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and all donations are tax-deductible. You can help us in one or more of the following ways:

- Send us a business card for inclusion in our printed program with a donation of \$50 or more
- Donate to our silent auction
- Donate as a sponsor of our October 7 event
- Purchase tickets to the October 7 dinner and program
- Sponsor a table at the event

Please send back the enclosed form or contact me via email or phone noted below indicating your contact information and support of our **October 7, 2026 Gala: SOAR Presents an Evening with MoJoe & Flipside** by Friday, September 11, 2026. The printed program for the evening will identify all sponsors and silent auction donors.

We are most grateful for your support of arts education for Oshkosh Area School District students. We hope that you can join us on October 7. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Herzog
Chair, SOAR Board of Directors
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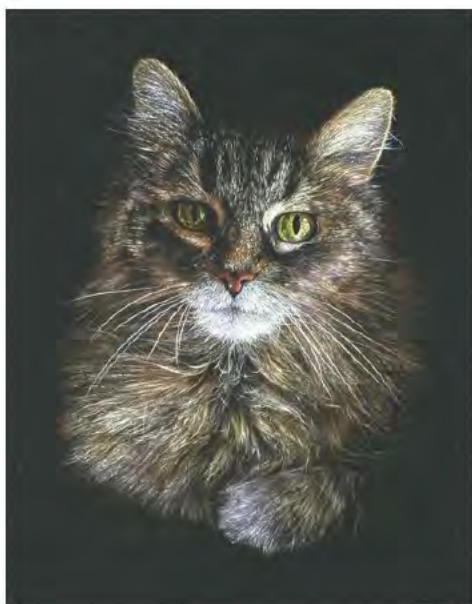
"You could never be an artist." (Rhonda's high school art teacher)

"If you've ever been told you 'can't do' something, there swells an incredible motivation to reach for the unreachable, right?" (Rhonda's response)

Rhonda's high school art teacher's declaration was all the impetus an immature, stubborn teenager needed to catapult her into the field of art. One day after graduating from the University of Wisconsin, she married Rick Nass, a fellow art student, and three years later birthed Ampersand, a design/illustration studio. They've since focused on illustration and art, now from a home and studio on the banks of the Wisconsin River in Prairie du Sac. 2026 celebrates fifty years as professional artists.

Rhonda's drawings and paintings are in private, corporate, and museum collections and are published internationally. She teaches graphite, colored pencil, and scratch-board workshops nationwide.

Nass routinely thanks God for the gifts to observe and draw and continues to create works which hopefully draw others closer to His artwork and ultimately, Him. Nass' self-published books, "Gifts from the Earth" (graphite) and "Scratchings of a Madwoman" (colored pencil) are available through www.rnass.com.



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Upcoming Events

Night Gallery & Gallery Walk Sept. 5

Labor Day Sept. 7

Art at the Market & Upscale Resale Art Sale Sept.12

Packers Season Opener Sept. 13

Chicago Collects Exhibit opens at OPM Sept. 18

Volksfest @ OPM Sept. 24



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Membership runs from September through August of the following year.

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