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AMANA COLONIES CHRISTMAS HAUS TOUR

The Amana Colonies Christmas Haus Tour was held on December 7-8 this year. The hours were Saturday 12-4 and Sunday 2-6. Please note that the Sunday hours were changed. Tickets were \$10 and were available at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center, Amana Arts Guild for advance sale and were available at each home on the days of the event. It was an event filled with lovely traditions and whimsical surprises. During this festive season the Amana Arts Guild welcomed visitors to its 8th annual Christmas tour of homes. Visit with the homeowners and get to know the colonies in a whole new way with stories as remarkable and varied as the colonies themselves.

This year's tour included Jim and Conni Doser home, Amana; Shawn and Jennifer Sandersfeld home, Bill Metz home and the Communal Kitchen, Middle Amana and Zuber's Homestead Hotel, Homestead. The Amana Arts Guild Center was also open where you could browse through the "Kristmasmarkt" for those special handmade gifts and enjoy hot cider and cookies.

COLONY ART DAY CAMP 2013

The Amana Arts Guild again offered our children's summer art workshop in the format of the 5 day Colony Art Camp, July 28 through August 2, this included four classes from 8:30 AM to 3:40 PM. Students ages 6-14 could enroll in all four classes and stay for the day or enroll in a single class.

Molly Kephart returned with Sticks and Stones and made coaster, twig picture frames and decorated a keepsake box, magnets and pet rocks. Lalanya Bodenbender also returned with her popular Adventures with Plants, exploring, playing and learning about plants that grow in our gardens and in the wild. New this year were Marcee Sander with Altered Art creating something new out of something old and Joel Huebner's Fun With Fiber where the children used fiber and learned where it comes from and how to do things with it. Photo by Melinda Wichman



FRIEND OF THE ARTS AWARD

The 2013 Friend of the Arts Award went to Meg Merckens (left), awarding her the plaque at the annual Festival of the Arts on August 10 was AAG Board President Tina-Becerra-Hinsley.



Each year this award recognizes the achievements of an individual who has demonstrated exceptional interest, support and understands the promotion of the arts and crafts in the Amana Colonies.

Through her talent and gracious spirit, Meg has served as a friend of Amana Arts by entertaining audiences from near and far, telling the story of Amana history and providing opportunity for others to learn and share their art.

Meg lights up the stage in whatever role she plays and afterwards she greets the audience with a warm smile and a handshake. She portrayed a kitchen boss for the communal dinners and has told the story of many an Oma onstage in both "Home on the Iowa" and "Oma Tales: Stories My Grandmother Told Me." With kids shows at area schools and education programs young people have been inspired to explore the arts. Through ITAC Meg also provides space for local people to share their talents, including the Art Guilds' Poetry Night and evenings with Amana area musicians.

Thank you Meg for continuing to inspire and entertain, we are lucky and proud to have you as part of our community. Meg's response to the award was "this is something that I will always cherish and love and I can't think of a greater honor than receiving such acknowledgement in one's own community."

FALL FIBRE AND CLAY SHOW

The Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana was the place to be for the annual Fall Fibre and Clay Show & Sale on November 2-3. Artists from the state of Iowa demonstrated crafts, sold rugs; pottery knitted item, sewn items all handmade by them. The annual show is held on the first weekend of November. Participants at this year's event included Val Neuman (pictured), Susan Hefel, Kathi Fehr, Traci Leff, Joel Huebner, Paula Cameron, Queenie Doran and Mary Brandt. The Amana Arts Guild Shop and Gallery was also open with its many local handmade items.

If you are an artist in clay or fibre and would like to participate please contact the Guild at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net. All work displayed at the show must be handmade original designs by the participating artist. Mass produced or imported items are not allowed. The artist booth fee is \$35 for the two day show.



PLANNED GIVING

There is a great deal of personal satisfaction that comes from helping others. Many people enjoy making gifts in support of organizations. Have you thought about making a meaningful charitable gift? When preparing to give one may consider a pre-established plan, one that could provide charitable support for community organizations such as the Amana Arts Guild to further our work. One that may provide tax savings, generate income and help simplify estate plans. There are a number of planned gift opportunities that are available to all of us. The simplest planned gifts are the Bequest: which provides a gift in a person's will and the Life Insurance Gift: which provides benefits through an insurance policy. Other gift giving plans include the Life Estate Agreement as well as the Charitable Gift Annuity and the Charitable Trust, all of which offer not only benefits to the organization but also to the donor and possibly the donors family. There is a great deal of personal satisfaction that comes from giving. Giving leaves a larger mark on our community. It gives us an opportunity to give something back. To investigate planned charitable giving you may wish to talk to your lawyer, banker or financial adviser. If we can help, contact Tina Becerra-Hinsley, President of the Board of Directors of the Amana Arts Guild.

36TH ANNUAL

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Amana Arts Guild celebrated 36 years of sponsoring the annual Festival of the Arts on Saturday, August 10. The crowd enjoyed the show and sale that included folk arts and fine arts of all kinds. Along with our local artists guest artists from across the state of Iowa brought their original work to display and sell.

Performing artists included a local favorite Emmett Frauenkron on guitar and guest artist Ben Schmidt on guitar and Dustin Busch on guitar.

The Friend of the Arts Award was given to Meg Merckans famous for her portrayals of Omas at the local ITAC Theater.

The raffle of a traditional Christmas Pyramid was won by Dale Acton of Prior Lake MN. He generously donated the pyramid back to the Arts Guild.

Our thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible; the apple fritter crew, the Children's Corner volunteers, the food booth operators, the set up and tear down crews, the parking monitors and everyone who donated baked goods. If would not be possible for us to sponsor this event without your help!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have 2 events scheduled for next year, Festival of the Arts and The Artisans Studio Tour, that we need volunteers to help demonstrate our Amana way of whole cloth quilting. If you are interested in joining Jennifer Mundt and other folks in volunteering your time for these 2 events please contact the Amana Arts Guild at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net.

TEACHERS NEEDED

Do you know of anyone, or are you interested, in a folk art or folk life skill and would like to pass this skill along? We are looking for people in the Amana and Iowa County area. Many people have some special skill in knitting, crochet, cooking special recipes, embroidery, gardening, painting pictures, landscaping, etc. and have never taught a class or considered teaching before. We are here to help people who want to teach their special skills get started. Our highly trained staff and volunteer advisors will help you through the step by step process of becoming an effective instructor.

Some basic things to remember when planning a class: 1) What information/subject will the class include. 2) How many sessions will students need to learn the subject and how long will each session be. 3) What tools or supplies will be needed? 4) What is the best method of teaching the subject: demonstrations, discussions, lectures, hands on experience or all of the above? 5) Will you need to use handout or other resources?

Some additional elements in planning a class will include: 1) The most convenient and effective dates, days of the week and time of day. 2) What age group of students you want to teach. 3) How many students per class. 4) How much you want to charge per student. These are all things we can help you with. If you have a skill or special knowledge and want to teach please call the AAG at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net.

ART IOWA WORKSHOPS

The 2013 Art Iowa Workshops included: Human Features and Form in Clay (March 16-17) taught by Linda Lewis, Digital Photography & Publication (April 20-21) taught by Bob Campagna, Book Arts (June 10-14) taught by Emily Martin, Textured Papers and Surface Decoration (June 17-21) taught by Julie Bosum, Landscape in Pastel (June 24-28) taught by John Preston and Pastel Weekend (September 28-29) taught by Diane Kunzler and Debra Stewart.

The Arts Guild offers this workshop series every year in cooperation with Grant Wood AEA. Students may take these classes for teacher graduate college credits, recertification credits or for no credit. Weekend workshops are worth one credit and the five day workshop is worth two credits. For more information contact the Amana Arts Guild at 319-622-3678, email amanarts@southslope.net or check out our website amanaartsguild.com

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