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AMANA ARTS GUILD HOSTS THE AMANA COLONIES CHRISTMAS HAUS TOUR

The Amana Colonies Christmas Haus Tour is being held this year on December 6-7th. The hours are Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-5. Tickets are \$10 and available for advance sales starting November 15 at the Amana Colonies Visitors Center and the Amana Arts Guild, and are available at each home on the days of the event. It is an event filled with lovely traditions and whimsical surprises and during this festive season the Amana Arts Guild welcomes visitors to our 9th annual tour of homes. Visit with home owners 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 includes Ken and Ruth Johnson, Middle Amana; Larry and Linda Yoder, Middle Amana; Gordon and DeAnna Kellenberger, High Amana; RC Eichacker and Charlene Lawwill, South Amana and Tom and Angie Oehler, Homestead. The Amana Arts Guild Center will be open for you to browse through the "Kristmasmarkt" for those special handmade gifts and you may enjoy the complimentary hot cider and cookies.

COLONY ART DAY CAMP 2014

The Amana Arts Guild again offered our very popular children's summer art workshop in the format of the 5 day Colony Art Camp, July 28 through August 1, this included four classes from 9AM to 3pm each day. Students 6-14 could enroll in all four classes and stay for the day or enroll in a single class.



Instructors this year included Molly Kephart with "Molly's Favorites"; fun projects included a set of stationary, sun catchers, faux stained glass and paper bowls. Lalanya Bodenbender with "Plant Play" exploring plants from the gardens, meadows and lawns with treats, crafts and folklore, they also made herby soap, kid friendly tea blending and a botanical sketch book. Marcee Sander with "Puppets and More" created paper puppet characters where each student designed a small stage for presenting plays and also finger puppets, sock puppets and masks. Joel Huebner's "Fun with Fiber" taught the children where fiber comes from, learning what and how many things can be done with it, what tools you might use, also knitting, spinning, felting and of course petting a bunny!



FRIEND OF THE ARTS AWARD

The 2014 Friend of the Arts Award went to Michele Maring Miller. Michele was awarded the plaque at the annual Festival of the Arts on August 9th. 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. Today, Michele and her husband David live in the former West Amana



Church built in 1871. It has been converted to their living quarters, Michele's studio and an art gallery. It is open to the public May through December. They also have a gallery on main street in Amana.

Michele, a retired school teacher, has been a guest instructor in the Amana Arts Guild's Art Iowa Workshops and she has also taught in our Colony Art Camp. Michele says "I paint mostly in watercolor, but also do oils, pastels and inks....I sketch a minimum of 15 minutes a day. Watercolor is my favorite medium. I don't have 100% control. It is like a partnership. You have to coax water, paint and paper to do what you want. My paintings are painted in my head before they ever reach the paper. Every moment my eyes are open I am seeing a painting. I feel an obligation to record our regional and national treasures, from the most beloved natural wonders to the lowly falling apart houses left behind with just a hint of past lives. I like to honor forgotten bridges, churches and farmsteads by painting them as lovingly and beautifully as I can. My goal as an artist is to create luminous images that touch happy feelings from our past." Michele and David were joined at the awards ceremony by their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters along with their daughter's in-laws who were visiting from Japan.

37TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Amana Arts Guild celebrated 37 years of sponsoring the annual Festival of the Arts on Saturday, August 9. The crowd enjoyed the show and sale that included folk arts and fine arts of all kinds by. Thirty one local and guest artists from across the state of Iowa brought their original work to display and sell.

Performing musical groups included Straightback Chair, Dustin Busch and Sweet Caphony.

The raffle of a traditional Christmas Pyramid was won by David Miller of West Amana.

We would like to thank 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. It would not be possible for us to sponsor this event without your help!

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FALL FIBRE SHOW

The Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana was the place to be for the annual Fall Fibre Show and Sale on November 1-2. Artists came from near and far, some demonstrating their crafts, and selling their items. The annual show and sale is held on the first weekend of November. Participants at this year's event included Susan Hefel, Kathi Fehr, Traci Leff, Joel Huebner, Stephanie Van Sant, Doretta Kunz and Mary Ellen Brandt. The Amana Arts Guild Shop and Gallery was also open with its many local handmade items.



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 donor's 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.



If you are an artist in fibre or clay and would like to participate please contact the Guild at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net all work displayed and sold must be handmade original designs by the participating artist. Mass produce 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

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

Some subjects of particular interest to the Arts Guild are: German language, cooking Amana foods, pastry making, cake decorating, Easter egg decorating, holiday baking, cookies, coffee cakes, New Year's pretzels, canning. Knitting, needlepoint, tatting, quilting, photography, Photoshop, basket weaving, hooked rugs, braided rugs, pottery classes (working with a potter studio), sewing clothes, dirndl (Amana dress), simple style clothing. Writer workshop, dancing, wine and beer tasting, Heritage gardening, backyard gardening and landscaping. Topical lectures, Amana history and cultural, lithography, watercolor painting.



The 2014 Art Iowa Works included: Sumi-e (March 22-23) instructor Karen Kurka Jensen; 3D Book Arts (April 5-6) instructor Emily Martin; Textile Dyes (July 14-18) instructor Joan Webster-Vore; Watercolor II (June 16-20) instructor Richard Dutton; Raku Clay (June 23-27) instructor; Kirk Niehouse; Watercolor Weekend (September 27-28) instructors Michele Maring Miller and Richard Dutton.

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

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