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### SPRING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Spring is the time to renew your Amana Arts Guild membership which will be effective from June of 2014 through May of 2015. The Amana Arts Guild Board and Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our past members and contributors and to extend a welcome to all new members of our local arts agency. Without your support we would not be able to present the variety of community programs and services which have become an integral part of our organization.

Memberships are purchased in support of the Amana Arts Guild, its activities, and programs. Members receive a semi-annual newsletter and special event announcements, a discount at the Gallery Sales Shop and on classes and workshops, and invitations to exhibit openings. A membership form is enclosed for your use.

The Amana Arts Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All memberships are tax deductible.

### 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 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.

# Amana Arts Guild arts communiqué

Amana Arts Guild Newsletter

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## WANTED: ARTISANS TO PRESERVE OUR TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

Bill Metz is our tin smith; George Berger and I are the carpet and rug weavers; Gordon Kellenberger does our pottery; Gerald Reiskamp is the blacksmith and Joanna Schanz, Michelle Schanz and Laura McCaw are our basket makers; Harvey Jeck, High Amana, makes tops and setz holz for us and Tim Reihmann, formerly from Middle, makes wooden ornaments and a variety of other wooden scroll work items, along with wooden birdhouses from Jim Reihman, Pat Kellenberger with his klickerbahns and Tony Berger's Amana buck sleds. Dan Berger makes the traditional door locks. Virginia Neumann did our crocheted rugs; do know anyone who would want to learn how to make crocheted rugs? Caroline Trumpold worked with Jennifer Mundt and now we have a younger person with the skill to make quilts and is teaching future quilters. Molly



Kephart is also a skilled quilter who makes ash ornaments, traditional naturally colored eggs among a variety of other items. Is there anything you can do? Is there any craft you would be willing to teach someone? We have to find younger folks willing to learn some of these crafts. We recently found Ramona Gerard, Amana, who does tatting and is also going to teach a class for us this fall. Brad Yoder, High Amana, has picked up making wooden trays and now is learning how to make spoons. We could use a cooper. Our knitters, Lilo Heinze, Nancy Graesser, Renee Driscoll, Karen Jenkins and Paulette Sauerbrei, are doing a good job, but crocheting, Jeanne Hertel and Kathryn Ehrman, is losing ground as is hand embroidery, Dorothy Hawkes and Sharon Huedpohl.

From my own personal experience when I was growing up my South Amana Oma did it all, knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidery and cooking! Oh how I miss her cooking! My Mother sewed, so I learned sewing from her and the rest of the crafts from my Oma and much later I had a chance to learn weaving and I now have been weaving rugs for 7 years. My children had very little desire to do any of that when they were growing up now my youngest is the crafter but not our traditional crafts, and of her children one out of the 3 do handicrafts. My other two grandchildren do not have an interest in it, which is



one out of five. I think that is the way things go, it is getting less attention with each successive generation.

Even if we can only get it accomplished one person, one craft at a time we need to keep our traditional arts and crafts alive, doing things in the style and way our German ancestors did. We need to learn from the ones that are still here before we lose their knowledge.

We keep our small Shop and Gallery stocked with all handmade items from local artisans, trying to stay with our traditional crafts. We do carry a very few handmade non-traditional items.

If anyone you know has an interest in our traditional Amana crafts let us know or have that person contact us.

.....The Director

# AMANA ARTS GUILD COLONY ART CAMP 2014

**2014 Summer Children's Colony Art Camp Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1**

This year we will have a five day Colony Art Camp for ages 6-14, July 28 through August 1; this includes four classes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Students can enroll in all four classes and stay the whole day for \$60 for the week or enroll in a single class for \$20 for the week. If you chose to send your child for the whole day you must send a sack lunch with them. A refrigerator will be available to use. Registration deadline is July 15th, enrollment is limited.

**9:00-10:15 A.M. MOLLY'S FAVORITES**

The fun projects will be a boxed set of stationery, sun catchers, faux stained glass and a set of paper bowls.

**10:30-11:45 PLANT PLAY**

We will explore plants from gardens, meadows and even lawns with treats, crafts and folklore. Projects will include herby soap, kid friendly tea blending and a botanical sketch book.

**12:15-1:30 PUPPETS AND MORE**

Enjoy the magic of puppetry! We will create paper puppet characters and each student will design a small stage for presenting plays. Also finger puppets, sock puppets and masks.

**1:45-3:00 FUN WITH FIBER**

You will be using a variety of fiber, where does fiber come from, learning what can be done with it, learn how to do things with it and what tools you might use. Knitting, spinning, felting and of course petting a bunny!

If more than one child from a family is enrolled in a class the second child's fee will be \$15.00 per class per week or \$50 for all four classes for the week.

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Return this form with fee to register

STUDENT(S) NAME, AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL CLASSES \_\_\_\_\_ OR CLASS NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

To register send this form with check to: Amana Arts Guild, P.O. Box 114, Amana, IA 52203. Registration deadline July 15th. Enrollment is limited. For more information call the Amana Arts Guild at 319-622-3678 or email amanarts@southslope.net

## AMANA ARTS GUILD 2014 CALENDAR

**ART IOWA WORKSHOPS**

Textile Dyes.....Joan Webster-Vore.....June 9-13  
Watercolor II.....Richard Dutton.....June 16-20  
Raku Clay.....Kirk Niehouse.....June 23-27  
Watercolor Weekend....Michele Miller/Richard Dutton....September 27-28

**BASKETRY PROGRAMS**

Willow Harvest Weekend....Joanna Schanz.....October 10-12

**GALLERY & SALES SHOP**

Daily May 3 - September 29, 10:30-4:30  
(CLOSED TUESDAYS)  
October-weekends only

**GALLERY EXHIBITS**

Vintage Colony Ads, Labels and Signs.....thru July 7  
Amana Colony Tins.....thru November 8  
Greater Amana Area Art Show.....July 10-September 8  
Shoot Everything: Photography by Lynn Reihma..September 11-November 8

Children's Art Day Camp.....July 28-August 1  
Fall Classes.....TBA

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Festival of the Arts.....August 9  
Woodfest.....August 22-24  
Fall Fibre and Clay Show.....November 1-2  
Communal Meal.....November 8  
Villages Christmas Haus Tour.....December 6-7  
Art Night .....June 20, July 18, August 15  
Artisans Studio Tour.....September 12-13

**A THANK YOU**

We would like to thank the Amana Community Chest who awarded the Amana Arts Guild \$800 to help defray some costs associated with the Colony Art Camp. The Amana Arts Guild would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for their generous donation.

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**Director:** Deborah Hawkes

Below- tin cookie cutters, Right a garden basket. Both traditional crafts



*Poem Book Amana Colony* will soon be available for sale at our shop and gallery. It is a collection of poems from our biannual Song and Poetry Festival, a soft cover book containing children's, adult's and older poems.