

Amana Arts Guild

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Amana Arts Guild Newsletter

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GORDON KELLENBERGER- GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2015 MAIFEST PARADE

Gordon Kellenberger has devoted his time and effort to the preservation of the Amana Colonies' cultural heritage since the 1970s. As an educator, community scholar, author and artist, he has supported the arts through a variety of activities and organizations. Kellenberger is a founding member of the Amana Arts Guild, an organization dedicated to the conservation and proliferation of the craft traditions of Iowa's Amana Colonies. Assisting local artisans in the creation of authentic Amana folk arts, he encourages them to sell their work in the Guild's sales shop.

As an educator and scholar, Gordon has researched folk arts through oral

histories that led to published materials and exhibits. Gordon has introduced children to the beauty and skill of traditional crafts, expanding their definitions, concepts and appreciation of art. For over thirty years, his Art Iowa workshops have provided intensive art experiences as well as educational credit to educators and artists. Collaboration with arts and heritage organizations has provided Gordon the opportunity to nationally exhibit the work of traditional artists. He has participated in the Smithsonian Folklore Summer Institute, a program for community scholars, and has completed fieldwork for the Smithsonian's Festival of American Folk life.

Gordon Kellenberger's steadfast, life-long support of the arts has created interest and enthusiasm in local culture and revived crafts. His efforts have resulted in the growing national interest in Iowa communities like Amana, and increased our own respect and pride in our Iowa roots. Reprinted from Iowa Arts Council article.



AMANA ARTS GUILD COLONY ART CAMP 2014

2015 Summer Children's Colony Art Camp Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31

Our five day Colony Art Camp for ages 6-14, July 27-31, includes four classes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Students can enroll in all four classes for \$60 for the week or enroll in a single class for \$20 for the week. 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 \$50.00 for all four classes 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. --- DOT TO DOT with Molly Kephart --- A week filled with projects all created with dots and circles.

10:30-11:45 --- ART OF THE PORTRAIT with Marci Schwartz --- You will study the art of portrait painting by learning to work from life while using a variety of mediums.

12:15-1:30 --- MAGICAL FOREST with Marcee Sander --- How would you create an enchanted forest? We will make earth paintings, y-stick weavings and melted wax art. Also clay figures, paper mache creatures, shelters and more!

1:45-3:00 --- DRAWING IN THE FIELD with Amanda Okopski --- You will create a personalized sketch kit from simple materials and take your kits "into the field" outdoors where we will draw from life, practice observation—the art of really looking at something and practice recording those observations by drawing what we see. Field guides will be available for further investigation of plants or other wildlife observations recorded in our sketch books.

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Student(s) Name & Age

All Classes _____ or Class Names

Parents Name, address, phone #

Amount enclosed \$ _____

To register send this form with check to: **Amana Arts Guild, PO Box 114, Amana IA, 52233**
Registration Deadline is July 15th.
Class size is limited.

For more information call the Arts Guild at 319-622-3678 or e-mail: amanarts@southslope.net

WOODFEST

A Festival of and about Wood
- Handcrafted Wood Items,
- Tools & Equipment,
- Demonstrations & Sales

Come shop, browse, learn from or visit with regional & national woodcrafters or wood product vendors.



August 21 - 23, 2015
Amana Colonies RV Park's
Air Conditioned, Events Center



FREE
ADMISSION
Food Vendors on Location

Friday 11 AM - 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

Sponsored by the **Amana Arts Guild**

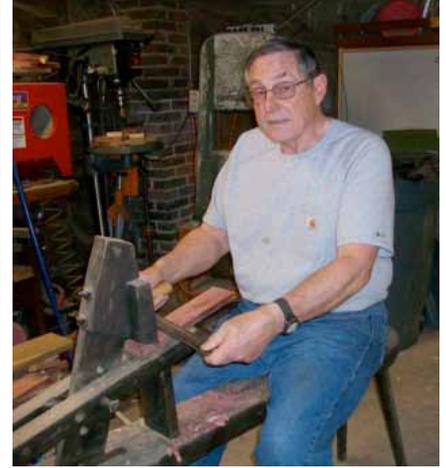
For Details: woodfest@southslope.net or **Phone:** 319-622-3908

Website: amanartsguild.com

Jennifer Mundt's late winter whole cloth quilting class had a wonderful time creating their beautiful quilts.



Tom and Angie Oehler, retirees and transplants from Minnesota have lived in Homestead about 3 years now and have



become very involved in our community. Tom most recently becoming a board member of the Amana Arts Guild. This last winter he taught himself the craft of coopering and has created beautiful wooden buckets and has taken on other projects. These items are for sale in our sales shop.

THANK YOU!

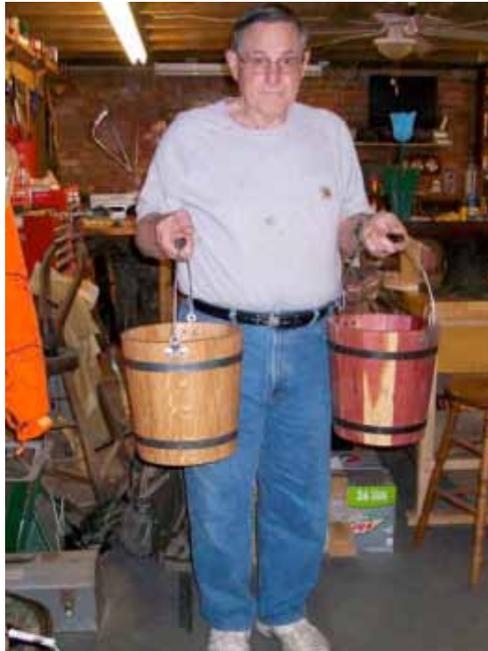
The Amana Arts Guild would like to thank the Amana Community Chest for the monetary award to enable us to pay the teachers for the Children's Art Day Camp that we sponsor every summer. With this donation the Amana Community Chest is helping to keep the arts alive for our children. A big thank you to the Amana Community Chest for the donation and all that you do for our community.

SONG, POETRY AND PROSE FESTIVAL

Amana Arts Guild hosted the Song, Prose and Poetry Festival to a packed house on Saturday May 2 at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana with Peter Hoehnle as Master of Ceremonies. We would like to congratulate our student winners, Dilly Schlesselman, We Live in a Village; Hannah Gross, In Amana; Hannah Wilkerson, Amana, Amana; Riley Fox, Amana River; Melanie Matrise, Where I Live; and Jürgen Sandersfeld, The Owl and Bird, who read their poems to friends and family. The adult winners were Wilma Rettig, I Love My Job; Madeline Roemig-Bendorf, A Timeless Tree; William Jasper, Love Song and Sarah Moser, Amana.

Kolonie Kinder entertained the folks with three songs and Larry Rettig gave us a brief history of the Hammered Dulcimer and played several songs on the unique instrument.

We would like to thank everyone who entered the contest and a special thanks to Lalanya Bodenbender for spending many hours working with the students, also Robert Brost, Heather Hess and Ben Kulbartz for reading older poems from previous festivals.



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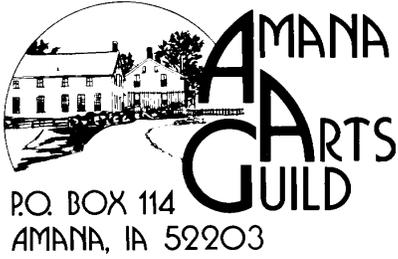
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SPRING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Spring is the time to renew your Amana Arts Guild membership which will be effective from June of 2015 through May of 2016. 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, local classes, 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 possibility 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.

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