

SCHROEDER STUDIO EXHIBITION AT ARTS ALLIANCE GALLERY March 5-April 25, Opening Reception on Saturday, March 14, 10 AM-3 PM

The Arts Alliance Gallery, 716 Main Street in Elk River, is presenting the works of painters of the Harvey Schroeder Studio in its new spring show beginning March 5 through April 25. Stephen Hodder will provide background guitar music on Saturday, March 14, for the opening reception of the Schroeder Studio artists, who will be present to greet the public from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This annual exhibition will showcase some of the best works created by Schroeder's students this past year. He feels there has been great improvement made in the quality of the painters' work, influenced not only by his weekly instruction but also the recent workshop led by Bonita Roberts.



Harvey Schroeder instructing a studio class.

Schroeder takes great pride in his students' work and is a strong advocate of their art exhibitions. He is one of the first guests at every opening, offering congratulations and support, along with fellow students from his studio. The Schroeder Studio is more than a place to learn to paint; it has evolved over the years into a community of friends with a common interest in art.

Nancy Gongoll of Elk River has been a student of the Schroeder Studio for the past 47 years, and has a glowing impression of her experience: she says that "no one compares" with Harvey; that she "learns something every time she attends" and that Schroeder's "love of teaching and seeing the results of his efforts" are the driving forces behind his continued instruction. The Harvey Schroeder Studio has also made available workshops with master painters such as David Leffel, Sherrie McGraw, Carolyn Anderson, and Skip Whitcomb, as well as the recent workshop with Bonita Roberts.

Schroeder offers affordable painting instruction to any aspiring artist with an open mind to his valuable suggestions and the results of his love of art are evident in this exhibition of his students' work at the Alliance Gallery. The public is urged to participate in this continuing legacy of bringing art to the Elk River Community. If you haven't yet discovered the Alliance Gallery on Main Street, this is the perfect venue to explore the talents of your local artists. The Alliance Gallery is open to the public from Noon- 6 PM on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For more information call the Gallery at 763-441-4725.

— Judy Meyeraan/Roxanne Current



Schroeder studio artists exhibiting at the Main St. Gallery.

Board Chair's Message

Every day we are open there is something or someone new at the Gallery on Main Street to make it an interesting place to visit. Just a week ago jewelry artist Kate Qualley Peterson was holding forth in the classroom, teaching a small group of interested folks how to make silver jewelry out of a substance called art clay. Later this month and into April, we will be learning how to draw with new and unusual media, painting classes continue, photography, paper making, book making - all manner of art producing possibilities come to the Gallery.

If you aren't interested in taking classes but want to see some really fine art you have a couple of very good opportunities in March and April. On exhibit, at the Sherburne County Government Center, until March 27 is Arts in Harmony. Now in



its 14th year, this national juried show is the largest of its kind in Minnesota. It is worth a trip to the Courthouse to see some great examples of contemporary art. Your second opportunity for great viewing is the exhibit of the students from the Schroeder Painting Studio right here in Elk River. This show will be at the Gallery until April 25th. If you like art, you won't want to miss it. You can find more information on both of these exhibits in this copy of the Eddy or on our website.

Planning for ArtSoup is heating up. There are going to be some changes this year - in addition to moving back downtown it will change to a one day event. Starting earlier and ending later, ArtSoup 2009 will still offer the full range of art and entertainment you have come to expect.

Our other big event, the Heart of the Arts Gala, is also in the works so look for an announcement of that event which will occur in April or early May.

So much to see and do! Enjoy,
Spring is just around the corner.

□ □ □ — Dave Raymond

Check for these □ A schedule of the offerings for upcoming classes
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An application for the ArtSoup Member's show

Alliance & Community News

Arts in Harmony 2009 Award Winners

Arts in Harmony 2009 is pleased to announce the following awards for this year's exhibition now showing at the Sherburne County Government Center through March 27. Prizes totaled \$10,000.

Best of Show, First National Bank of Elk River Award of \$1,000 to
Polly S. Norman for *White-Cloaked Ruler*

Great River Energy Purchase Award of \$1000 to Jodi Reeb-Myers Oleander for *Patina*
Juror's Award of \$500 to Cynthia Starkweather-Nelson for *Into the Deep*

Government Center Purchase Award of \$500 to Kurt Seaberg for *The Luminous Hour*

Best Out-of-State Artist Award of \$300 to Brian O. Paulson for *Housing Questions*

Kemper Drug Best Watercolor Award of \$250 to Karen Knutson for *Rhythm of Life*

Elk River Star News Best Photograph Award of \$250 to Vaughn Wascovich for
Paducah, Texas

Best Oil or Acrylic Award of \$250 to Florence Hill for *Light from the Window*

Best Pastel Award of \$250 to Sher Leksens for *Night Colors*

Best Mixed Media Award of \$250 to Meredith A. Johanson for *Raven's Discovery*

Best Drawing or Print Award of \$250 to Susan Heath Hendershot for *Crossing (20)*

The Cretex Companies Inc. Best Sculpture Award of \$250 to Thomas Bickho
for *Edge Wise*

Cari Rock Ceramics Award (presented by a friend) of \$250 to Margaret J. Nelson
for *House Sentinel*

Wanda Gatzke Memorial Award for a Work That Tells a Story (presented by a
friend) of \$250 to Joan Sowada for *Earth Meditation*

Chris Stander Memorial Award for Best Nature Representation of \$250 to
Robert J. Donsker for *Cloudscape*

Sherburne County Abstract & Title Co. Award for Best River Related Representation
of \$250 to Kurt Seaberg for *The Grand Fathers*

People's Choice Award of \$150 (To be determined)

Krista Artista Gallery of Anoka Award for Abstract Work of \$100 to Katherine Salverda
for *A Round of Imaginings* (selected by the gallery with the help of the show committee)

Awards of Excellence of \$200

Jay W. Anderson, *August, The Palouse, Washington*

Rachel R. Cain, *Egg & Basket*

Nancy Garcia, *Oh! La! La! Des Fruits De Mer*

Diane Stark Gronewold, *No Bird...Just Paradise*

Lisa B. Rigge, *Inner Landscape*

Cheryl LeClair-Sommer, *AA Market*

Benjamin S. Etten, *Sioux Falls Mill*

David W. Nord, *Peace*

Roger A. Nordstrom, *Cannon Beach*

Ronald Rigge, *Silver City Door*

Merit Awards of \$100

Neal Anderson, *Enchanted Forest*

Bonnie Cutts, *In The Distance*

Lana Grow, *Play It Again in Triple Time*

Wayne Sisel, *Abandoned*

Susan Feigenbaum, *Lunar Demon with Orange Trouble Parts*

Janice Hargrave, *Color Commentary on the World*

Richards Poey, *Eve and The Forbidden Fruit*

Jason Andrea, *Made in the Shade*

Terry Genesen Becker, *Le Cebra*

Ken Kaplowitz, *Ritual*

Arts Alliance Member Awards of \$50

Karen Berning, *Mississippi Backwaters*

Robert Donsker, *The Road Less Traveled*

Polly Norman, *Prehistoric Ride Through a Lavender Sky*

Catherine Hearing, *Green Grocer*

Kasey Westra, *Opaque Stillness*

Patricia Undis, *Hot Birch*

Honorable Mention Awards of \$40

Mayumi Amada, *Rubber Duck and His Mom*

James Clark, *Had I Given You Wings*

Chloe DeJong, *Hilden The Lily Collection No. 33*

Karla Hackenmiller, *Liminal Deploy*

Janice Hargrave, *Crossed Legs*

Brian Higgins, *Trumpet Serenade*

Harry Longstreet, *Choices*

Ron Merchant, *Bus Crossing*

Kurt Seaberg, *The Luminous Hour*

Emmy White, *Paul*



Kemper Drug Best Watercolor
Award for *Rhythm of Life* by
Karen Knutson

This activity is made possible by a grant from the
Central Minnesota Arts Board through funding provided by the Minnesota State Legislature.

Photographing Session continued

Bonnie Roberts, and Jessica Henry Davis. She says, "Being exposed to good paintings and images are wonderful ways to learn good composition, and make us visually aware of the world we live in. Attention to detail, mood, color, light and form have a place in photographic images, as well as paintings."

In 2005 she got her first digital SLR Nikon and started her photographic career photographing weddings and special occasions. She found wonderful opportunities to learn and be challenged by joining the Minnesota Nature Photo Club, the Minneapolis Photographic Society and also entering local calendar contests, club salons, national and local phot One of her highlights was photographing Chubby Checkers for an advertising client.

Depending on the time required to set up the shots, each photo will cost between \$2 and \$5 and the CD will be available for an additional \$10. Appointments may be made directly with Mary at 763 444-5488 or the Arts Alliance.

The Three Rivers Chorale presents

Showtime! Songs of the American Musical Theater

Sunday March 1, 2009

3 PM

at

Word of Peace
Lutheran Church in Rogers

Mary Kline, Director
Lori Kay Harvey, Accompanist

Bring the family to enjoy songs
from *Guys and Dolls*, *Kiss Me
Kate*, and other popular
Broadway Shows

No admission charge
Free Will Offering
Refreshments Available

Alliance Membership

ONE VIEW, THREE VISIONS

A collaboration of Landscape Interpretations

The artist team of Cheryl LeClair-Sommer, Lisa Stauffer and Michelle Wegler paint together to capture their differing responses to the same landscape. During expeditions outdoors, the painters create realistic works of art highlighting each artist's personal interpretation of the subject. They find that working in nature enlivens the senses and calms the spirit. The paintings record the immediate response and approach of each artist to the mood of the scene, revealing three unique perspectives.

An additional feature in this exhibit will be stained glass artwork by Mary Olson. Included will be Tiffany style lamps and stained glass panels of various sizes. Mary is also a painter and photographer and will be offering a Photo Shoot at the Gallery on April 3 & 4. (see article on The Eddy mailer side)

The exhibition by these four artists will be featured at the Arts Alliance Main Street Gallery from May 7-June 13, 2009.

Elk River Area Arts Alliance

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Scott and Linda Anderson

We would like to welcome the following new and renewing members to the Arts Alliance. If you became a member recently and are not listed below, look for your name in the next Eddy.

Sustaining Membership-\$200

Edmund P. Babcock
Jean Loy-Swanson and Carl Swanson

Patron Membership-\$100

M. J. "Mick" Benson
Dr. Leah Colby, EyeWest Vision Clinic
Judith Meyeraan

Friend Membership-\$50

Edith Clark
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Lael Powell
Wendy and Steven Simenson
Neal and Mary Stahl
Lisa Stauffer and Jay Steinke
Gene and Sue Wipf
Cheryl and Dennis Wold

Individual membership-\$25

Cherene Bebeau	Anne Anderson
Donna Voght	Darlene Solberg
Melody Shryock	Clifford Lundberg
Jan Johansen	Sharon Wagner
Jeanne Licari	Kimberly Pietrzak
Karen Kiefer	Ron Merchant
Donna Bretl	Rita Choffrut
Carla McNair	Beth Palmer
Joanne Tacheny	Bonnie Featherstone
Joanne Gordon	Patti Sharon Trott
Sharyn Erickson	Jackie Beach
Rana Nestrud	Patti Sandusky
David Riley	Sandy Shelton
Mary Olson	Jerry Hall

Upcoming Government Center Exhibits



March 30-May 8
Lake Country Pastel Society

May 11-June 19
Showing of diverse work by four St. Cloud area artists working in a variety of media.
Bridge, black and white gelatin silver print by Duane L. Paulson

VISUAL ARTISTS interested in participating in ArtSoup 2009 (downtown Elk River in late June) will be mailed the booth application form in March. Call 763-441-4725 with your questions.

PERFORMERS may send samples of their work and a resume/bio for consideration at ArtSoup or the 2009-10 Performance Series to: Arts Alliance, P.O. Box 737, Elk River, MN 55330.

Plans are for the Heart of the Arts Gala in late April or early May at our Main Street location. We'll keep you posted.

To

Bringing the Arts Home

Art Classes Continue to Prove Popular

Classes in illustrating children's books, drawing, painting, and jewelry making got off to a great start this year thanks to the great artist/teachers who are filling an expressed interest by area residents. "It's great to see the classroom in the Arts Alliance Gallery filled with children, youth, and adults who are having fun developing their creativity. The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive, and people are making suggestions for additional classes they'd like to see us offer," says Sharon Tracy, volunteer class scheduler.

As the enclosed class schedule shows, many more classes are being made available this Spring. Watercolor, collage, photography, drawing, paper sculpture, handmade papers—all sorts of interesting and fun classes can inspire the artist in anyone at any age or skill level.



If you don't see a class you'd like to take listed, please call or email the Arts Alliance office with suggestions. To paraphrase our slogan, we'll "bring the classes home."

left photo: Students work from live model in Painting Open Studio taught by Jessi Henry Davis.
right photo: The complexities of creating silver art clay charm bracelets intrigues students in Kate Qualley Peterson's class.



Photograph Your Art Work

Area artists will enjoy a great opportunity to photograph their work for archiving and marketing purposes on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4 at the Elk River Arts Alliance Gallery. Professional photographer Mary Olson will record paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and fiber art for individual artists who want high quality copies in an edited CD for their personal records and for distribution to galleries and exhibits.

Olson is a fine artist in her own right. Her fine stained glass pieces appear in many private collections and two of her large windows grace the Community Pride Bank in Isanti. She also does oil paintings, most recently studying with Harvey Schroeder