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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

Sitting out and enjoying the sun gently beat down and enjoying a reprieve from the cold and being thankful that days are getting longer and spring is just around the corner. Actually Spring will have sprung by the time you get this.

Spring brings forth so many things to do. Spring cleaning, gardening, and great events starting with our spring show to name a few. We start to speed up and get ready to switch gears. As planning is on going and the excitement builds for the spring show it is hard not to get caught up with all those questions: is my art good, is the composition good, is there anything that sticks out as both good or bad or even am I good enough and do I have enough pieces. I, myself, have been painting. I try not to paint for a show but to be able to pick the pieces that I want to show. I have a dear friend critique some of my work and of course the trusted few of my family as well. Sometimes they do not make the cut. I had one this week that did not. I painted over it and poof it was gone. It is hard to do that but it gets rid of the hard questions of how can I fix it, what is wrong with it and in this case, far too much. I have started another and I am really pleased with what is going right. Don't get frustrated with your work. Every time we paint ,we learn, and sometimes those lessons are tough. It is good to connect with someone who can help. If you do not have a fellow artist see if you can do a drop in class on Wednesdays - that group has such friendly people in it or even connect with our support team.

So as we are getting ready for the Spring and all that comes with it, don't forget to stop and smell the flowers. Take care of yourself and truly slow down. That is important as well and I have to take my own advice and be wise. Art can easily become stressful if you let it and it shouldn't be. Push yourself, yes, but enjoy it and let your creativity flow.

Cheers.

Joyce Boyer



Hello fellow ASSC members!

My name is Mackenzie Lukiw, and I am the new producer of the newsletter.

As this is my first time doing this, please bear with me any mistakes or questionable creative decisions I may have made.

If you have suggestions, ideas, or critiques, please don't hesitate to let me know. I am happy to help and eager to learn.

You will find my email on the last page under the "mail bag" heading.

Thank you for accepting me to your organization and for allowing me to be such an important contributor to this publication.

What's Coming Up for April

1 Deadline for Loft Gallery Rotation Notification

Willie Wong Workshop

2 Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

3 Drop in

5 - 7 David Langevin Workshop

8 Willie Wong Workshop

9 General Meeting @ 7:00pm

10 Drop in

15 Inventory list to Loft Gallery

17 Drop in

Set up show Panels and Intake for Spring Show

18 Hanging of the Art

19 - 20 Show Reception

24 Drop in

30 Drop in

Hanging in the Loft Gallery

**Loft Gallery - will be open every Saturday and Sunday
from Noon until 4**

There are functions in the Ottewell Centre as well

Upcoming Workshops!

April 5 – 7

David Langevin



April 8

Willie Wong Workshop



MAY 2024

**JANE ROMANISHKO, Pastel
Landscapes**

May 25 & 26 9:30 - 4:00

Members \$140

Non Members \$180

JUNE 2024

DIANNA SAPARA, Encaustics

June 8 & 9 9:30 – 4:00

**Members \$140
Plus \$85 for supplies**

**Non Members \$180
plus \$85 for supplies**



Home Studio Tour

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Are you an artist with a home studio in Strathcona County? Then this event is for you.

**REGISTRATION IS
APRIL 1-30**

**Event dates are
September 21 & 22, 2024**



The Art Society of Strathcona County is hosting its 8th annual Artist Home Studio Tour where artists welcome the public into their home studios and sell their art collection. Artists at any stage of their career are encouraged to participate. This is a self guided tour and is free to the public. Studio Registrations are open to members and non members until April 30th.

**Visit our website for further information
and to register @artstrathcona.com**

The 8th annual Artist Home Studio Tour event is on its way. Registration will be April 1-30th. The event will take place September 21-22.



Call for Artists!

ART IN THE GARDEN

10th Annual Outdoor Show and Sale

Saturday, June 15th 11 am - 4 pm

Rain Check: Saturday, June 22nd

Our participating artisans exhibit a wide variety of art forms such as fine art, pottery, sculpture, glass, fibre art, jewellery, photography, woodwork, and more. The George Pegg Botanic Garden is a beautiful setting with ample space for artists to showcase their talents. There is unlimited outdoor space and limited indoor space available for your art display. The site has easy access to the set-up area and parking. No commission will be taken.

Our Pegg Garden event planners have a comprehensive advertising campaign and we encourage each participating artist to promote this event as well. Participating artists have a profile on the Pegg Garden Facebook page and visitors on the day of the show receive a flyer listing each artist. The Garden has reliable Wi-Fi for online sales transactions.

Like all of our special events at Pegg Garden, we welcome families to attend the Art Show and have art-related activities for children. We offer Garden tours, have a food concession, and historic displays- all to encourage our visitors to extend their stay.

For more information about the Historic George Pegg Botanic Garden and to find an online version of our Artist registration form visit PeggGarden.org. Please direct any questions to: 780-203-0331 or PeggBotanicGarden@gmail.com



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11 am - 4 pm

Fine art, pottery, woodwork, jewellery, photography, and more for sale in the beauty of George Pegg Botanic Garden! Meet and support local artists, tour through the Garden, and crafts for kids.

Accessible washrooms. No cash machine on site.

2.5 km north of Glenevis,
Off Highway 43,
Lac Ste. Anne County

www.PeggGarden.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

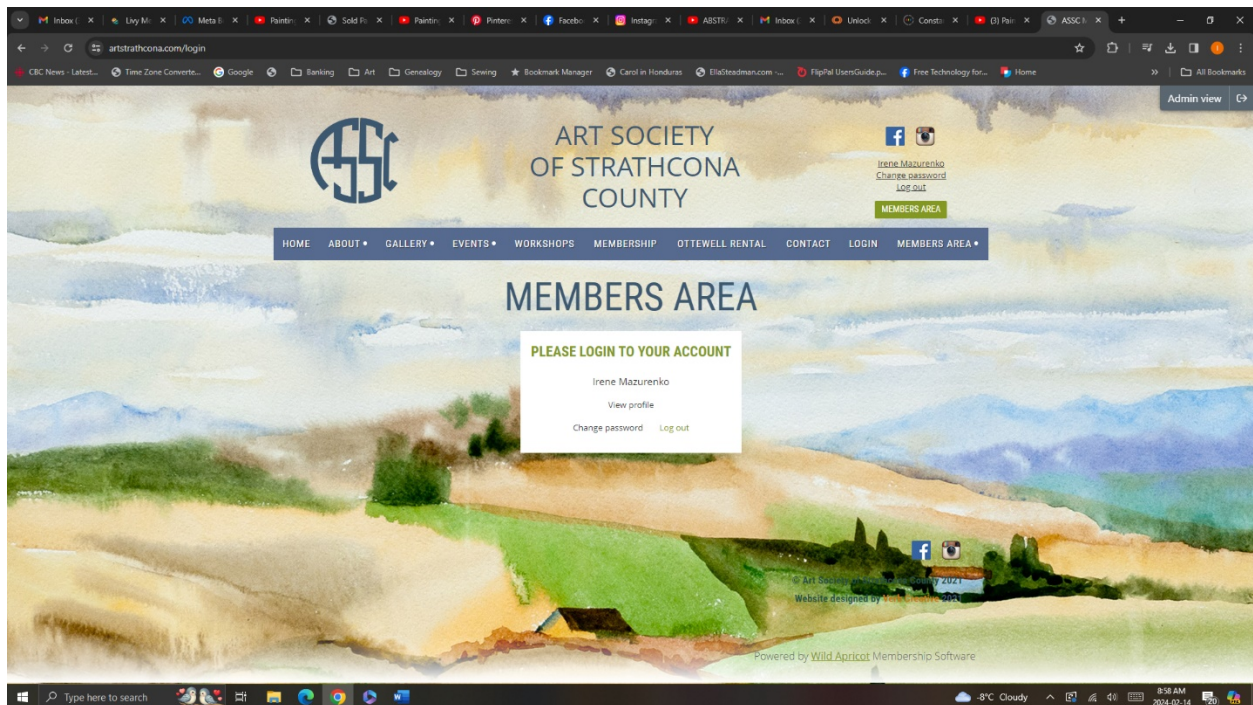
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Your Profile on the ASSC Website

Did you know that you have an Artist Profile on our website? Yes, you do!! It was created when you joined.

On the main menu, under **ABOUT**, go to **MEET THE ARTISTS**. You will notice that some members have their biography, website, social media links and even artwork shown. If you go here without signing in as a member, you will see what the public sees. If you have already logged in as a member, you will see what is in the **Member Directory** which includes both public and member only information.

If your profile doesn't include these items, and you want it to, you can easily remedy this by going to **VIEW PROFILE**, which appears when you first log in as a member.



There are 2 key documents on how to edit your profile in the **Members Area**, under **Member Documents, How-to's, Library and Wifi**:

- **How to Edit Your Profile**
- **Social Media Links – Info and How-to**

It is advisable to have your profile up to date when you enter a show.

Meet our New Member Support Team

Suzan Berwald



I joined the ASSC in my first year of retirement from a long teaching career and am currently in my tenth year as a member. I am a fairly active member having served on various committees such as the spring art show, student art show and fall art show. I am a long-standing member of the Loft and Loft hanging committee. In the last four years, I am also the feature/solo art coordinator for the Loft Art and Gift Gallery.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at solsticestudio59@gmail.com

Terrie Shaw



ASSC has so much to offer with many opportunities to grow and expand your artistic endeavours. As a member for the past 15 years I have greatly expanded my art journey, met so many wonderful artists, instructors and life long friends.

As a new member I know it may be daunting and overwhelming. I am here to share what I know and welcome you to ASSC.

Get in touch with me via email or text at terriejshaw@gmail.com or 780-686-5319

Carmen Wilde



I joined the ASSC January 2023 with the intention of rounding out my art career and becoming more involved with like minded people. I must admit joining an art guild was a little intimidating for me so it is very important to me to create a feel good, safe space for all new members going forward. I have been in the design industry for over forty years and have always wanted to be an artist with the intention of have a solo show of my own. I have successfully achieved that goal with two solo shows under my belt and several other shows along the way. I have sold pieces for private collections as well as corporately with a sprinkle of commissions.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. I would try my best to answer them or direct you to who could. Text me at Cell: 789-719-5584 or email: cwildedesingns@shaw.ca

Registration deadline for the May/June Loft Exhibit is April 1,
Inventories are due April 15

Guidelines & forms are available here:

<https://artstrathcona.com/Loft-Gift-Gallery-Registration-Shifts>

We'd love to see your art displayed in our Loft & Gift Gallery!

Mary Card-Loft Art Gallery Coordinator

UPCOMING FEATURE ARTIST FOR MAY/JUNE in LOFT ART GALLERY

LORI SOKOLUK

Making art enables Lori to feel into, and wonder at, the dualities of our nature and our world.

After many years in New York, Boston, Montreal, and Vancouver, Lori has returned to her Edmonton roots and now live in Smoky Lake, Alberta, Canada. The shift from prairie to boreal forest, interplay of man-made grids and organic landscape, and the intense range of colors across the seasons are evident in her recent artwork. The structure in her compositions also shows evidence of her prior career in architecture.

Lori's work has been exhibited in Canada and the United States and is found in institutional and private collections internationally.

Studies at the School of Visual Arts in New York City have been supplemented with private study over the years. Cy Twombly, Robert Motherwell, Lee Bontecou, Joan Mitchell and John Marin are all part of Lori's artistic lineage.



Now an announcement from Barbara Mitchell, ASSC Member

I am pleased to announce the publication of my poetry book *Raw Emotions*. I suffered from two months of insomnia while recuperating from my hip operation at the end of November 2023. Not being able to get out much, and not sleeping either, gave me a wonderful opportunity to put this book together during January and February of this current year.

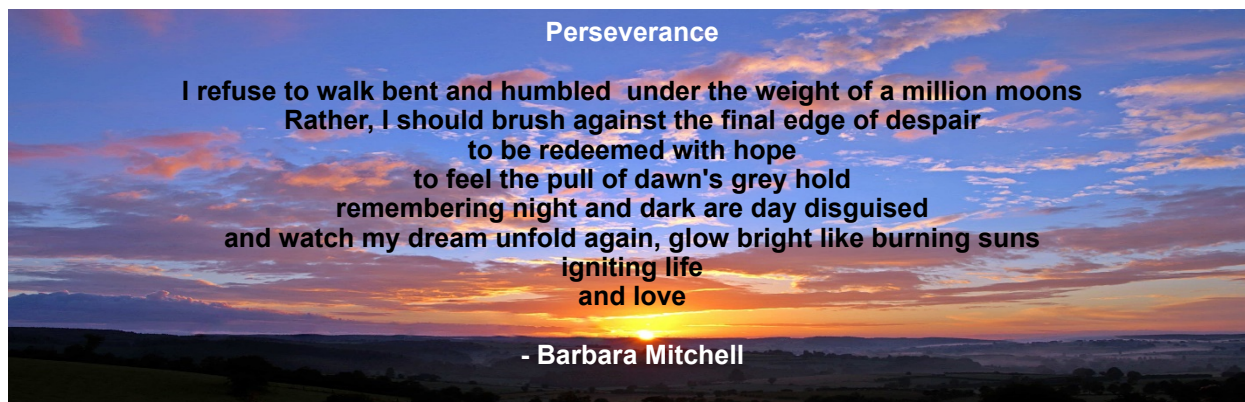
It features 60 of my poems covering family, relationships, grief and loss, inspiration and the spiritual.

I have copies that are available for 25.00. If you would like to purchase one or see a sample, please do let me know at brjn@shaw.ca or by text, 780-289-2121. It's also a great opportunity to have a little visit!

And for those of you who have bought it already, I thank you deeply.

I have enclosed two sample poems here for your interest.





Perseverance

I refuse to walk bent and humbled under the weight of a million moons
Rather, I should brush against the final edge of despair
to be redeemed with hope
to feel the pull of dawn's grey hold
remembering night and dark are day disguised
and watch my dream unfold again, glow bright like burning suns
igniting life
and love

- Barbara Mitchell

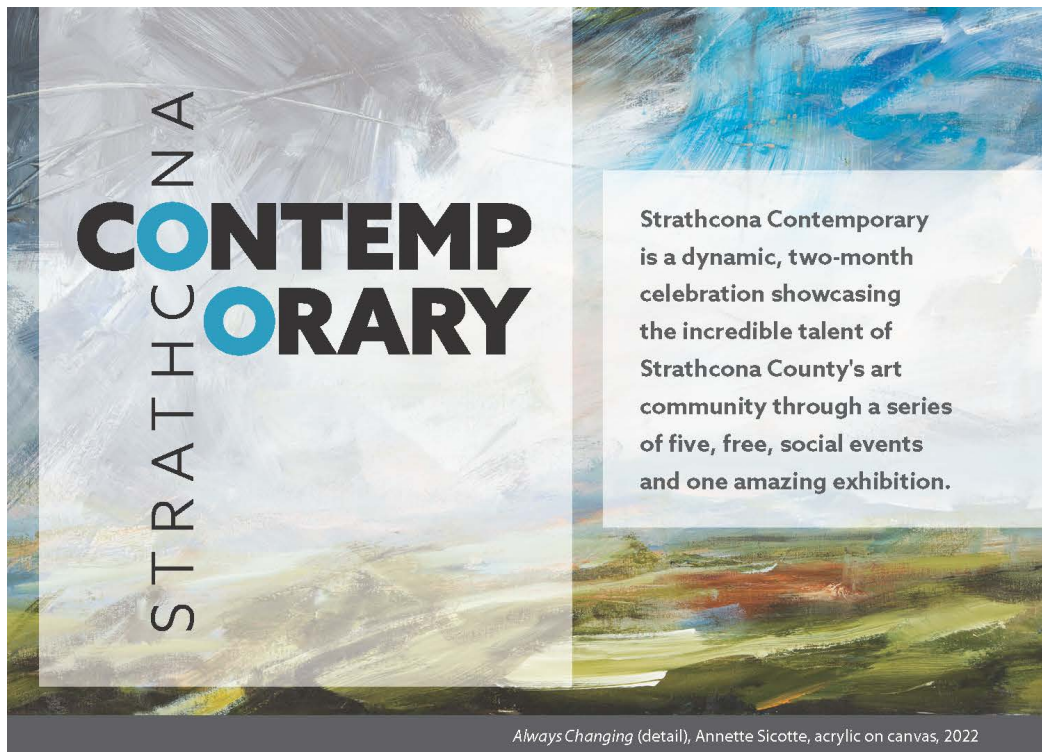
Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the Month. We need all committees to submit something for our newsletter so that our membership can have it. Thank you all, Joyce

“THE MAIL BAG”- mackenzienn@hotmail.com

Please send any write-up in Arial font for easy transfer to the newsletter by the 15th of the month.

If you are on Facebook and/or Instagram, please “like” or “follow” us on our social media @artstrathcona. “Likes”, “hearts”, comments and shares (to your social media) help us promote our events and workshops.

The ASSC has a private Facebook page “Drop In Painting” where members can share information on classes, art shows, or even ask questions of members.



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Strathcona Contemporary is a dynamic, two-month celebration showcasing the incredible talent of Strathcona County's art community through a series of five, free, social events and one amazing exhibition.

Always Changing (detail), Annette Sicotte, acrylic on canvas, 2022

Celebrate Strathcona Contemporary with six events:

Strathcona Contemporary Exhibition

April 26 to June 22
Gallery@501

Artists' Meet & Greet

May 4 | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Gallery@501

Youth Gallery Celebration

May 9 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Emerald Hills Leisure Centre

Artist Workshops (18Y+)

May 25 | 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Gallery@501
Pre-registration required

Arts & Culture Information Panel

June 1 | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Gallery@501

Artists' Pecha Kucha

June 7 | 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Agora and Gallery@501

strathcona.ca/ArtAcquisition


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