

## November 2018 Newsletter

Dear BAA Member,

During this Thanksgiving season, I am counting my blessings. I love BAA and am thankful for our growth this year. I am also thankful for your support and participation in our visual arts family.

**You are cordially invited to the BAA Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.** We will provide Barbecue and rolls, and ask that you help with a side or dessert. Please RSVP to [bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com)

**If you don't see well at night and would like transportation** to and from the party, text or call Amy at 918-914-0519. We will provide a ride for you.

**This year BAA is giving a huge stocking of art supplies to the Westside Community Center.** BAA has purchased \$100 in supplies for a start. We are asking our members to bring a contribution of art supplies or cash for this project. Some needs are: paints, brushes, colored pencils, plastic paint palettes, bleeding tissue paper, erasers, glue sticks, sharpies, scissors, jumbo and regular craft sticks, school glue, cookie cutters, modeling clay, art paper, felt sheets, pony beads, pompoms, tape, cotton balls, cotton swabs, rubber bands, and pipe cleaners. There is also an Amazon wishlist at <http://a.co/8nnqQnc>.

**Members will vote on a slate of officers for the BAA Board.** Dedra Morgan is retiring from the board but will remain active as Liaison to the Price Tower. Our other officers will continue to serve on the board. They are Patti Kerr, Celeste Cleary, Stacey Foresman, Cathy Casad, Cheryl Bridendolph, Tom Roane, Steven Graham, Eloise Needleman, and Amy Jenkins. Eloise and Stacey will trade jobs - Stacey will become treasurer and Eloise will take an at-large position. The other board positions will remain the same. This is a hardworking and dedicated board and BAA is very fortunate to have this group of volunteers. If anyone is interested in serving on the BAA Board, email [bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com) We will contact you about serving after the first of the year.

**We will honor our 2019 recipient for the "Schmoldt Champion of BAA" award - Dedra Morgan.** This is the third year we have given this award to a long time member who has served BAA with generosity and perseverance. De served as president from 2012-2014 and has served on the board for many years. Past recipients were Jimmie Schmoldt in 2016, and Jan and Merlin Clark in 2017. Read more about De in our BAA Spotlight section at the bottom of this newsletter.

**We will also honor Rosie Taylor, our long-time webmaster.** Under her care, our site was beautiful and informative. Celeste Cleary and Stacey Foresman are taking over this job for now. If you would like to contribute some time to our website, email [bartlesvilleartassociationpub@gmail.com](mailto:bartlesvilleartassociationpub@gmail.com).

To conclude the evening, members may tour the “Art of the Tree” display in the Price Tower Art Gallery. The BAA tree was decorated with ceramic ornaments made by BAA members at our November ArtNight.

**Thanks to Dedra Morgan** for decorating the BAA entry for “Art of the Tree”  
**Thanks to Sheetal Kulkarni** who provided clay slabs and fired the finished ornaments.

**Thanks to Bill Whitte and Rich and Kathleen Rutledge** for donating and installing a small amplifier and speakers for background music in the Design Center.

**Thanks to Diane Leroux** for coordinating our Winter Gallery. Ten artists/artisans sold their work at the 2-day event November 16 and 17. Diane reported that there was a good amount of shoppers and sales. Thanks to everyone that supported the Winter Gallery.

**Thanks to Celeste Cleary** for coordinating with member artists and the Artisan Gallery at the Washington Park Mall. BAA has a beautiful section near the front of the store. Their holiday hours are Fridays - noon to 6 p.m., Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays - noon to 5 p.m.

**Tuesday House** has a lot of used frames for sale in their shop. They are selling them for very little and are willing to give some away to our members. Check them out!

**Special Commission Request** - Celeste has been in contact with a woman who lost her baby daughter some time ago and would like to commission a portrait. If you would like to be considered for this job, or know of an artist in the area who would be good for this project, please let Celeste know. [celestecleary@gmail.com](mailto:celestecleary@gmail.com)

**We are shining a “Spotlight” on three of our members.**

**Our first Spotlight is on Dedra Morgan.**

“I retired from 20 years of teaching at Ranch Heights in 2007, and immediately picked up the brushes as I had always wanted to draw and paint. I started taking art classes at Ziegler’s shortly after retirement, and started weekly painting locally with art mentor, Virginia Sweet. I became a board member at BAA within that first year of retirement. My board mentors were Merlin and Jan Clark, and my first job was publicity and newsletter,

later adding Workshop Chair for several years. I served as Vice President And Membership Chairman before becoming President. I have served as BAA Liaison to PT since our collaboration and move to the BAA Design Center, and will continue this position in a non board capacity for the next year, along with hosting the BAA email address.

I oversaw the BAA painting of the Carousel horses at the Kiddie Park in 2017, along with being selected as a member in the State of Oklahoma Arts Council Leadership Arts Class X. I have continued my adventure of being a lifelong learner through various art workshops and classes, and spent several weeks at the Ryder Studio in Santa Fe, NM.

A native of Bartlesville, my husband Allen and I have raised two children and are lucky to now have four grandchildren living in Bartlesville. I am blessed to be part of the BAA, an organization that has given me much in purpose, joy, friendship and personal growth.”

**Our second Spotlight is on BAA newcomer, Janet Odden.**

Janet has been designing and creating artworks for many years. She is a graduate of South Dakota State University where she majored in art.

Janet has been awarded several art scholarships, gallery exhibits, and other artistic opportunities. Highlights include three one-person shows, winning Best of Show in the 8th Regional Women Painters Biennial in Sioux Falls, SD, designing exhibits for several national and regional artists while working in Wyoming and working with Arts Encounters and Indian Summer while employed at the Bartlesville Community Center.

Janet recently retired from Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Since that time, she has devoted her time to honing her painting skills.

Janet enjoys painting landscapes and architectural subjects that explore the use of light and shadow. With a goal of creating two paintings a week and taking several art classes, her time is full. Janet has lived in Bartlesville since 1995. She has been married for 52 years and has 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

**Another newcomer, Kerri Fleming, is our third Spotlight for November.**

She will be teaching “Beginning Pastels” in our 101 series for 2019.

“I have always loved color. My grandmother noticed this and gave me a set of oil pastels and a watercolor tin for my 10th birthday. I was hooked on pastels. When I was 19, I completed a Soft Pastel Portrait class at my local Junior College. I’ve been creating pastel portraits, still life’s and landscapes on and off since, taking hiatuses to raise three

boys. Soft Pastels create a vibrant, rich painting. The process can be dusty and dirty, but I love it. I create life-like paintings yet I strive to learn more with each new painting.

My husband is employed by Phillips 66. Our youngest son, Sam, lives at home and is attending Rogers State University; our eldest, Ethan, is a Bartlesville Police officer and

our middle son is a Teacher in Texas. We have a two-year-old grandson, Grayson, and two beautiful daughters-in-law, Diana and Katlynn.

**BAA membership is good for 1 year from the time you join.** Membership Chair Valerie Jones will notify you when your year is about to expire. Highschool Students and Art teachers are free. Single memberships are \$30 and family memberships are \$40. There are many benefits to membership such as Classes for children and adults, Workshops with visiting artists, Open Studio times, ArtNight with guest speakers, Spring Art Show and other selling and display opportunities, Member directory, monthly Newsletter, a Library of art books to check out, and a FREE 101 Class.

**Our 2019 Art 101 Classes** are taught by volunteer BAA members and each year a member may choose one class for free. Additional 101 classes are \$30 each. Most are taught at a beginner level, so you can try something new without investing a lot of time or money. Some of the classes have a supply list or supply fee. The new list of 14 classes will be revealed at our Christmas Party, and members may begin signing up on December 5. Consider giving BAA membership (with a 101 class) as a Christmas gift to family member or friend this year.

Best regards,

Amy Jenkins  
BAA President



