

Alberta House News

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Notes from the Chair

- Agatha Colbert

The Sault Area Arts Council is undergoing a reevaluation of our goals and aspirations. Almost three years of social isolation due to the Coronavirus pandemic has led to changes in the SAAC Board and the Alberta House Shop and Gallery operations. After more than 30 years of dedicated volunteer service, several SAAC Board members (Jean Jones, Pat Claxton, Mary Barry, Gary Deuman) have retired. With deep gratitude we acknowledge these individuals for their work in promoting and sustaining the Arts in the Sault Area. We particularly thank Jean Jones for her leadership, her day to day management, her years of publishing the SAAC monthly Newsletter and her organizing our major fund raising events (the Annual Art Auction, the Arts Festival and the Annual Donor Appeal).

A new Board is being assembled to carry on SAAC's mission. Current SAAC Board members are: Agatha Colbert, *Chair*, Robin Sorquist, *Vice Chair*, Holly Morrison, *Secretary*, Jim Halvorsen, *Treasurer*, Bob Muckelbauer, Tracy Muckelbauer, Phyllis Bigelow, Ginny Johnson, Tom Harrison, Cathie Chenoweth, Terri Wolski, Rebecca Jones and Whitney Gravelle.

Alberta House, thanks to the generous donation of Mrs Ida Stewart in 1985, has served as the home of SAAC for these past 37 years. The first floor of Alberta House was renovated early on to accommodate the Exhibition Gallery, shop, an office and a kitchen. The second and third floors were used for storage and as individual artist studios in the past. The exorbitant costs to convert these top floors into space for public use precludes us holding the programs we wish to develop. Our goal is to encourage greater participation and appreciation of the arts by creating a place where community members can gather to create and share their art. We want to offer a range of educational programs including art classes and workshops, lecture series on art history and other relevant topics, fiber arts and Native American art classes, Plein Air Paint Outs, Summer Art Camps and Art Parties. To this end we have decided to sell Alberta House and move to a larger space that can accommodate these functions. We are exploring different sites on Ashmun St, near the Soo Theater, the River of History Museum and the Bayliss Library, an area that is evolving into a "Cultural Corner" of our town.

Creative Placemaking

An approach to building stronger **connected** communities around the **arts**, culture, and **creativity**.

New Faces on the Executive Committee

In future Newsletters we will highlight each of the Board members' interests, areas of expertise and hopes for the organization.

Today we introduce the Chairperson **Agatha Colbert**.

Agatha is a retired physician, who was born in Sault Ste Marie, MI. She holds a Medical degree from the University of the West Indies and completed her Post-Doctoral Studies in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Ohio State University. She and her husband Charles Colbert, a retired Art Historian live in Brimley. They have been regular travelers to Italy, spending their time visiting many of its museums, galleries, churches and architectural sites. Her passion now is to increase the vitality and visibility of the Sault Area art community and to provide opportunities for creating, exhibiting, selling and buying art in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

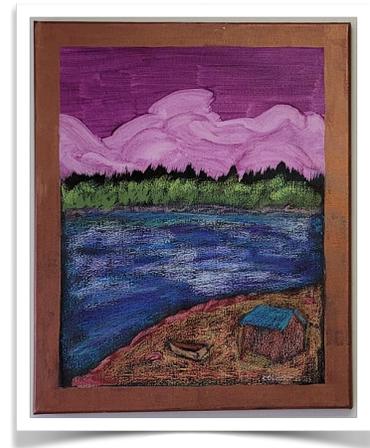
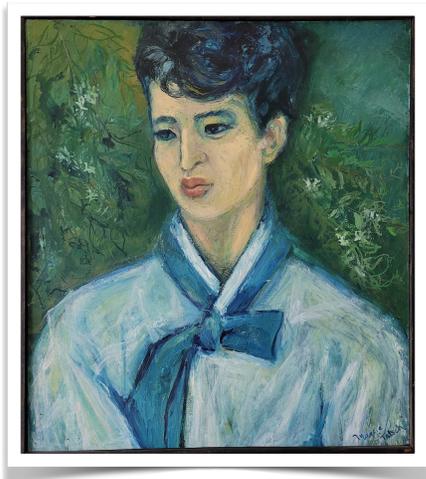
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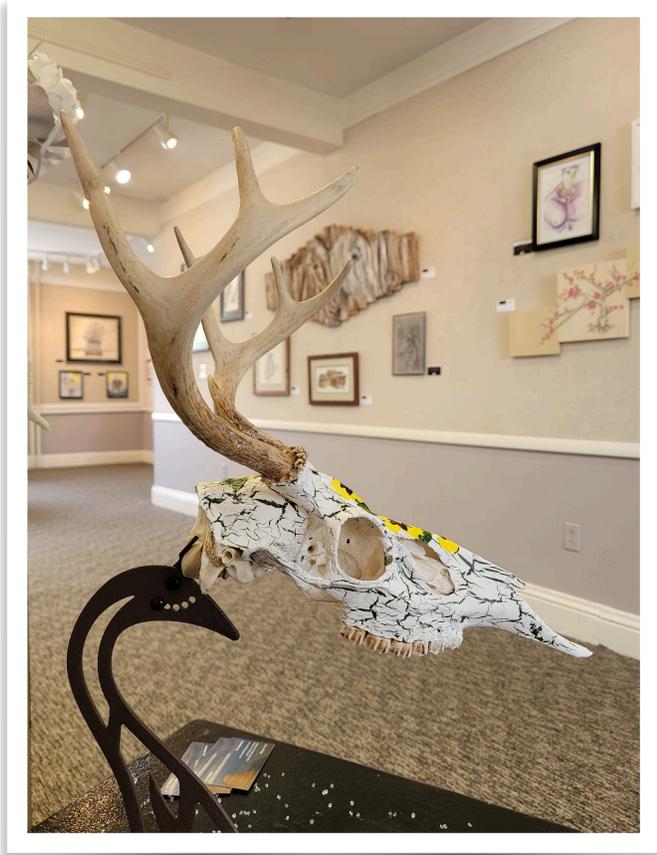
As we grow and change, we would love to get your feedback. If you haven't filled out the survey for community art interests, here's the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QMVJG77>

July Art Sale in the Gallery

Please take note of our upcoming July Art Sale. In lieu of our Art Auction, we will have a month-long sale of the art items that have been contributed for the auction, by artists and donors over the past several years. All proceeds from this sale will go to SAAC. Please see the calendar gallery event listing on page 4 for more details.





June Gallery Exhibit: Between Black and White
Tina Fuller & Jarrod Vandenberg

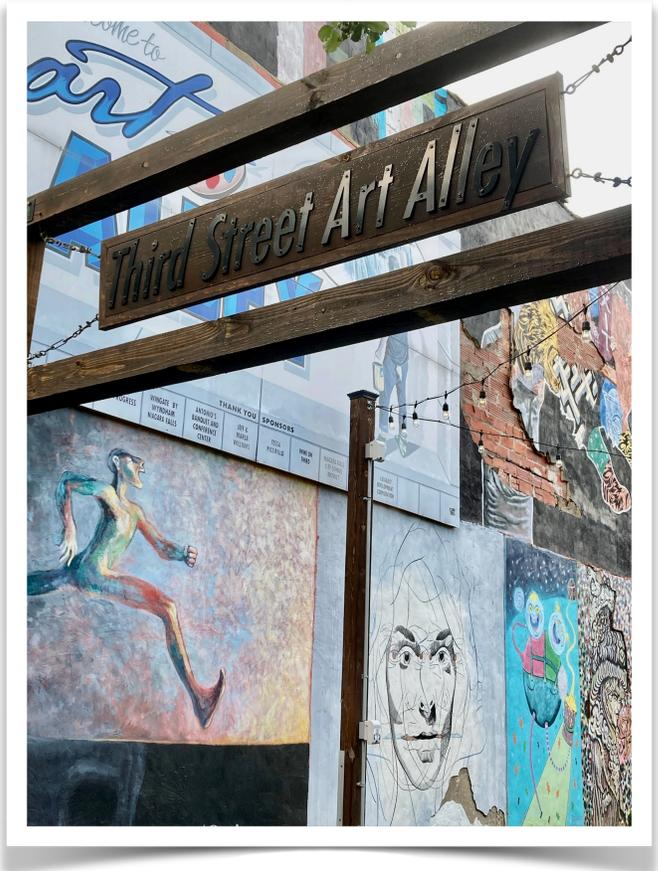
[Schedule a Gallery Event](#)

Are you an artist looking for a gallery to have a show? Contact the gallery coordinator to schedule.
olivecraiggallery@gmail.com

Out there, anywhere

I came across this public outdoor mural project walking about in Niagara Falls, NY.

- Tracy



Calendar

New events to be posted on [SAAC Facebook](#)

JULY 1-JULY 30 : GALLERY EXHIBIT AND SALE FROM OUR GALLERY TO YOUR HOME

The Olive Craig Gallery is filled with fine art items that we have received as donations or have collected over the years from regional artists, mostly framed paintings and woodcuts. Inquire at the gallery and feel free to make an offer. Each piece would like to find a home as we tidy up at the Alberta House Art Center.

The mini gallery has a large collection of original paintings by Charles Colbert, priced between \$25-\$45. There will also be a selection of unframed drawings and prints and miscellaneous objects, all priced at less than \$30.

All purchases may be taken home at time of purchase. All proceeds for benefit of Sault Area Arts Council.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

Wednesday - Saturday

11am - 4pm; contingent on volunteer availability. Call to confirm opening at (906) 635-1312

JULY 9 (SATURDAY) : CREATIVE EDUCATION SERIES JOURNALING & SKETCHING WITH ROBIN SORQUIST

Come and personalize a sketchbook and practice different ways you can be creative every day to grow your skill and calm your mind.

What to bring: A blank sketchbook.

Bayliss Library Community Room; 541 Library Drive; SSM

1:30pm - 3:00pm

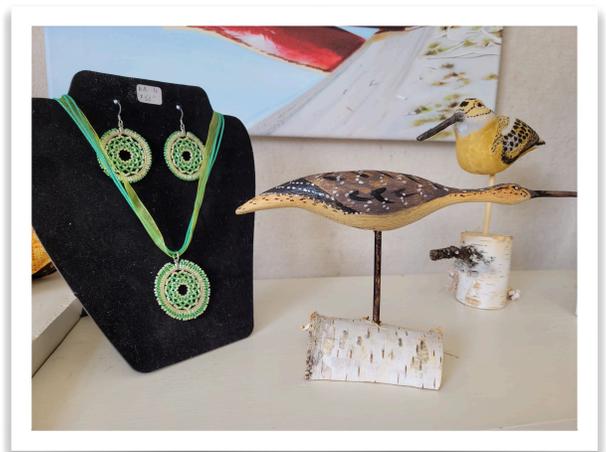
Call (906) 632-9331 or email jarrodjvandenber@gmail.com to register or for more information. Class is FREE.

Walk-ins welcome with limited availability of 25.

JULY 12 (TUESDAY) : SAAC BOARD MEETING

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

5pm - 7pm



JULY 23 (SATURDAY) : WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION TO PLEIN AIR PAINTING WITH ROBIN SORQUIST

This will give an introduction to plein air painting. Learn the basic materials needed to paint en plein air, setting up, and beginning your composition.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

2pm-4pm

Workshop fee: \$20

AUGUST 6 (SATURDAY) : CREATIVE EDUCATION SERIES

BASICS OF PHOTOGRAPHY WITH DEANNA LALONDE

Session will teach the basics of photography, including basic mechanics of camera, f-stop, shutter, iso, and depth of field. Other topics may include how to compose a photo with clarity, focus, rule of thirds, 9 grid, zone system, perspective, balance, light, etc. Plan for a walk around the neighborhood to practice and then review our work.

What to bring: A camera with adjustable settings and/or a cell phone with camera.

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Notice of Proposed SAAC Bylaw Revisions

Recommendations from the Bylaws Committee for Bylaw Revisions.

1. switch to gender neutral language

Article V Section 3 change Chairman to Chair

Offices to be filled shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. ...

Article V Section 4 change Chairman to Chair

... the Chair or Vice Chair may call a special meeting ...

Article V Section 8 change his to their and him to them

2. Add statement for methods of meetings

Article IV add new Section

Section 5: Method. Meetings may be held in a variety of methods including: face to face, telephone conferencing and internet conferencing.

Article V Section 4

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3. Article IV Section 1 replace with

An annual meeting of the membership will take place on a recurring schedule, the specific date, time, and location of which will be designated by the Board.

4. Article IV Section 3 replace with

Notice of meetings will be given via the Corporation's website or other public notification or other reasonable method, such as in the events calendar of a newsletter.

5. Add new Article VI : Committees

Section 1: The Board may create committees as needed. Committee chairs must be members of the Board.

- Note this corrects the current Article Numbers that go from V to VII, skipping VI.

6. Article V Section 2 add voting by voice

... Voting in elections is by show of hands or voice, unless contested ...

7. Article V Section 2 remove reference to May and update method of notification.

...at the annual general meeting from a slate prepared by the Board or from nominations from the floor. The election shall be announced a month in advance, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3. ...

From the Editor

- Tracy Muckelbauer

As the new editor, I thought you might be interested to know I got my start in journalism from Sault High. The process to put out a brief news flyer required typing with no backspace key on some large machine, perhaps a phototypesetter, that gave us columns of printed text that we then cut and laid out to create a page. I recall it was a lot of fun. Fast forward to now.

I would like to thank everyone in advance for any content you contribute for the newsletter. This is your newsletter and I am happy to put the pieces together.

Did you know you can make a submission for the newsletter with as little as one word? Next month I am looking for a word that starts with the letter B. Is there a word that you use in your medium that you want to share or one that you've come across in creative environments? If it's not English, send in the language too. Your word could end up as the monthly 'Just a word'.

Have you come across an interesting exhibit near or far? Take a snapshot and submit it for Out there, Anywhere.

To learn more about creative placemaking, visit the National Endowment of the Arts page at <https://www.arts.gov/impact/creative-placemaking>

Membership

Become a member or renew a membership

The Sault Area Arts Council (SAAC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the arts and to make the arts readily accessible to the people of the Sault Ste. Marie area. It operates entirely with volunteer labor and is funded entirely by private donations and proceeds from the Alberta House Arts Center.

Your membership:

- Helps create a network of people who share the same goal of promoting the arts.
- Supports the efforts of the Sault Area Arts Council, which includes owning and operating the Alberta House Arts Center, home to the Olive M. Craig Gallery and the Area Artisans Gift Shop.
- No entry fee in the Member's Gallery Exhibit

We invite you to become a member by filling in the form below and mailing in with your check.

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Yes, I would like to become a member or renew a membership with SAAC.

I enclose my check for \$25.00 in U.S. funds to the Sault Area Arts Council

Mail to:
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Address:

City: State: Zip:

Email: