

NEWSLETTER

New Venue for Exhibition and Sales

The New Branch of the Ann Arbor State Bank Opens It's Doors



Photo by Lara Conley

When Branch Manager Lara Conley walked into the new branch of the Ann Arbor State Bank at 611 N. Wisner Street, she noticed the stark walls. She needed something to enhance the banks motto, "*The Personal Bank.*" And, she needed it quick. The branch was holding an open house in just a few days. She called the JCAA, and the JCAA delivered. Julie Highlen offered several pieces of art which were hung a few hours before the open house.

With the hanging of Julie's art, a fledgling agreement was established. The art of a JCAA artist will be featured each month. The art may be purchased by the public with all

proceeds going to the artist. For its part the bank will have art on display on its walls, with a change of art every month. The agreement will continue to be effective as long as both parties agree to continue. It is an example of a win - win, for both the A2SB and the JCAA.

If you would like to have your art displayed, contact any JCAA Board member. A schedule is being prepared for future months. And, if you're driving by, stop and go into the bank and say, "Hello" to Ms. Conley and the staff. JCAA extends a special thanks to the Ann Arbor State Bank for its interest in art in the Jackson community.

JCAA Meeting

January 19, 2016

Our first meeting of 2016 will feature JCAA Artist Kellison King. **Ms. King will speak on "Artistic Vision,"** and some "hands-on" exercises will be offered. Come and hear Kellison's views and get to know her better, and maybe voice your opinions.

We'll also be electing the Artist of the Month for the month of February. We begin a themed approach for determining **the Artist of the Month with the theme "Snow."** Art that is submitted for Artist of the Month must reflect the theme selected for that particular meeting. Themes for subsequent meetings include for the February 16 meeting, "Wind," and for the March 15 meeting, "Rain."

And finally, at the January 19th meeting we'll refresh the Wall of Art. **Please bring art work for display and sales on the Wall of Art.**

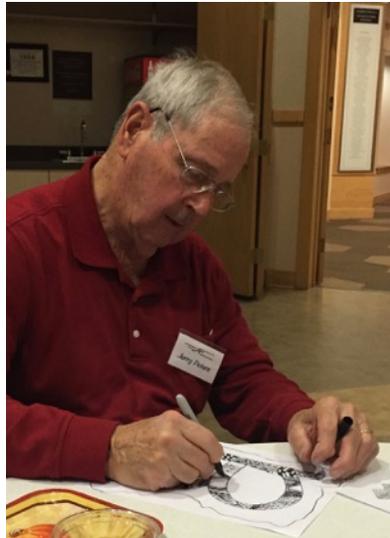
Notice

If you would like to reserve a 16 x16 Square for the "Squares and Circle" project, please complete and submit an application form, or notify any JCAA Board member by Tuesday January 19, 2016.



Artist of the Month

Ed Browning, Artist of the Month for January 2016 displays his painting, *Autumn Leaves*. Ed describes his painting as an “Acrylic Leaf Painting.” Ask him about how he created it.



JCAA Member Jerry Peters, engrossed in the “doodle” exercise at the Nov. 17 meeting.

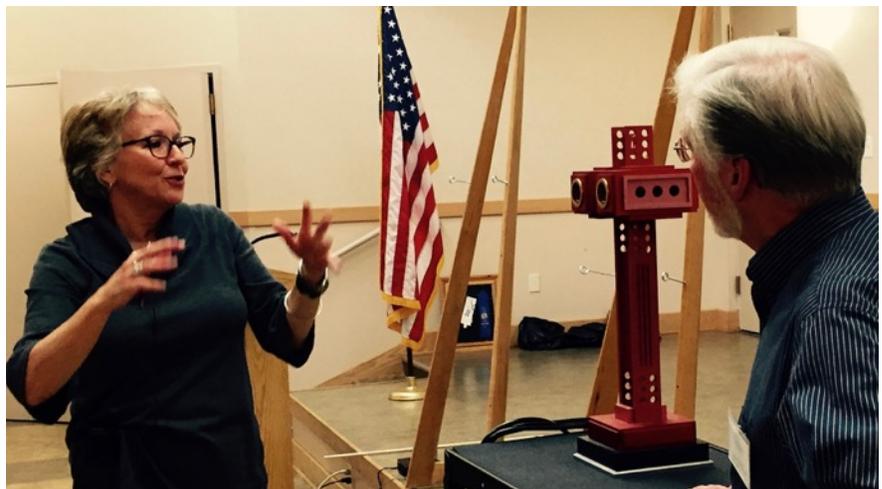
President’s Message

by Charles Reisdorf

2016 will have lots of special opportunities for JCAA artists to exhibit and sell their work. We’ll have three exhibitions for the display of work this summer - the JCAA Biennial, Ella’s state-wide exhibition, and the Art 634 show. In addition we have the Wall of Art, the Artist of the Month, the “16” Squares and Circles Project,” and the new venue at the Jackson Branch of the Ann Arbor State Bank. **Why not participate in all of these opportunities?** It’s a tall order, but it is loaded with the potential for lots of growth and satisfaction.

Need some help with inspiration, skill development, or just a helpful nudge from other aspiring JCAA artists who have a similar need? Come to an open studio session, attend a nude figure drawing session, sign up for a watercolor class with Kellison King, or take a class at the Ella Sharp Museum.

Get a good start on art in the New Year!



Jill Wagner (above) offers a critique of Gary Willcock’s sculpture, “RED 4-MAN,” at the November 3 JCAA meeting. Gary’s sculpture was one of two which were critiqued at the meeting. Carol Kent also offered a sculpture for critique by Ms. Wagner.

Welcome New Members

Deborah Clark
and Jack Faber

CALENDAR

January 5, 12, & 26, 2016
Open Studio at Ella Sharp Museum 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No charge.

January 8, 15, 22, & 29
Figure drawing at Ella Sharp Museum 9 a.m. to noon. Dry media only. \$8.

January 8
JCAA Board Meeting at Ella Sharp Museum, 1 to 3 p.m.

January 19
JCAA Meeting at Ella Sharp Museum. Kellison King. “Artistic Vision.” Doors open at 6 p.m., Meeting at 6:30.

January 29
Portrait Session at Ella Sharp Museum. 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. \$8.

The Jackson Civic Art Association (JCAA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which promotes the visual arts, and the skills of individual members in the greater Jackson, Michigan community through lectures, discussion, and mutual association. Membership is open to artists and those interested in art. Opinions expressed are the views of the editor and do not necessarily reflect the views of the JCAA.

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