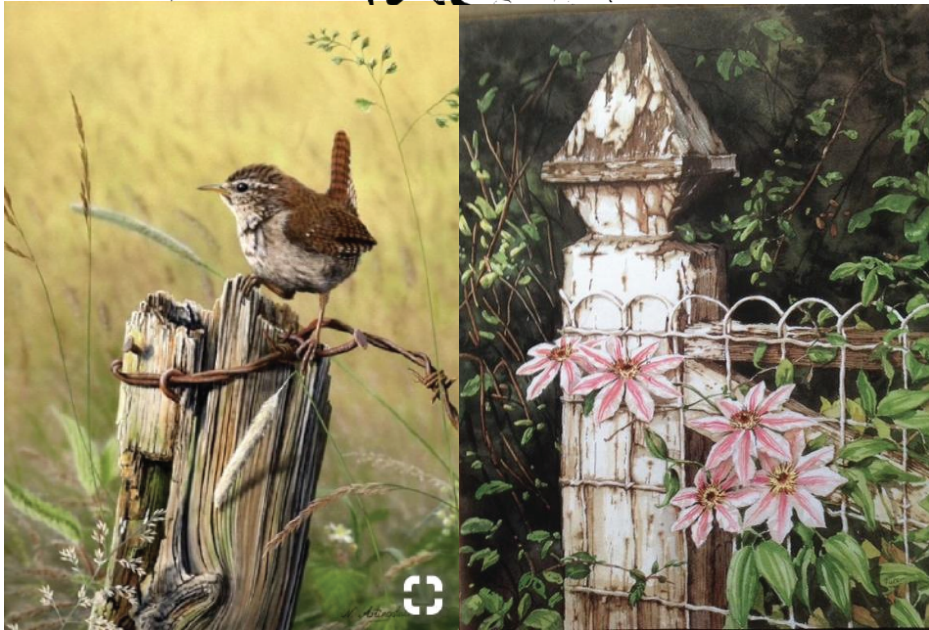




Studio Notes

January 2018



Above: Two paintings offered by the watercolor class
Below: FAC member work in the Harvest Coffee House

Frankenmuth Arts Council Gallery at the Harvest Coffee House

We have great news! The Frankenmuth Arts Council has partnered with The Harvest Coffee House to create a gallery! Original artwork from FAC members are on display. The artwork will be for sale to patrons, and the opportunity to display work will be open to council members. For more information please email Linda at lqbronner@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.



Happy New Year!

Happy 2018, Members! Join us at the first class of the year: Watercolors with Mary Ashcroft Seehagen. Monday, January 22 and Tuesday, January 23, class is from 9:00 - 4:00 at the Frankenmuth Farmers Market. Cost is \$50 for non members and \$45 for Frankenmuth Arts Council Members. Registration and the supply list are listed on frankenmutharts.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

WAIT!

...Have you renewed your membership for 2018? Pay your \$25 renewal fee and stay informed about all the newest and coolest events we have planned for you! Visit frankenmutharts.org to renew today.

Iowa Iron Pour

In June 2017 Stephen Hargash organized a trip to Decorah, Iowa sponsored by the Frankenmuth Arts Council to participate in a special artist invite event, where they experienced the many different processes involved with casting metal. Gary Gavit, Billy Budd, Ryan Buysens, John Martinez, Jonathon Martinez, and Sean Gallagher were the six local artists and members of the Frankenmuth Arts Council who participated. This was a first time experience for many of the artists that accompanied Stephen.

The artists were shown the basic steps involved with mold making such as; working with lost wax process, ceramic shell, and plasticine clay, along with rubber mold techniques to create their sculptures.

The experience took place on the farmland of Kelly Ludeking, who along with Brad Hertko, and Justin and Karen Peters run Ironhead Sculptural Services. All four of these artists are longtime colleagues of Stephen Hargash who met and developed their working relationship while attending the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.



Above and below right: iron pour work in process

The seven artists travelled to Iowa and camped on site along with other artists from around the country. On Wednesday they arrived and set up camp, while Thursday and Friday consisted of sand mold preparation and breaking up iron to be melted down in the furnace. The artists broke up old radiators into small pieces to be melted down for the iron. On Saturday, molds were finished and set in place; the furnace was assembled and fired up. The pour then proceeded in the late afternoon and went into the evening until every piece was poured. Visually, the Iron Pour is an amazing thing to witness. The Arts Council goal was to give the artists involved an educational experience as well as develop a dialogue with the Ironhead artists with the hopes of bringing their team to Frankenmuth to start our own Iron Pour, giving not only local artists access to this amazing art form but also the community. We are currently working towards launching our own Iron Pour event where we can work with youth and adults from the community to have the opportunity to create their own cast iron sculptures.



Frankenmuth Arts Council presents:

FAC Annual Art Auction

September 19, 2018

Bavarian Inn Lodge

Auction • Dinner • Gallery





Above: An example of art on the Art Walk Map
 Below, Left to right: FAC Board members at auction; Stephen Hargash presenting the Creative Mind Achievement Award; Art on display at the Walk in the Art Auction



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Art Auction 2017: A Walk in the Art

Our 4th Annual Art Auction showcased numerous artists from the local community. The event was a great success - highlighting recent artistic accomplishments and raising enough funds to support FAC operations well into 2018. The first Creative Mind Award was also awarded to Harold Eckert. Next year's auction is on September 19 featuring another unique menu from Judy Zehnder Keller of the Bavarian Inn Lodge. The auction is open to all artists for submission. Only a select number of pieces will be in the auction, but juried, additional artwork not in auction will be available for purchase in the gallery. Proceeds are earmarked for scholarships and art programs for the community. Contact Linda or Mary Anne at lqbronner@gmail.com or maschrems@aol.com.

Big News: The Art Walk Maps are Here!

Our largest project for 2017 was creating and distributing our Frankenkmath Art Walk maps to showcase the artwork that can be found in and around Frankenkmath. We debuted the maps at the 2017 Auction in September. Art identification was divided my murals, unique weathervanes and unique architecture, and interesting artwork. Maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce as well as many public brochure holders at various businesses. The FAC received a grant from the Frankenkmath Community Foundation that helped to fund printing and distribution..

Special Plein Air Gallery Coming Soon!

FAC is hosting a special Plein Air show October 18 - 21. A special gallery show will be open to the public at the Frankenkmath Farmers Market. More information will be released closer to the event.





Frankenmuth Jaycees for the Spritzen Platz Splash Pad

We are excited to announce our joint effort with the Frankenmuth Jaycees to create artwork celebrating the sponsors of the splash pad being installed in Memorial Park. We are opening the submissions to all FAC members! Submissions are due by March 31st. A committee will be formed between the Jaycees and FAC board members to select the artist. An applicant is allowed to submit more than one concept to the judging committee. The space suggested for the piece, but not limited to, is a 10' by 10' area for a free standing sculpture or a 10' by 10' wall space. Budget for the piece will be up to \$8000. Any interested members should email Jackie at jacquelynleary@gmail.com or message us on Facebook for an application form.

Keep Michigan Beautiful Award received by local artist, Stephen Hargash

On October 20th, FAC Executive Director Stephen Hargash and Frankenmuth Credit Union were awarded a Michigan Plaque at the 2017 Keep Michigan Beautiful conference. Steven and his dedicated team of artists invested hundreds of hours into painting a wonderful mural of wildflowers upon the egress wall adjoining the drive-through lanes at the credit union's Frankenmuth branch. Keep Michigan Beautiful is an official state program intended to identify and honor those individuals and groups whose efforts and energy are earnestly applied in service to the health and beauty of their communities.

We are
always
on the lookout for
VOLUNTEERS!

Message us on Facebook or contact a board member if you are interested.

Special Thanks

Frankenmuth Arts Council would like to to extend our appreciation for grants we received from Frankenmuth Credit Union for a new computer and printer Frankenmuth Women's Club for donating toward our future Iron Pour and to the Frankenmuth Community Foundation for our Art Walk Maps.

