

April 2020

President's Message:

I am well aware that everyone is thoroughly tired of hearing about the coronavirus pandemic but I want to speak briefly about it and what OAS recommends at this difficult time. We all know the current stats, the constantly evolving list of closures and restrictions and the worries we are all facing regarding keeping ourselves, family and friends safe and healthy. You will have already seen the notice we sent out recently regarding our own closures and the postponement of classes and workshops. I know it is very disappointing for those of you who, like me, were looking forward eagerly to new learning opportunities for the Spring. However we can all hope that these extreme measures that I think almost the entire world has put in place will serve their purpose and we'll see this crisis start to recede within a reasonably short period of time. Meanwhile, what to do whilst stuck at home either in self isolation or just socially distanced from everyone? Here are a few ideas I have read about recently:

- Go online. There are lots of things you can “visit” electronically, like museums, art galleries etc.
- Take an on-line course. Maybe now is the time to take up a new form of art, learn a new language or learn to knit.
- Start a new hobby. Perhaps you've always thought you'd like to know how to juggle or play that guitar you bought years ago.
- Keep in touch remotely. Pick up the phone to chat with family and friends or “meet” for coffee via Skype or one of the other video options.
- Start a research project. Start investigating your family tree or perhaps get going on that book you always meant to write.

There are lots of opportunities out there to take your mind off the health crisis and to find something positive to focus on. Here's another neat idea I just heard about from an English on-line art group....they are starting up an “Isolation Art Challenge”. All you have to do is join their Facebook page and then submit a piece of artwork. You can read more about it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/isolationartchallenge/>

It's free, just for fun, no judging or prizes. This group is absolutely NOT about who is the most talented or the most creative. It's about striving to complete a challenge and improving your OWN art from where it was before. Participation is everything. The quality of the artwork is irrelevant. Whatever your standard, you can feel completely safe and welcome in this group!

Whatever you decide to do, try to stay positive ...and keep creating!

Best regards - Maggie

Quote of the month:

“Hang on to your hat. Hang on to your hope. And wind up the clock for tomorrow is another day”
- E.B. White

Upcoming OAS Programs & Workshops:

Submitted by Mary Driussi, OAS Program Coordinator.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are **postponing the start of all spring art programs and rescheduling some workshops. As things are changing daily, please check the [OAS website](#) for the most current information before registering.**

Program schedule as of March 19th, 2020: All **Adult Spring classes** are now rescheduled to begin the week of **April 20, 2020** and will run for **6 weeks**. **Children's classes** will start on **April 18, 2020**, as originally scheduled. Class participants may opt for a full refund. Refunds due to the shorter term will be issued after April 20 in case we need to cancel Spring classes altogether. **There is still room in most Adult classes, starting April 20th, 2020.**

Upcoming Workshops	New Rescheduled Dates
<p>DELAYED Watercolour Negative Painting Obsession - Nature's Treasures! with Instructor Linda Kemp (<i>only a few spots left</i>) Monday and Tuesday, March 23 & 24, 2020 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$340 OAS member: \$320</p>	<p>Rescheduled to: Monday and Tuesday, July 6 & 7, 2020 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$340 OAS member: \$320</p>
<p>DELAYED Negative Painting Evolution in Acrylics with Instructor Linda Kemp (<i>only a few spots left</i>) Wednesday, March 25 - Friday, March 27, 2020 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$495 OAS member: \$470</p>	<p>Rescheduled to: Wednesday, July 8 - Friday, July 10, 2020 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$495 OAS member: \$470</p>
<p>DELAYED Encaustic + Mixed Media Explorations with Instructor Erna de Vries Saturday, March 28th, 2020 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost \$175 which includes all supplies (No member discount)</p>	<p>Rescheduled to: Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost \$175 which includes all supplies (No member discount)</p>
<p>DELAYED Acrylics: A Limited Palette Workshop with Instructor Gloria Kingma Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:00 to 4:00 pm Cost: \$125 OAS member: \$110</p>	<p>Rescheduled to: Saturday, June 13th, 2020 10:00 to 4:00 pm Cost: \$125 OAS member: \$110</p>

Workshops participants may choose to reschedule or may opt for a full refund.

Upcoming OAS Member Activities:

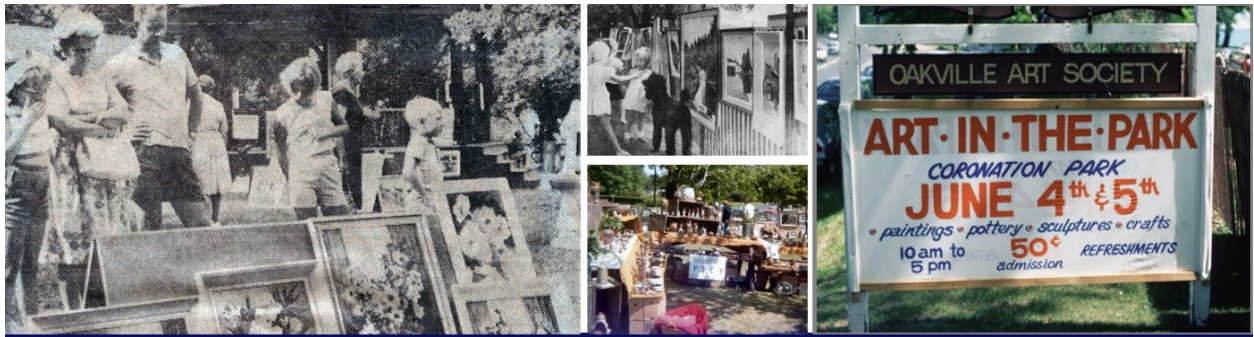
Submitted by Frank Duyvelshoff, Director of Membership and Volunteers

CANCELLED:

- **Member Artwork Showcase , the month of April 2020**
- **Meet & Greet – OAS Gallery, April 3rd, 2020**

STILL IN THE WORKS:

August: Art In the Park 2020



Our annual OAS event is **accepting applications now!** Deadline is April 25th, 2020. Mark Monday, August 3rd on your calendar. Have you ever participated? Would you like to? OAS Members enjoy a special discounted rate. Apply at [Art in the Park Oakville](#). Remember, artists who have participated before do not need to submit images, and payment **MUST** accompany your registration. Read through the [FAQs on the website](#), and sign up! *P.S. Anyone reading this know when these images were taken? They belong to OAS but are readily available in Google.*

September: 2020 Oakville Art Society Juried Show

Submitted by Carolyn Hassard, OAS Juried Shows

OAS members are invited to participate in the **2020 Oakville Art Society Juried Show** to be held from **September 17th to 27th, 2020** at The Centennial Art Gallery. This exhibition is open to all OAS members. New members welcome!

Everyone is welcome to volunteer to man the gallery during the show. Due to the early FALL date, a [sign-up sheet for gallery sitting during the show](#) will be posted at The Oakville Art Society **May 1, 2020**. Please sign up to help, especially if you are planning to submit work to the show.

If you would like to help with the Juried Show or the wine and cheese reception, please contact carolyn.hassard@me.com. Stay tuned for more details!

October: OAS Student Art Show – OAS Gallery

Annual Art Show for students of OAS courses. Details to follow.

November: Tentative Pre-Christmas Artwork Sale – OAS Building

Details/timing to be determined. If you're interested in volunteering to develop the Sale, please email Frank Duyvelshoff at fduyvelshoff@outlook.com

Update: OAS Art Auction

As reported last month, the OAS Board decided to run the Art Auction in alternative years, so the next auction will be held in 2021.

Welcome New Members:

Antonio Morra, Bronwen Tregunno, Pearl Latty

2020 Newmarket Juried Art Show:

Call to all Artists from: Dave Kempton and Peggy Stevens, Co-Directors, 2020 Newmarket Juried Art Show

The first Annual Newmarket Juried Art Show in 2019 was a great success! 81 artists from all across Ontario submitted 223 pieces of work. At the Opening Reception/Gala, \$950 in awards, all locally sponsored, was given out.

Deadline for submissions: Saturday, Aug 15, 2020 @ 5pm. See website <https://newmarketjuriedartshow.ca>

Jurying & Notification: by Aug 29, 2020

Drop-off: Monday, Oct 5

Show dates: Oct 7 to Oct 22

Gala: Thursday Oct 15, 7 to 9 pm

Pick up: Oct 23, 2020

NO commission charged, NO need to be in on the hanging or tear-down, NO gallery sitting, NO unanswered emails!

Images from the Studio:



Sandy Greer's cherries look good enough to eat!



Franz Opferkuch's colourful landscape for a friend.



Jayne Cangemi's watercolour of a friend's daughter helping her Dad in the workshop.



Minna Sturup's watercolour of Oakville Harbour, looking up the hill on Water Street.

Inspirations from the World:

While COVID keeps us physically isolated, thanks to the internet, we are still able to explore art virtually as suggested in the President's letter. For relief from COVID news, there is also a weekly newsletter from CNN one can subscribe to that provides only funny anecdotes and GOOD news. Copy this link to access <https://www.cnn.com/specials/us/the-good-stuff>.

Finally, The history of Easter themes in art is also a fascinating and joyful read on Google Arts & Culture (see: <https://artsandculture.google.com/search?q=easter>). Enjoy the herald of Spring!



Susan and Leslie would love to hear from OAS members to perhaps get a glimpse of what you're currently working on, or hear your suggestions for future Bulletin content. Email newsletterOAS@gmail.com.