

September 2021



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President's Message:

The summer is wearing on and I have noticed a few of the trees beginning to show hints that autumn is not too far away. Time to start thinking about getting back into some of our favourite activities and (hopefully) seeing our world resume something like a normal picture as kids go back to school. With that in mind, let me remind you that our fall classes and workshops are now available for on-line registration. We have a terrific lineup of both in-studio and virtual classes to choose from so don't delay – sign up before it's too late! And on that note.....

I do have an important new policy to announce regarding our in-studio classes. We have heard from a number of you indicating that you want assurance that we will be offering a safe environment at our studios. In addition, the recent increase in Covid cases and the prevalence of the more transmissible Delta variant of this virus are issues of concern. **Consequently your Board has decided that we must require proof of full vaccination for anyone wishing to attend an in-person class or workshop.** This, together with our many ongoing safety protocols which include wearing a face mask at all times and our high-tech HEPA filters, will ensure that our studio spaces are safe and secure so you can feel confident in reserving your place for our fall sessions.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who is longing for the opportunity to get back into the studio!

A reminder about our membership contest! Don't forget you could win a free OAS membership! It is that time of the year again when membership renewals are due and I'd like to encourage everyone to either renew or sign up as a new member at your earliest convenience. As an added incentive, anyone who purchases an individual membership by 31st August 2021 will have their name entered into a draw and one lucky winner will get a full refund of the fee. And remember, even if you don't win a free membership you will still gain access to all our membership benefits. For instance, you only need to sign up for one or two classes through the year at the member-discounted rate and then purchase some of your art supplies at DeSerres using your Zone membership, and you will have more than covered the cost of the membership. What a deal! Tell your friends!!

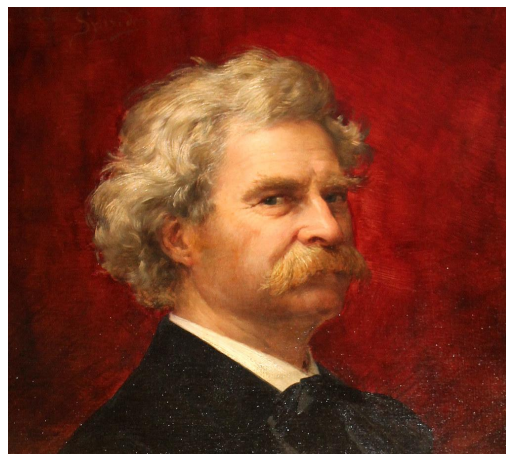
Stay safe and healthy.

Best regards - Maggie

Quote of the Month:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

- Mark Twain



An 1898 portrait of Twain painted by Italian artist Ignace Spiridon, which now hangs in the Mark Twain Library in Redding. (Image courtesy of Flickr user Terry Ballard)

New Members:



Welcome new members! Judith Rees, Beverly Vinski, Li Zhou, Kate Nickerson, Sue Stasiuk, Carolyn Hassard, Nancy McEvoy, Rebecca Taharally, Ginette Young, Frances Sandland

Upcoming OAS Classes:

Fall [workshops](#) start September 11th, 2021 and classes September 27th, 2021. A full suite of in-studio and online courses await your registration. Visit [Art Classes \(oakvilleartsociety.com\)](https://www.oakvilleartsociety.com). Masks and proof of vaccination is required.



Message from the Oakville Arts Council :



Opportunities to Exhibit!

1. At Joshua Creek:

40th Annual Summer Show Featuring the Artists and Graduates of Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre, July 20 - September 15th, 2021. See more at [CURRENT EXHIBITION – Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre \(joshuacreekarts.com\)](https://www.joshuacreekarts.com)

2. Town of Oakville Recreation and Culture Department: - Exhibition Call:

The Town of Oakville's Recreation and Culture facilities welcome exhibition proposals from professional, local, emerging artists, instructors, students, and culture groups in the areas of fine art, craft, and digital arts for temporary public exhibitions.

We have two kinds of exhibition spaces:

Exhibiting in the Corridor Galleries at QEPCCC and Trafalgar Park Community Centre is free. The preferred duration of group and solo shows in our open corridors is three to four months.

For more information and application forms, visit
<https://www.oakville.ca/culturerec/public-art-and-exhibitions.html> Contact email:
artscouncil@oakville.ca

From your Bulletin Editors:

Susan and Leslie are looking forward to meeting more new members this fall, either in-studio (fingers crossed) or online. Newsletters that appeal are created with member input - we need your feedback and ideas on how to make this a better vehicle of communication. Covid isolation has afforded many of us the opportunity to investigate online sources, if you find a great site, please share by e-mailing newsletterOAS@gmail.com

Memorium :

Some of our long-time members will remember **Joyce Kellock**, and her husband (Ed Boyer) who were long-time members of the OAS. Joyce is remembered fondly by Dave de la Plante of Milton, for her generosity in mentoring others in watercolour techniques. This original painting by Joyce was commissioned by Mr. de la Plante's grandfather, depicting the Manor House belonging to the Seigneury Club in Montebello, PQ. It now hangs in Mr. de la Plante's office, in memory of both artist and grandfather who have passed on. Image is used with permission.

