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At this writing and after a brief reprieve over Christmas and New Year's, winter has descended upon us with all its usual unpleasantness. I can only hope that you are holed up someplace warm and dry with plenty of time to attend to your particular art.

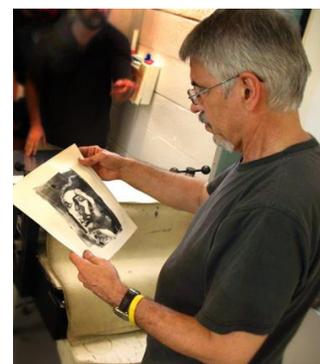
With the onset of the new year, it is time we pay our dues. We need your money. This is what we use to pay for the regional shows and the state show.

Incidentally, the state show is scheduled for May 2, 2015, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Roger Woock is running the operation in Cedar Falls and the organizers have secured the services of Gary Kelley, an artist and illustrator with a national reputation, as the guest speaker. I am pretty excited about this. Here is Gary's website: www.garykelleyonline.com. Take a look and I am sure you will be as enthused about his appearance as I am.

With my term as generalissimo of this outfit winding down, there are a whole bunch of people I need to thank, not the least of which is the general membership, that is, all of you, for the unfailing support you have shown for this organization and its objectives. I also need to thank the people who have put the regional shows together and attended to all of the little stuff that makes those shows the success they have been. I have been there and know that it is sometimes difficult to think that anybody gives a rat's patootie for all your work and worry. Believe me, we all do and we all care and we are all appreciative. With that, I hope to see you in Cedar Falls in May and a Happy New Year to you all.

Gary Kelly- State Show Judge

Gary Kelly is a nationally known artist who lives and works in Cedar Falls, Iowa. If you have ever been to a Barnes and Noble Book Store you have seen his work on the walls. We are looking forward to having him as a judge at our 2015 State Show. To see more of his work, please look at his web page, <http://www.garykelleyonline.com>.



Iowa Artists Article –Denice Peters

by Marion Boyer

Our featured artist this issue is Denice Peters from Denison, Iowa. She is a self-taught pastel artist originally from LeMars, IA. Denice exhibits in Iowa Artists every year. At various times, she has won 1st, 2nd and honorable mentions. This past year, 2014, she had a painting called "Heartland" that was selected as a finalist in THE ARTIST MAGAZINE's annual competition. Her name was listed in the December issue. (We have included a photo of that painting). In addition, Denice enters competitions and exhibits across the US.



Denice shared a fun story about her discovery of pastels. She accidentally came across pastels in 1995. She was attending a three day oil painting workshop. The group went to a pasture

in 100 degree temps from 12 -2 each day to paint. (Then and there she said to herself she would never do that again.) The instructor graciously volunteered that for any of the artists who could stay an additional day, he'd give a free pastel workshop. So she stayed, not really even knowing anything about pastels. SHE WAS HOOKED!



She has never gone back to any other medium, she had found hers! Denice has been painting with nothing but pastels for the last 20 years. She has been doing her art full time now for almost 5 years. One of her fun challenges is to paint and finish a painting each day for a month! It was a great learning

experience for her the first time. So, she is once again in her January challenge. She had never painted small before. However, for the challenge,

she usually paints anywhere from 5x7 to 8x10 in order to get them finished. Denice feels it has opened up a new level of confidence in her painting and a quicker stroke. Plus, it is a great way to get a lot done for a show. She will have a show of her work in the Quad Cities Airport gallery in July and August.



Rules/Prospectus for Regional & State Show

Eligibility

Current members of Iowa Artists who are age 18 or older qualify for a maximum of 3 entries each. Official entry forms need to be signed and submitted by artist.

Acceptable Work

All work must be original in concept and created by the artist. Reference photos must be of the artist's own taking or used by permission of originator. No copyrighted material may be used as reference.

Artwork must have been done within the last two years and not previously shown in Iowa Artists Regional or State Shows. Maximum dimensions (including frame or display apparatus) are 4' x 4' in either direction.

Unacceptable Work

Photos, computer-generated art, computer art slides, videos or motion pictures are not accepted. Artwork done in workshops or classes under an instructor is not accepted.

Mediums

2-Dimensional:

- Oil or water-based paints or any combination of these, on flat surface, framed, and wired ready to hang. (Watercolor on paper must include a mat.)
- Pencil, charcoal, pastel, ink, or any combination of these, on flat surface, matted, framed, and wired ready to hang.
- Diptych or triptychs must have frames joined together in some fashion, wired ready to hang, and may not exceed 4'x4' in entirety.
- Collage must be framed and wired ready to hang.
- Artwork on wrap-round mounts with finished sides can be unframed and wired ready to hang.

3-Dimensional:

A category of combined 3-dimensional entries will be considered for awards if the number of combined entries totals 5 or more pieces. One blue ribbon, one red ribbon, etc. may be awarded for every 10 pieces or fraction thereof.

- Jewelry – overall concept and major embellishment must be of the artist's own creation, of normal size, handmade from original idea.

- Fiber & Textile – baskets, mats, weaving, rugs, hangings, quilts and printed textiles employing and original design and imagination of the artist.

Submitted Work

All entrants are responsible for delivery and pick-up of their own work. If shipped, work must be suitably ready to hang or display. Works will be given all possible care in handling and storing, however, the exhibit committees and Iowa Artists cannot be responsible for loss or damage.

Entrants may not remove work before the show is over without permission from the show chairman. Written permission is required when transporting artwork that is the property of another artist.

Judging

Regional Show:

The judge will select one piece from each 10 exhibited in the regional show for a first, second and third place ribbon. The judge will also select a number of honorable mentions at his/her discretion. Only artwork awarded a first place blue ribbon at the regional level shall advance to the state show.

In the event that a piece of artwork has received a first place ribbon and is later found to be unqualified for an Iowa Artists show, that piece may advance to the state show but will not be considered for an award.

State Show:

The judge will select the 3 highest awards in the following order: one piece of artwork to receive Best of Show, one for the Richard Heggen Award, and one for the Doris Frandsen Award.

The judge will select one piece from each 10 exhibited and award a first, second and third place ribbon. Honorable mentions will be awarded at the judge's discretion. All first place winners will receive a monetary award in addition to the ribbon.

If included at regional and/or state show, a Peoples' Choice ribbon may be awarded according to popular vote of show attendees.

The judge will give a critique of artwork receiving awards and be available to answer entrants' questions concerning their entries.

Entry Blanks for Regional Shows 2015

***It is requested that entries to regional shows be made prior to the show day in accordance with the date specified for your region. (Refer to the IA Directory to match your county with your Region.) If you are not currently a member of Iowa Artists the registration form must be accompanied by a \$25 entry fee. Pre-show registered artwork will be listed in the show program and will have priority for available display space. Regional shows are the juring method for the State show. All blue ribbon artwork is qualified for and expected at the State show.

Fill out completely, sign, and remit this registration form to the person specified for your region:

Name of Artist _____ County _____ Region _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Entries:

1. Title _____ Medium _____ Size _____ Price _____

2. Title _____ Medium _____ Size _____ Price _____

3. Title _____ Medium _____ Size _____ Price _____

I have read the conditions of entry in the Rules/Prospectus for Iowa Artist Regional & State Shows. I certify that I am an adult artist and that my entries are original, of my own design, and not copied from any other work.

Signature of Artist _____ Date _____

(Note: You may enter only in the region where you live but you may attend any regional show. Exhibit committee and gallery will treat artwork with care but will not be responsible for damage or loss. Nor will they be responsible for any items not picked up at the end of the show.) **Attach one tag to the back of each entry.**

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Artist _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____

Medium/Category: _____ Price _____

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Artist _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____

Medium/Category: _____ Price _____

2015 Regional Art Show Information

Area 1 & 4

Date: April 11, 2015, 9 am to 3 pm
Location: Witter Gallery, 609 Cayuga St., Storm Lake, IA 50588 Ph: [712-732-3400](tel:712-732-3400)
Judge: Glenda Drennen
Regional Coordinator & Chairperson: Ken Harskamp, 609 Moorehead St., Ida Grove, IA 51445 Ph: [712-364-2595](tel:712-364-2595)
Cell: [712-539-0200](tel:712-539-0200),
e-mail: mrken@longlines.com.
Comments: All entries will be accepted at the gallery on April 11, 2015. Please have your entry blanks filled out.

Area 2

Date: April 11, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Location: Heritage Center
Buffalo Center, Iowa 50424 on Hwy 9
Pre-register by: March 27, 2015
Coordinator: Marvella Blome
42418 130th Ave, Thompson, IA 50478
Phone: [641-584-2984](tel:641-584-2984)
Email: mdblome@wctatel.net
Chairperson: Dean Swenson
110 3rd St NW, Buffalo Center, IA 50424
Phone: [641-562-2815](tel:641-562-2815) Email: dean.swenson@waldorf.edu
Comments: Lunch served there

Area 3

Date: April 11, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Coordinator: Gail Larson
Show Chair and Entry Registration:
Ann McCullough, PO Box 457,
Strawberry Point, IA 52076
Location: Guttenberg Municipal Building, 3rd floor,
502 South First Street, elevator and assistance
with unloading and loading art available.
Please bring easels.

Area 5

Date: April 11, 2015 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Art House on State,
221 State Street, Madrid, Iowa
Coordinator & Show Chairperson:
Kathy Strohl
2361 QW Lane, Madrid, IA 50156
by March 31, 2015.
Phone [515-231-1497](tel:515-231-1497)
Comments: Lunch will be at local restaurants.

Area 6

Date: March 29, 2015, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Fisher Community Center auditorium,
709 S Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158
Coordinator: Thomas Thurston
tommytthurston@gmail.com
Entry blank address: 102 W South Street,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Final due date: Friday March 27th
Comments: Small wire easels & hanging hardware
supplied, BYO easel if you want.

Area 7

Date: March 21, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Denver Public Library
Judge: Bill Close
Coordinator: Marion Wiley
2114 Fairview Dr, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Chairperson: Terrie Dixon
Phone: 319-266-3764
Comments: Entries due by March 14.

Area 8

Date: April 12, 2014, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Coordinator: Robert Peterson
Show Coordinator: Diane Rattner
Entrys to be sent to Diane Rattner at
hdrattner@mchsi.com...319-294-1382
Location: Coralville Public Library
1401 5th St, Coralville, IA 52241
Phone: [\(319\) 248-1850](tel:319-248-1850)
Comments: Judge to be announced,
Desktop or standing easels needed.

Area 9 & 10

Date: April 18, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Winterset Art Center
224 S. John Wayne Drive,
Winterset
Coordinator: Maggie Ripperger,
Winterset Art Center, Box 325,
Winterset, IA 50273
Comments: Send registrations by April 11

Area 11

Date: March 28, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 am

Location: The Freight House
11th and Auburn, Chariton,

Coordinator& Show Chairperson: Susan Baer
23308 510 Lane, Chariton, IA 50049

Judge: Janet Heinicke, Indianola

Comments: Final date for entries: March 15, 2015
No sawtooth hangers please.

Area 12

Date: April 4, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Burlington Art Gallery
301 Jefferson St., Burlington, Iowa

Coordinator/Chair:
Margaret Schwind

What's the Buzz...

The **Iowa Artist 2015 State Show** will be Saturday, May 2. It is being held at the First United Methodist Church, 723 Washington St., Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. We are honored to have as our guest speaker and presenter, nationally recognized illustrator, Gary Kelley. The show hours are 9:00 – 4:00. We will have a large hall to display the art. We will have an artists' lounge with coffee, juice, water and refreshments etc., all free to the artist. There will also be a board meeting room for the annual board meeting. First United Methodist Church is located close to downtown Cedar Falls which has many fine restaurants. The committee will be advertising to ensure public awareness of this opportunity to view a display of wonderful art. Please help with the advertising...word of mouth is a great method of getting the "word" out! Chairman: Roger Woock studio203@CFU.net

Floriana Hayes currently has 18 pieces showing at the Dickinson Law Firm in downtown Des Moines through August 2015. She is scheduled for the HeartFest Art Exhibition February 7th and 8th in Valley West Mall in West Des Moines and a one person show at the DMCC Boone campus during the month of April 2015.

The 31st Annual Dr. Stumme Art Show was held in Denver, IA in November 2014. **Paula Schrad** of Cedar Falls won 1st place in the professional watercolor division and **Dolores Buchheit** of St. Lucas won 2nd and 3rd place. In addition Paula won best of show.

Jo Myers-Walker is offering a workshop, **Watercolor Sketches and Beyond**, on April 8, 9, and 10 at the Summerset Winery in Indianola, IA. For more information contact Dianne Liepa at 515-961-8539 or d.liepa@mac.com or Jo Myers-Walker at jomyerswalker@gmail.com. The painting at the right is from the flyer for Jo's workshop.



Denice Peters is having a painting composition workshop in her new home studio at 2507 Riverview Dr. in Denison, Iowa. The workshop will be on Feb 21st from 10-4pm. She will be painting in pastels, but the participants can bring their medium of choice. The charge is \$40.00. Contact: Denice Peters [712-263-3090](tel:712-263-3090)

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Ann McCullough, Treasurer, would like to remind members that your **dues** help keep this organization running, and you informed. Even if you decide not to show any work this year, your dues are at work for you through our newsletter and website. Waiting until the last minute to send in your dues or paying them at check-in causes regional show coordinators and those checking in members extra work, and slows down the process the day of the show. Please consider paying your dues now, whether you plan to show or not. Ann McCullough, PO Box 457, Strawberry Point, IA 52076. If you are not sure if you have paid or not, please feel free to email annsanity2go@yahoo.com or call [563-933-6182](tel:563-933-6182)

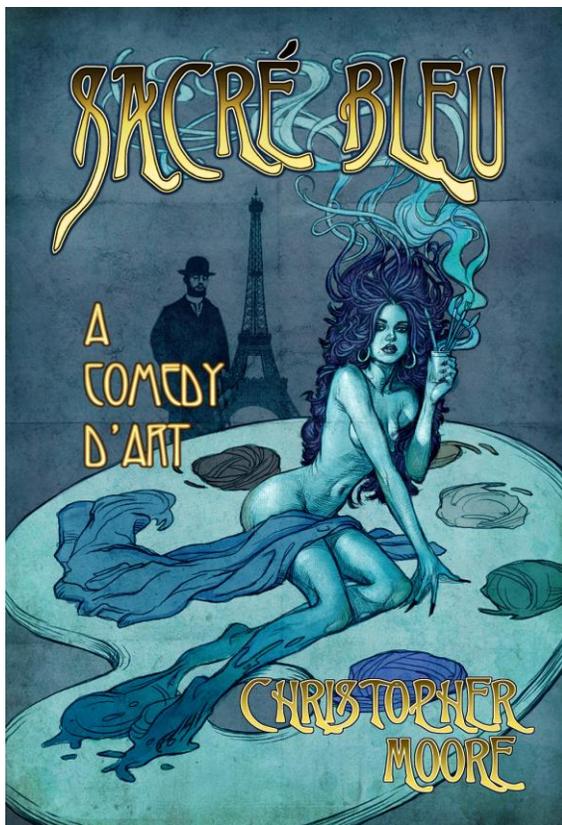
Buzz Continued...

McGregor-Marquette Center for the Arts, McGregor, IA, just successfully completed a Kickstarter fund raising venture. They now have the \$3300 they need to archivally mat and frame the complete set of 22 original hand colored etchings for the popular children's book "Rivertown" by Arthur Geisert. Look for a special exhibit of the works at MMCA during the summer of 2015. The etchings will also be available for other displays at venues such as local libraries and schools throughout Northeast Iowa.

Save the Date, October 13 – 16, 2015, for "Paint-Till You Faint" at Pine Lake Bible Camp in Eldora, IA.

Artists Are Readers, Too

By Twyla Moschel



How to describe the novel, *Sacré Bleu*, 2012, by Christopher Moore? On the cover it says, “A Comedy D’Art.” On the first page inside the cover under the heading Praise for *Sacré Bleu*, a contribution by Literary Journal reads, “Moore ... set out to write a book about the color blue. What he ended up with is a surprisingly complex novel full of love, death, art, and mystery.... Don’t let Moore’s quirky characters and bawdy language fool you. His writing has depth, and his peculiar take on the impressionists will reel you in. One part art history (with images of masterpieces interspersed with the narrative), one part paranormal mystery, and one part love story, this is a worthy read.”

Moore is the author of twelve previous novels although none, to my knowledge is dedicated to the art world. If you want to check out the author’s research and the story behind *Sacré Bleu* visit sacrebledu.me

According to The Local: France’s News in English issue of September 2, 2014: “Sacrébleu is a stereotypical and very old fashioned French curse, which is rarely used by the French these days. An English equivalent would be ‘My Goodness!’ or ‘Golly Gosh!’ It was once considered very offensive. It literally means ‘sacred blue,’ but it comes from ‘sacré Dieu’ or ‘sacred God.’ ‘Bleu’ was used by people to replace ‘Dieu’ in order to avoid the blasphemy of explicitly using the name of God.”

Be warned—romping through the story is a crass little man dubbed the Colorman and his accomplice of many disguises—a muse. In my view, the best way to make sense of the story is to be aware of the paranormal element right from the beginning. Then sit back and enjoy an outlandish read with lots of twists and turns and probably a little puzzlement now and then on your part.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cell Number: _____

New: _____ Renewal: _____ Region No: _____

Change of Address: Yes ___ NO ___

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