

# Alberta House News

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## Notes from the Chair

- Agatha Colbert

We are pleased to report the success of our September exhibit, “Focus on Tribal Art and Culture”. The show featured the dramatic acrylic paintings of Deanna LaLonde, exquisite native pottery by Ed Gray, and a photographic documentary of the Bay Mills Indian Community by Scott Laursen. The exhibit was featured on the front page of the *Soo Evening News*. It drew many new visitors to Alberta House and can be counted as one of our most financially successful endeavors.

Of equally high caliber is our current show. Two very accomplished Marquette-based artists, John Hubbard and Diana Magnusen, have 36 paintings hanging in the Gallery. Please see pages 3 and 4 for details. These two artists won the Alberta House-sponsored prize at the Northern Exposure XXVIII exhibit at William Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba last year.

For the past five years, Alberta House has participated in the Northern Exposure Competition which attracts artists from all over the Upper Peninsula. We take advantage of this annual confluence of artistic talent by sponsoring an award. This collaboration has the benefits of exposing our EUP area to other artists and encouraging our local artists to enter their work in Escanaba.

Donations are still coming in from our annual fund-raising drive. We are very grateful for everyone's generous and continued support. In addition to dollars, we have also received gifts. A laptop computer and printer were donated to us by the *Bay Mills Community College*. A \$500 donation has been earmarked to assist in the purchase of a desperately needed \$1500 Point-of-Sale system (SquareUp). If anyone wishes to contribute towards the \$1000 still needed for this system, please make a notation on your check.

Grant writing efforts are progressing. We will submit a grant to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council to fund an ART CAMP for children in July 2023. Proceeds from our various revenue streams have allowed us to contract an upgrading of SAAC's digital presence over the next six

### Artists in Parks

Every summer **Isle Royale** and many other national parks host artists in **residence**.

months. We hope this contract will transition into a part time Operations Manager position.

Efforts to find a new venue for the Sault Area Art Center - A Gathering Place - persist. We are looking for the “just right” site that will give us greater visibility, allow for a larger shop, and adequate classroom space and furnish a setting to hold events such as Art Parties, Workshops, Gallery talks and Artist Demonstrations. The Alberta House property remains on the market, waiting for the “just right” buyer.

In case you are not aware, Jean Jones is in the hospital. We miss her and hope her condition improves. Jean has spent the last 40 years of her life devoted to making SAAC succeed in its mission “to encourage appreciation and participation of the Arts by all the citizens in the area”. We are forever grateful to her for all the time, energy and love she has put into that effort.

## New Faces on the Board of Directors

This edition we introduce Board member **Tom Harrison**.

**Tom** was born in Sault Ste. Marie, graduated from Pickford High and then continued on to college in SSM. What was then Michigan Tech University, he spent 2 years on the SSM campus and then graduated in Houghton. His career was always with wood, from a production engineer to manager to owning his own custom cabinetry business with a factory in Pennsylvania. He has returned to Pickford and continues with his hobbies and art, woodcarving. He serves on several boards in the Eastern UP and enjoys the magnificent area of Michigan and the beautiful people who live here.

## From the Permanent Collection

Untitled; dated '50

**Eugene Jemison** was an artist and a musician; a professor of Art at LSSU and a traveling troubadour. In 1954 he recorded an album, Solomon Valley Ballads, now preserved by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings, the recording label of the Smithsonian Institution.



## October Artists Spotlight: Paintings

### John Hubbard and Diana Magnusen

The Sault Art Center at Alberta House is now proudly featuring paintings of two prize winning Marquette based artists, John Hubbard and Diana Magnusen. Both artists are deeply influenced by the natural beauty of the Central Upper Peninsula but their art is quite different.

Diana creates stunning and unique nature-based illustrations for childrens' books, galleries and more. Her work is whimsical, often allegorical and sometimes surreal. Her drawings of nature speak to climate change.



John's paintings, on the other hand, are intellectually and emotionally fed by the visual beauty of the fields and woods around his home. Winter landscapes are one of his favorite themes. The contrasts of the dark trees against bright snow and the exciting display of green and blue hues add visual intrigue. He particularly enjoys portraying the directional change of fallen trees with diagonal shadows.



John has developed a recent fascination with Ravens and Crows. He delights in their intelligence the many colors that can be seen in their black feathers, their engaging behaviors, and their wide range of vocalizations. Some Ravens can even speak words, that they have learned, to communicate with humans.



Overall, this is an exceptionally good exhibit of paintings done by two very accomplished artists. A visit to the Alberta House will not disappoint. Hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am-4 pm. 217 Ferris St, Sault Ste Marie, MI.

Please see the calendar gallery event listing on the next page for more details.

## Calendar

New events to be posted on [SAAC Facebook](#)

### **OCT 1-OCT 29 : GALLERY EXHIBIT AND SALE** **ARTISTS: JOHN HUBBARD AND DIANA MAGNUSEN**

Artist spotlights on pages 3 and 4.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

Wednesday - Saturday

11am - 4pm; contingent on volunteer availability.

Call to confirm opening at (906) 635-1312

### **OCT 25 (TUESDAY) : CREATIVE SESSION** **HALLOWEEN FIGURE DRAWING**

We will supply a model in costume. Bring your art supplies and a beverage for 2 hours of drawing fun.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

7pm-9pm

Workshop fee: \$15

Contact: [saultareaartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:saultareaartscouncil@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

### **NOV 3 (THURSDAY) : WORKSHOP** **BEGINNER'S SPECIAL: EMBROIDER A ZIPPERED POUCH**

Create a gift for someone special (or for yourself) while learning basic embroidery stitches. You'll decorate a large zippered pouch with your choice of simple designs. The class fee includes all the supplies you'll need for this fun evening.

About the instructor: **Judy Merrill-Smith** is an award-winning fiber artist who enjoys teaching new skills to people of all ages.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

6:30pm-8:30pm

Workshop fee: \$30

Contact: [saultareaartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:saultareaartscouncil@gmail.com) to register or for more information.

Preregister by Nov 2; limited availability of 12.



**NOV 10 (THURSDAY) : CREATIVE EDUCATION SERIES  
HOW DOES ABSTRACTION MEAN?**

For many people abstract art is a mystery that is best ignored. This talk seeks to investigate the aesthetic and social issues that led to the development of non-representative art. Professor Colbert will review the history of this development from Cezanne to Mondrian.

About the presenter: **Charles Colbert**, PhD, Art Historian. He is the author of several books and many articles on American Art.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

7:00pm-8:30pm

There is no cost for this talk, but donations are always appreciated.

**NOV 2 - NOV 4 : CHRISTMAS SHOW DROP OFF**

See details on pages 9 and 10.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

11am - 4pm

**NOV 6-DEC 23 : CHRISTMAS SHOW**

Come find handmade treasures to check off your Christmas list. We will have a variety of sizes and price points to please everyone. More details on See details on pages 9 and 10.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

Wednesday - Saturday

11am - 4pm; contingent on volunteer availability.

Call to confirm opening at (906) 635-1312

**NOV 8 (TUESDAY) : SAAC BOARD MEETING**

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM; 5pm - 7pm

**DEC 23 AND JAN 7: CHRISTMAS SHOW PICK UP**

See details on pages 9 and 10.

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM

11am - 4pm

**DEC 13 (TUESDAY) : SAAC BOARD MEETING**

Alberta House Art Center 217 Ferris St; SSM; 5pm - 7pm

[Schedule a Gallery Event](#)

Are you an artist looking for a gallery to have a show?  
Contact the gallery coordinator to schedule.  
olivecraiggallery@gmail.com



## Out there, anywhere

Here's an art dispenser in Boulder, CO. Be sure to check out the saying at the bottom of the mirror.

-Tracy

## Volunteer Opportunities

Do you like to decorate for the holidays? Every year the Alberta House Arts Center is decorated for the holidays. The more the merrier and it's a nice way to get in the holiday spirit.

Do you like to undecorate after the holidays? Every year the Alberta House Arts Center that was decorated for the holidays has the decorations taken down and stored away.

If you would like to help decorate or undecorate the Alberta House, please call, email, or stop in to volunteer.

## From the Editor

- Tracy Muckelbauer

Previous editions I have used the **Georgia** type font and I have not just one reason, but 2. The first simple reason is I like the look and the not so obvious is I like the name since I was born in Georgia. On a recent trip to Ann Arbor I found a book on the House of **Didot**, a family printing dynasty for over two centuries in France. Among the family contributions is the Didot type font, created around 1775. The longer I look at it the more I like it.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/blogs/in-circulation/2015/firmin-didot>

Any submissions may be sent to [saultareaartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:saultareaartscouncil@gmail.com) with subject 'Newsletter'.

If you are interested in the artists-in-residence program at **Isle Royale**, visit the park page at

<https://www.nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/artist-in-residence.htm>

## Call for Artists: Christmas at Alberta House 2022

The annual “Christmas at Alberta House” exhibition and sale is November 6 through December 23, 2022. Area artists and craftsmen are invited to bring their work for the sale. We’ll show and sell your work for you for a \$10 entry fee per artist and only a 15% commission on work sold. (We collect and pay the sales tax.) You may re-supply your stock at any time during the show with no additional fee.

### Here’s What You Need To Do:

1. Your items will need price tags labeled with your 3 initials or last name, and an inventory number. For example, Jane M. Jones would label her first painting “JMJ 1, \$100”; her second “JMJ 2, \$150”, and so on.

2. We need an inventory list that catalogs your items by inventory number, description, and price. For example:

JMJ 1 “A Fish Out of Water” – oil, 8x10, \$100

JMJ 2 “Wanda” – acrylic, 16x20, \$150

Your inventory list should include your name, phone number, email address and an address where we can mail your check in January. If you add stock any time during the show, you’ll need to add the new items to your inventory list as well. **The following page has a copy of the inventory sheet for your convenience to make copies and use.**

3. If you have display fixtures (such as garment racks or jewelry displays) that you would like us to use, please drop them off when you bring your items. We will use them as space allows.

**Drop Off: Items can be dropped off at Alberta House November 2 through November 4, between 11:00 and 4:00.**

**Pick-Up: Items can be picked up December 23 or January 7, between 11:00 and 4:00.**

**Promotion:** If you let us know ahead of time what you’ll be bringing, we’ll try to advertise that. If you have photos, that’s even better. Let us know if you are interested in demonstrating Christmas arts or crafts. We’ll need that information as soon as possible to have time to advertise it.

Please *spread the word* to your friends and family on your social media accounts. We publicize with the SAAC newsletter, website, Facebook, posters and newspaper articles when possible, but with your help we can reach an even larger audience. **Thank you!**



Inventory Sheet				
NAME: _____		ALTERNATE ADDRESS: _____		
ADDRESS: _____		_____		
_____		_____		
EMAIL: _____		PHONE: _____		
ITEM ID	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	DATE IN	DATE SOLD

# Membership

## Become a member or renew a membership

The Sault Area Arts Council (SAAC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the arts and to make the arts readily accessible to the people of the Sault Ste. Marie area. It operates entirely with volunteer labor and is funded entirely by private donations and proceeds from the Alberta House Arts Center.

Your membership:

- Helps create a network of people who share the same goal of promoting the arts.
- Make an impact by joining a committee.
- Supports the efforts of the Sault Area Arts Council, which includes owning and operating the Alberta House Arts Center, home to the Olive M. Craig Gallery and the Area Artisans Gift Shop.
- No entry fee in the Member's Gallery Exhibit

We invite you to become a member by filling in the form below and mailing in with your check.



<p>Yes, I would like to become a member or renew a membership with SAAC.</p> <p>I enclose my check for \$25.00 in U.S. funds to the Sault Area Arts Council</p> <p>Mail to:  Sault Area Arts Council  Alberta House Arts Center  217 Ferris Street  Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783</p>		
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