

ART is Alive!

The Newsletter of *Alpine Artisans*

Late Spring 2020 Newsletter



AAI's Loon and Fish Design Contest Happening This Year!

Alpine Artisans has moved the popular Loon and Fish Festival to **July 31 – August 2**, if COVID pandemic restrictions allow. We initially changed the festival date to attract more summer visitors, but in this time of Covid-19, thank goodness we did!

We are also re-instituting the **Logo Design Contest**. **The winning design receives \$200!**

Over the 16+ years of Alpine Artisans' Loon and Fish Festival, the Festival planning committee has solicited designs from our AAI artists for the Loon and Fish Logo. Although we no longer sell t-shirts, the winning design will be used on the poster & publicity. Since our planning committee cannot meet in person to choose our favorite design, the artwork must be submitted electronically. The 2010 winning image is featured here, and if you would like any other former samples for reference, let Jenny know at jenny@alpineartisans.org.

Quick tip: include a loon and fish!

SUBMISSION SPECIFICATIONS:

Please submit an electronic, high-res file of your artwork. Your art can be created digitally (using your computer) or it can be a high-quality scan or photograph of your artwork.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2020** SUBMIT TO: jenny@alpineartisans.org

If you have ANY Problems sending it electronically, contact Jenny & I will scan it for you. Call me at 754-0034.



The June **Painting for a Dream** 2-day workshop has been rescheduled for October 17 & 18 at the Tamaracks Resort. The guest artist is renowned Sun Valley artist Lori McNee. More details at alpineartisans.org.

INTRODUCING TWO NEW AAI BOARD MEMBERS



LAURA CANNON

Laura Cannon is an artist, naturalist, and archaeologist living in Swan Valley, Montana. She grew up in rural, east Tennessee but found herself in her mid-twenties in Wyoming pursuing an M.A. in archaeology. Looking for somewhere rural to put down roots and call home, she and her family moved to western Montana. Currently, she works at Swan Valley Connections, managing day to day finances, instructing for their various field programs, and working as a field technician on multiple projects. She spends her spare time wandering through the forests of the Swan Valley, looking for things that stoke her curiosity for the natural world. In the summer months you can find her working in her garden or tending to her goats, chickens, and rabbits – behind a bear resistant electric fence, of course! More often in the winter months, she enjoys pen and ink drawing, watercolor, and pyrography. She is serving as Treasurer for Alpine Artisans, out of an excitement for the presence that AAI has in the local schools, as well as the wide suite of experiences the organization offers to the small communities of the Seeley-Swan.

BETTE ORR

Bette Orr was born and raised in the Black Hills of South Dakota, but spent nearly all her adult life in Washington, DC. When she came to Seeley Lake for a wedding in July 2015, she declared that she was moving here and never going to spend another summer in hot, humid DC. Before she left Seeley after the wedding, she had a new home and was preparing to enjoy as much time as she could here. Bette also thought it was time to retire from practicing law in DC and spending long summers in Montana would provide incentive to do that. Things have not worked out exactly like she anticipated. She did not retire, but, like many people in 2020, works remotely although not as much as she did in DC. Although she still has two adult children, friends and a condo in DC, she spent the winter in Seeley Lake and remembered that snow and cold weather were really kind of fun. Bette has enjoyed a number of Alpine Artisans activities and worked on the Maclean Festival in September 2019. She hopes to become more active in other Alpine Artisans activities especially those involving outreach to the schools in the Seeley Swan valley. In addition her participation in Alpine Artisans, Bette is on the CRC Board of Directors.





2 Valleys Stage Update - The Show Must Go On (if possible!)

The 2020/2021 2 Valleys Stage Season is in the planning stages. Yes we will have one, no we are not sure on where or how!

As with many aspects of our daily lives, the Corona Virus has had a large impact on the 2 Valleys Stage program. Our 2019/2020 season was cut short causing scheduling and financial complications, but we are determined to continue our service to our communities. At this point, we have a start to the season, but, as with so many things at this time, there is a possibility that some of these may shift.

Below is the planned line-up for the start of our season. We look forward to presenting to you great talent, incredible educational experiences and wonderful entertainment.

August 17th, 2020-Cymbeline, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

October 19th, 2020-Fubuki Daiko (Taiko Drum Assembly)

Fubuki Daiko reinvents traditional Japanese drumming, fusing it with martial arts, meditation and rhythm. They bring this ancient art form to festivals, concert halls and schools across North America.

December 14th, 2020-Gothard Sisters (Celtic Trio)

Gothard Sisters are a dynamic musical group made up of three sisters who play contemporary Celtic music. They blend Celtic, folk, classical, world and northwest musical influences, blending violin, acoustic guitar, mandolin, bodhran, djembe, octave violin, whistle and vocal harmonies.

April 28th, 2021-Bridge & Wolak (Clarinet and Digital Accordion & Piano)

Michael Bridge (accordions & piano) and Kornel Wolak (clarinet & piano) are an internationally-acclaimed music & comedy duo, integrating traditional acoustic instruments with 21st century digital technology. They perform their own uniquely re-imagined repertoire of classical, world and jazz fusion.

We're all tightening our belts in this extraordinary time, but if you are able to either renew your AAI membership or want to join AAI - click button below.

We're all in this together!

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Feeling Isolated? Need Inspiration?

Annie Allen Clark submitted this poem by author Kitty O'Meara.

And the people stayed home.
And read books, and listened, and rested,
and exercised, and made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being, and were still.
And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant,
dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.
And when the danger passed, and the people
joined together again,
they grieved their losses, and made new choices,
and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.

Save the Dates – COVID Style

Alpine Artisans will be vigilant about our health and safety as we are eager to resume our programs and events. Here are two events for your summer calendar, dates pending COVID safe re-openings.

ICE-OFF CHALLENGE PARTY: Tamaracks Resort has asked AAI be involved with their upcoming ICE OFF CHALLENGE/REOPENING Party - date to be decided! Held at the Tamaracks Resort, this event will feature live music, poetry and more.

AAI's UPSCALE YARD SALE: Now that you've cleaned out your storage area and closets, are you wondering what to do with the good stuff? AAI is intending to have another of our 'Upscale Yard Sales' sometime later in the summer if health restrictions allow. Please hold on to the 'good stuff'. We know Loving Hearts and Goodwill will be overcome once they open, and this will help fund our programs!



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