



Greetings!

We are writing to share some good news and tell you about our Legacy Arts Society event featuring a unique concert and multimedia presentation. It turned out to be a spectacular evening complimenting all of the senses taste, sight, hearing; goosebumps galore! We would like to extend our gratitude to our fabulous performers: Lisa Rawlings, cello; Bev Jackson and Duane Hanks, keyboard; Dave Okerberg, baritone; Nancy Kerr, soprano, cello; Larry Northway, trumpet; Beth Novotny; Trent McAtee; Photographer, Stan Reimer. Nancy and Stan coordinated the event and enlightened us all with visual illustrations and musical performances of *Hearing Color and Seeing Rhythm*. We have published a video of the performance on the October archive of our website, feel free to view this to hear and see a few selections from the event!



Thanks to our members and donors, the Filley Art Museum has enjoyed much success during our second year of operation. Your support has been instrumental to us. To show our gratitude, we have hosted 4 select events to date, aimed at recognizing your support and informing you about how you have helped us progress. We have a new exclusive LAS season planned. **January 8<sup>th</sup>** we hope you will join us for the next LAS event; a unique soup supper evening featuring a pottery wheel demonstration and surprise gifts.



Thank you to the Filley Art Museum board members who donated and catered the lovely desserts, special liqueurs and drinks. Board members: Julie Cannata, Marie Hanson, Lu Sherer, Rose Ann Lunt, Debbie Estes, Dr. Amy Clarkson, Rick Gerber, Irene Shumway, Tony Helfrich, Larry Kahmeyer, Bill Skaggs, Darrell Stroda, Dr. James Van Blaricum. This organization is the sum of this wonderful team with a united goal!

A special thanks to **Julie Cannata** who creates the artistic festive table and catering themes pictured here. The coffee/crème chocolate drizzle martini's were especially divine, as were the homemade cookies and candies: salted

carmel toffee, espresso mocha, mocha hazelnut, cranberry orange ginger, glazed lemonade, chocolate espresso beans and chocolate chipotle almonds. Please visit the October photo gallery on our website for more pictures from the event! Also thank you to Dr. Warren and Karen Filley for donating the lovely wine and special Santa Fe beer for the evening.



Currently we have **33** members (list enclosed) in the Legacy Arts Society (LAS \$2500 + level). If we can reach our goal of **50** LAS members we will successfully be able support the operation of the museum, thus all our progress will be enabled again in the coming year. Please help spread the word!

Below is some of the information we shared at this special event about the progress you enabled for our community at the museum, since the start of our current fiscal year (which began April 1<sup>st</sup>).

**We are thankful, blessed, and grateful; because of your donations we have been able to...**

- Host over **1,993** visitors since April!
- Offer more than a dozen different art class subjects reaching **88** students. Fall classes are enrolling now! Student work from our Summer Raku pottery and Oil Painting class are on display now in the museum lobby.

- Guide **28** educational tours for school groups, clubs, and organizations.
- We have **289** overall museum members to date! Many are families/couples, which means that more than **600** people are regularly participating in the art museum.
- We have hosted 3 exhibitions so far this year! Our Hometown teams, Williams/Laws, & Guest Photography exhibits have been well attended and very educational. We thank the Kansas Humanities Council and **Pratt Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for sponsoring these exhibitions.**
- We have hosted 11 rentals of the facility since April, for all types of milestones from Baby Showers to Wedding Rehearsal Dinners.
- We were awarded 2 different grants to fund specific programs totaling \$7,164.70
- Since April we have had 15,495 visits to our website! Grand Total history of web views tops **35,126**
- Our gift shop is becoming a unique destination shop, representing over 14 local and regional artists promoting our local and regional artists; Marsha Shrack, Kathy Ebersole, Myrna Minnis and more.
- We have partnered with Pratt Community College to sponsor the South Central Kansas Artists' Guild, which meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

**Our next guest exhibition will be opening Friday November 6th at 6pm showcasing the work of local artist and metal sculptor Dick Bixler.**

**We are also excited to announce a new community event for the Holidays and FREE admission for one month during the Holidays:**

**The Filley Festival of Trees: A Free Exhibit for the Community**

**Thank you to the generous sponsors that have made this exhibit possible: Services, supplies, and expertise will be donated by Lou Lynne Moss, The Flower Shoppe.**

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE ART MUSEUM FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS POSSIBLE THANKS TO GENEROUS DONATIONS BY: Bolen Office Supply; Pratt Energy, LLC; Maydew Thibault Optometry; and The Peoples Bank.**

**Interested in participating in the exhibit?** We have a call for entry out now for anyone that would like to enter, donate, or decorate a Tree for the holiday exhibit. Visit our website for an entry form or pick up a hard copy from the art museum. We hope you can attend our Holiday reception on December 18th at 6pm. Several trees will be given away to groups or individuals that visit the FREE show and enter the drawing!



**The mission of the LAS:** Members of the Legacy Arts Society represent a community of outstanding individuals committed to the cultural future of the Pratt region. The LAS is an entity whose purpose is to support the vision and mission of the Filley ultimately contributing to the museum's operational sustainability. This is a group that values a cultural artistic environment, and therefore offers its members unique events to stimulate discussion, learning, and resonant experiences. ***Thank you for investing in community and culture through The Filley!***



That's all for now, you have received the full report from our special evening! Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about the Legacy Arts Society. We hope you can join us for the next unique invitational Legacy Arts Society event as we mentioned, if you are an LAS member save the date January 8th, 2016! We are working on a wonderful project for this event collaborating with local schools and the Clayworks Disability Supports organization, which will be presented at the event.

In closing, The "Legacy Arts Society" group has truly enabled the operation and success of the museum; these are things we know will be part of a legacy in our community. A legacy that Mimi & Vernon, and the Founders began and we will all fulfill and carry on. We are forever grateful to the Filley Family, our Founders, and our LAS supporters.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our entire organization, we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to you!

All our best,  
Stan Reimer and Brittany Novotny