

Greetings!

We are writing to share some good news and tell you about our Legacy Arts Society event featuring a Live Pottery throw and wheel demo by Marsha Shrack. It turned out to be a spectacular evening sponsored by David M Chacko, MD, PhD & Dasa V. Gangadhar, MD. As a small thank you to our Legacy group, we had each family at the event take home a small gift; a piece of pottery made by artists at *Clayworks*. The *Clayworks* is an entrepreneurial entity of Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Inc. This organization is for individuals with disabilities and it offers a significant opportunity for creativity and artistic expression in many mediums, as well as the opportunity for artists to earn an income by selling their artwork. Thanks to our sponsors, the Museum was able to commission and purchase these bowls as part of this



project to propel our mission and theirs. The bowls were given to attendees to show our gratitude to our LAS supporters. A special thanks to volunteers Sharon Barrett and Donna Gerber, and board member Julie Cannata for their help packaging these gifts!



We would like to extend our gratitude to our featured guest artist Marsha Shrack, for donating her expertise! She threw several pieces during the event, and presented many different firing techniques and resulting samples of her work. She is a treasure to have in our community! 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 host donor appreciation events, aimed at recognizing your support and informing you about how you have helped us serve the community.

Thank you to the Filley Art Museum board members and LAS committee members who donated and prepared the warm and delicious soups and cinnamon rolls: Julie Cannata, Diane Ladenburger, Kay Knight, Marie Hanson, Lu Sherer, Rose Ann Lunt, Debbie Estes, Dr. Amy Clarkson, Rick Gerber, Irene Shumway, Larry Kahmeyer, Bill Skaggs, and Darrell Stroda. Wine and Beer was also donated by board members, LAS committee members, & Dr. Warren and Karen Filley. 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. Tomato Basil Parmesan, Chicken and Wild Rice, Steak and Vegetable, and Mellow Mushroom Soup were enjoyed by all as were the homemade cinnamon rolls. Please visit the January photo gallery on our website for more pictures from the event!



Currently we have **35** 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 to 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 1st.

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

- Host over **3,102** visitors since April!
- Offer **18** different art class subjects, reaching **102** students this year.

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- Guide **33** educational tours for school groups, clubs, and organizations.
- We have **310** overall museum members to date! Many are families/couples, which means that more than double that number of people are regularly participating in the art museum. This list is published in our annual report and on our website each year.
- We have hosted 6 exhibitions so far this year! Our Hometown teams exhibit, Williams/Laws, Photography Trio, Dick Bixler, Festival of Trees, and permanent collection exhibits have been well attended and very educational. We thank the Kansas Humanities Council, Pratt Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, KCAIC, and the NEA for sponsoring these exhibitions. A special thank you to Maydew Thibault Optometry, Bolen Office Supply, The Peoples Bank, and Pratt Energy for providing free admission to the art museum for the month of December; we had 446 visitors during the month!
- We have hosted **14** rentals of the facility since April, for all types of milestones from Holiday office Dinners to Wedding Rehearsal celebrations.
- We were awarded **4** different grants to fund specific programs totaling **\$8,689.70**.
- Since April we have had **20,759** visits to our website! Grand Total history of web views tops **40,390**.
- Our gift shop is becoming a unique destination shop, representing 16 local and regional artists; including Marsha Shrack!
- We have partnered with Pratt Community College to sponsor the South Central Kansas Artists' Guild, which meets monthly on the second Wednesday.

We are mourning the loss of our board member, Founder, and dear friend Dr. James Van Blaricum. Dr. Van was instrumental to the Filley Project and we were honored to receive memorials in his name. He will be greatly missed, but always remembered here at the art museum. We would like to express our gratitude to the community and the Van Blaricum family for the outpour of support for him; memorials totaled \$5,500.



Here are some upcoming events to add to your calendar:

- **SOUTH GALLERY: January 14th to March 18th:** Dennis Hodges photography exhibit "A sense of his soul"
 - This series of eyes photographed during recent elections in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Croatia, Romania and Guatemala, attempts to give us a glimpse into the mind of the politicians that run today's countries by focusing only on their eyes in the portraits from their political posters. Look, then, into the eyes of these politicians and gain a sense of their souls. *Vote for me.*
- **North Gallery: February 6th to April 8th:** Artists from Medicine Lodge @The Filley: Artists of the Red Hills: Earl Kuhn, David Vollbracht, Elisa Stone, and Caroline Norton.
 - **February 6th at 6pm:** Opening Reception: MEET THE ARTISTS
\$10 for non-members; FREE for MEMBERS:
Come enjoy wine/beer and light hors d'oeuvres at The Filley and Meet: Kuhn, Vollbracht, Stone, & Norton. See our website for details!
- **January 18th:** Art Class Registration for Winter Classes will begin!
- **February 20th:** 6pm: Drinks and Discussion - gallery talk with artist Dennis Hodges!

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!*

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, and members. 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.

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 & Brittany Novotny



Legacy Arts Society

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- Investing in Community and Culture -

A community of outstanding individuals committed to the cultural future of the Pratt area, who express that commitment through involvement in the Legacy Arts Society and a minimum annual contribution of \$2,500 or more.



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