

NEWS YOU CAN USE

July 2016, Volume Seven

A Tribute to Dr. Susan Hanson M.D.

November 25, 1937 – May 2, 2015



Susan was involved with Walls of Wittenberg, Inc. (WOW) from its inception in 2005, and she played an important role in the organization, its activities and events right up to the end. Susan left her mark and a void for many of us who are involved with Walls of Wittenberg, Inc. She left some big shoes to fill, and it's taking many WOW volunteer members to fill them. Susan was a worker – spending countless hours getting things done. Her creativity, new ideas, generosity, attention

to detail, and ambition were so appreciated and are greatly missed. Her love of the arts was her passion and she always enjoyed meeting new artists and hearing about their passion for the arts as well. After just a little over a year of battling cancer, we lost Susan on May 2, 2015. Not surprising, she was taking care of WOW details right up to the end, including planning her “Susan Concert”. On August 23, 2015 we celebrated Susan’s life with a beautiful Sunday afternoon Susan Concert at the WOWSPACE – including wonderful food and wine, a Minneapolis jazz ensemble of her choice (The Minneapolis Fusion Project), and “exotica flowers” done by Randy of evolutions in design, all of Susan’s choosing. She is remembered by all and sadly missed.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

10 Years Celebrated!!

WOW celebrated their 10 Year Anniversary on October 3rd, 2015. All the muralists were invited to be part of the celebration and many were able to attend. To help WOW celebrate, the muralists donated original artwork to be on display at the WOWSPACE and the proceeds of the sale of the artwork goes directly to WOW. A private party for Art Partners, WOW members/volunteers and muralists was held that evening from 6pm – 11pm. Fancy hors d'oeuvres were donated by Lisa's Sweet Shoppe Bakery & Catering. Wine and beer were served and music was provided by DJ Larry England of Minneapolis, MN. It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by all, celebrating all that WOW has accomplished over the past 10 years!

FOUR ART SHOWS:

"ARTISTS' FREE PLAY III"

April 11 ~ May 3, 2015, WOWSPACE

Our 8th juried art show! The show opened on Saturday, April 11 with the 8th Annual Wine, Beer & Cheese Gala. This eclectic show featured work of painters, photographers, three-dimensional artists and textile artists from across Wisconsin. We were honored to have 43 artists exhibit their work. Prize winners were: Best of Show ~ Tamara Martin, Award of Excellence ~ Tim Feathers, Judy Pubanz and Mabel A. Tousignan, Award of Honor ~ Elaine Groshek, Cindy Markowski and Karen Miltenberger.



"EMERGING TALENTS"

June 13 ~ July 5, 2015,
WOWSPACE

A wonderful turnout for our talented **Wittenberg-Birnamwood District students**, kindergarten

through twelfth grade, proudly exhibiting their original art in the WOWSPACE. Their teachers - **Carol Strand, Barry Helgestad and Diana**

Wendler did a phenomenal job helping to put this show together. A reception was held after the Community Days parade for the participants and the public. A grant from the **Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region** supported this show.



"FIBER FRIENDS FABRICATIONS"

August 1 ~ August 23,
2015, WOWSPACE

Fiber Friends, an art quilt group made up of 10 quilters from Northern Wisconsin became an organized group in 2012. They share their love of non-traditional art quilting, learn specific techniques, critique their efforts and join together in friendship through their common interest in fiber arts. WOW was delighted to present their work. On August 8, we were given an inspirational and informative talk on the artistry of quilting by Rene Iannarelli. Many visitors enjoyed and appreciated the talents and techniques of the Fiber Friends.



"GO WITH THE GRAIN"

September 19 ~ October 11, 2015,
WOWSPACE

Featured work of Bill Miltenberger, Len Pubanz and Ron Zdroik. A juried show included 22 artists from across Wisconsin presenting their "wooden" work in diverse mediums: wood sculpting, carving, painting, photographs and textiles. **Sharon Feathers**, captured **Best of Show** while Award of Excellence was given to Kathy Jean Clark, Julia Collins & Sharon Feathers and Award of Honor given to Sally Johnson, Lyle Reigel and Hans Schmidt. Again we were honored to participate in the **Miles of Art Tour** on October 3 & 4, a county-wide celebration of the arts. **Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wittenberg**, generously sponsored the show and awards.

TWO CROSSROADS COMMUNITY THEATRE PLAYS

Feb. 20, 21, 27 & 28 ~ Nov. 6, 7, 12 & 14, WOWSPACE
Murder and Mayhem! **"Talk About a Murder"**,
the 4th dinner theatre, entertained sold out
audiences in February. **"Dearly Beloved"**, a
rollicking comedy, amused its November
audiences. CCT is the theatre arts arm of
WOW and its proceeds help support WOW.

THREE THIRD THURSDAY CONCERTS

June 18, July 16 & August 20
ART PARK ~ WOWSPACE

Dale Reichert & The Resonators, The Drovers
and **Skip Jones** brought blue grass, country, jazz,
swing, polkas, waltzes, oldies, rock & roll, folk
singing and storytelling for the listening pleasure
of the audience in June, July and August with
concerts in the **Art Park**. Everybody enjoyed the
free ice cream!

"PRETTY IN PINK"

NIGHTS OF ART AND AWARENESS

October 23 & 24, WOWSPACE

For the third year, the **Pretty in Pink Ladies -
Tammy Antone, Tarrie Beran, Laura Hunt,
Chanda Kersten and Elaine Knab** created two
magical evenings with the **Artful Bras Show** that
celebrated **National Breast Cancer Awareness
Month**, hosted in the splendid **WOWSPACE**.
Sales of the 32 bras, auctions and raffles earned
more than \$12,900, all proceeds benefiting the
Marshfield Clinic Patient Care Cancer Fund.
This fund provides extra assistance to residents
of the Birnamwood/Wittenberg area. **Jody
Oluszczyk** was awarded **Best of Show** for her
creative bra - **"Don't Measure Yourself by
Someone Else's Yardstick."** More than 200
people attended these shows.

242 Total number of artists WOW

Supported in 2015. 10 quilters ~ 106 Witt-Birn
student artists ~ 69 exhibit artists ~ 36
musicians ~ 23 actors

WREATH MAKING AND CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

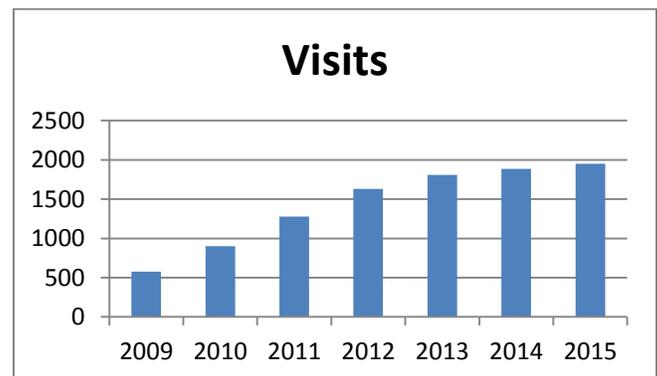
November 21 - December 13, WOWSPACE

Margaret and Roger Chase once again engaged in
their labor of love in providing an opportunity for
people to purchase lush wreaths or create their
own. On December 4 & 5, **Pat Kjol** ably
coordinated the **Christmas Craft Sale** with
carefully chosen craft vendors and delectable
baked goods from **WOW** members.

ENDOWMENT FUND SUPPORT

Every organization that wants to ensure longevity
creates an endowment fund to smooth out the
financial ups and downs that might occur.
Further, earnings from this fund can help finance
new projects. In 2014, a generous donor provided
funds to create a **WOW Endowment Fund** at the
Shawano Area Community Foundation, an affiliate
of the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley
Region. In 2015, very much appreciated
contributions were made to the Endowment Fund
by Tom Andrews, Dr. Susan Hanson, and Martha &
Curt Knoke. As revenues allow, the WOW Board
will add to this fund as well as deciding how the
income will be used. In considering your estate
planning, you also might want to make a lasting
gift to this fund. Contact us at 715-253-3525 to
learn details.

YEAR TEN & STILL GROWING



EVENTS IN 2016

NEW MURALS IN 2016

WOW's first mural, "The Spirit Still Sings", on the side of the Elementary/Middle School building was removed due to weather deteriorations; and in its place a new mural is being painted by Kit and Brad Bandow depicting the old high school which used to stand on that very spot?

WHAT IS A WALLDOG??

The community is in for a real mural treat this coming September when the Walldogs come to town to paint two new murals in one week! It is a group of highly skilled mural artists who will come into our community on September 12th and will finish by the 17th. Presently, they are in the planning stages of this project, sketches etc. The murals will be on the side and front of the Sport & Spine and on the garage doors of downtown 503 Webb St. WOW! Lots to look forward to.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY THEATRE

FEBRUARY 26, 27, MARCH 4, 5, WOWSPACE

Our community thespians return for their 5th murder mystery dinner theatre event: "**Last Call At Chez Mort**" by Lee Mueller.

"ARTISTS' FREE PLAY IV"

APRIL 16 ~ MAY 8, WOWSPACE

Wisconsin artists amaze and amuse with their unique interpretations of "free play." Paintings, photography, textiles and three-dimensional work are featured in our 9th **annual juried art show**.

Show opens on April 16, with the **9th Annual Wine, Beer and Cheese Gala**.

NINTH ANNUAL WINE, BEER AND CHEESE GALA

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

WOWSPACE, WOW FUNDRAISER

Award-winning Dupont cheeses, Nueske's **Applewood Smoked Meats** nationally acclaimed meats and cheeses, other good eats from **The Main Event and Vinal Street** along with a tasty collection of wines from **Wagner's Shell Food Mart**, sweet treats from **Lisa's Sweet Shoppe Bakery and Catering**, Craft beers and sodas from **Mid-Wisconsin Beverage, Inc.**, Marion, all of these delectables complemented with grapes and baguettes from **Hanke's Sentry Foods**. A fun evening for family and friends! Enjoy the art! Raffles! Bird Auctions and music by **Bob Allen!**

"EMERGING TALENTS III"

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 11 & 13,
10AM ~ 4PM, WOWSPACE**

The 3rd annual show will exhibit the original art of **Wittenberg-Birnamwood** students, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Make sure this is one of your stops during **Community Days**. The show continues on Saturdays and Sundays, 11AM ~ 3PM, through July 3.

THIRD THURSDAY CONCERT

**JUNE 16, 6 ~ 8PM, ART PARK
Adjacent to the WOWSPACE**

Mike McAbee will open our summer concert series with a mix of everything. Concert is **FREE**. **FREE ICE CREAM!** Bring your lawn chairs, a can of OFF and maybe a picnic supper. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the **WOWSPACE**.

THIRD THURSDAY CONCERT

**JULY 21, 6 ~ 8PM, ART PARK
Adjacent to the WOWSPACE**

Smooth Jazz will be in the air as **Paul Zopel** will be our entertainment for our second concert in the series.

THIRD THURSDAY CONCERT

AUGUST 18, 6-8PM, ART PARK

Adjacent to the WOWSPACE

The Drovers return to Wittenberg playing their danceable rock & Roll, oldies, polkas, waltzes and country music. Bring your lawn chair, a can of OFF, a picnic supper and your dancing shoes! Concert and ice cream are **FREE!** In case of rain the concert will be held in the **WOWSPACE**.

**"A DECISIVE SLICE OF TIME,
A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

BY HANS SCHMITT"

SEPTEMBER 17 ~ OCTOBER 9, WOWSPACE

WOW will showcase the creative and artistic photographs of Hans Schmitt of Birnamwood. We will also join the **Miles of Art** tour on **October 1 & 2**, a two county celebration of the arts.

PRETTY IN PINK: ARTFUL BRAS

OCTOBER 21 & 22, WOWSPACE

The Pretty in Pink Ladies will create the 4th annual fundraising event to honor **National Cancer Awareness Month**. Support this worthy cause!

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY THEATRE:

" CHRISTMAS BELLES"

BY JONES, HOPE & WOOTEN

November 11, 12, 18 & 19, WOWSPACE, 7pm
\$10 per ticket. A night for laughter and relaxation as you get ready for the Christmas Season. A Southern-Fried Yuletide Comedy.

WREATHS

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

HOLIDAY WREATHS AT THE WOWSPACE

Decorate your own wreath or purchase a lush wreath artfully created by **WOW** volunteers.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD, WOWSPACE

Complete your Christmas shopping here: gifts for family and friends, tasty baked goods and a wreath to complete your purchases!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

DECEMBER 2ND, WOW ART PARK

Help kick off the Holiday Season in the WOW Art Park. Refreshments and caroling for all.

ART PARTNERS PROGRAM EXPANDS

Beginning in 2009, individuals and businesses became **Art Partners** by making an annual contribution to support the work of **WOW**, a critical component of our operating budget. We are expanding this program. Although the **9th Annual Golf Tournament** was our most successful effort, with the increasing number of tournaments and difficulty finding teams, we will instead ask the generous sponsors of this effort to become annual **Art Partners**. Further, many businesses and organizations have been asked for donations for various events during the year. This will stop and they will be asked to become an **Art Partner**. We look forward to greeting new **Art Partners**, individuals, businesses and organizations are all welcome.

THANK YOU!

We are most grateful for the support of our show, **award sponsors, volunteers, Art Partners, and donors!** We also thank the **Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, Ho-Chunk Gaming ~ Wittenberg, Thrivent Action** and the **Town of Wittenberg** for their grants. Funding the arts is always a challenge. You have all risen to the occasion.

Please visit our web site:

www.wallsofwittenberg.com for periodic updates, event information and learning more about the Walls of Wittenberg.

We Thank Our Art Partners

These are individuals and businesses that make an annual membership contribution which is vital in supporting WOW. Help WOW by becoming an Art Partner

The following donors have supported WOW with gifts greater than \$50,000

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