

Saugatuck Douglas Art Club

History of the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club

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1953-1955

In 1953 Jean Goldsmith stayed home from Mexico and several of us, Genie Parent, Marguerite Bainbridge, Ruth Turner, Winnie Brady and I, Jane Van Dis, urged her to hold painting classes. She preferred ceramics so we tried that with little success. Gary was born January 16, 1953 and I took him with me to class. We did convince Jean to help us paint and decided that we really should form a club as we enjoyed each other so much. She told us that she, May Heath, Nat Steinberg and perhaps others had already started one but she couldn't find the bylaws so we drew up our own and elected our own officers by 1955. They were President, Miss Jean Goldsmith; Treasurer, Mrs. Marguerite Bainbridge; Secretary, Ruth Turner (taking May Heath's place). Members listed for 1954-1955 were:

	1954	1955
Winifred Brady	X	X
Alyce Bartz	X	X
Ann Bullard	X	
Florence Corlett	X	X
Florence DeBeers	X	
Louise Dickson	X	X
Pansy Emmert	X	X
Florence Forrester	X	
Nancy Francis	X	X
Dorothy Helmuth	X	X
Roy Hewett	X	
Helen Johnston	X	X
Lucile Kent	X	X
Mae (Hedglin) Kreush	X	
Frank Kreush	X	
Ethel Marcott	X	
Gwen Norton	X	X
Espy Simmons	X	X
Nat Steinberg		X
Anna Taft	X	X
Maude Tully	X	X
Ruth Turner	X	X
Joseph Unwin	X	X
Margery Unwin	X	X
Marie Van Andel	X	X
Jane Van Dis	X	X
Ruth Waltz	X	
Jessie Warren	X	X
Dorothy Willard		X
Edith Wright		X
Marguerite Bainbridge		X
May Heath		X
Eugenie Parent		X
Pauline Randall		X

	1954	1955
Emma Dyer		X
Mae Moore		X
Irene Sheridan		X
Peg Webb		X

The first record book begins with a meeting December 16, 1954 at the home of Jane Van Dis. A contest for Christmas decorations was discussed, prizes to be based on 1) Theme, 2) Design, 3) Color and lighting 4) Route. Judges were allowed \$2 for gas, etc., prizes were 1st \$10, 2nd \$6, 3rd \$4.

A Centennial Committee was formed and an agreement made for a show to be held again at the Red Barn. The summer picnic was held at Marie Van Andel's. The second Clothesline exhibit was planned to be held on the "village green" next to the Village Hall, July 2nd and 3rd. The 3rd annual Art Exhibit was held upstairs at the Village Hall, on August 21st to Labor Day.

The officers for 1955 were as follows: President, Jean Goldsmith; Vice President, Winnie Brady; 2nd Vice President, Jane Van Dis; Secretary, Lucile Kent; Assistant Secretary, May Heath; Treasurer, Ruth Waltz; Auditor, Maude Tully. Christmas judging paid 1st \$10, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$2.50, same amount to businesses.

In 1955 the Club painted a panorama for the centennial, on some awnings from the Maplewood.

1956

May 1956 included talk about the tornado which narrowly missed Marie Van Andel's home.

Plans were made to hold the Clothesline exhibit, bake sale, and card party to be held July 18th and 19th. The treasury was reported at \$158.83. The Club was trying to fix up the lower level of the Village Hall and asked for furniture, etc. Tickets for the Pavilion to be 50 cents, time, Thursday. Card party door prizes were supplied by the members. This followed the Clothesline Show in Butler Park. Seven members exhibited, with twenty-one artists total showing. This was the first show with artists from western Michigan who were invited to exhibit and sell. The Club banked \$138.45 from this event with bills of \$6.81 paid. New officers: President, Winnie Brady; Vice President, Ruth Turner; Secretary, Gladys Taylor; Assistant Secretary, May Heath; Treasurer, Jean Goldsmith. Total balance in bank \$269.19. There were 56 members. Eight to twenty members attended each meeting. \$20 was given to Band Boosters.

1957-1958

Stated membership was 35. The first Art Tour began, with visits to 1st, Jean Goldsmith's, 2nd, May Heath's, 3rd, Winnie Brady, 4th, Ruth Turner's. 200 registered, and it was held July 19, 1957.

Clothesline Show at Cook Park had eleven members and several guests. 300 pictures were shown. 110 guests were at the exhibit at the Village Hall.

Members in 1957-1958 were Marguerite Bainbridge, Alyce Bartz, Winnifred Brady, Pansy Emmert, Em Dyer, Nancy Francis, Florence Forrester, Jean Goldsmith, May Heath, Dorothy Helmuth, Ethel Marcott, Mae Moore, Gwen Norton, Eugenie Parent, Gladys Taylor, Anna Taft, Pauline Randall, Nat Steinberg, Maude Tully, Ruth Turner, Marie Van Andel, Jane Van Dis, Jessie Warren, Dorothy Willard, and Edith Wright.

September, 1957 the same officers served. Annual Christmas party was held December 10 at the home of Gladys Taylor, with a potluck and \$1.00 gifts.

September, 1958, the officers were President, Ruth Turner; Vice President, Genie Parent; Secretary, Dorothy Helmuth; Corresponding Secretary, Alyce Bartz; Treasurer, Jean Goldsmith. 15 were present. Bank balance was \$249.25. We discussed renting Boyce house for permanent gallery and work shop. Christmas potluck at Gladys Taylor's with \$1.00 gifts.

1959

Potluck picnic at Emma Dyer's on the porch. We decided to buy *American Artist* and talked of art books for the Library. For several years we have had a program in March with the Music Study (Rubenstein) Club and the Woman's Club.

We worked sessions at Legion Hall. Cost \$2.50 each time to be prorated.

Christmas party was held again at Gladys Taylor's, \$1.00 gifts as usual. At November meeting 12 were present, bank balance was \$268.00.

1960-1961

At January meeting only 5 were present, due to weather.

We catered dinner and painting day for parents. Cost was \$6.00 and 20 were present. We again supplied a speaker for March meeting, but no music or food. The Art Show was held at the Village Hall as usual and at the July 16 Clothesline Show fewer pictures were shown but eighteen sold, plus some ceramics. President that year was Jean Goldsmith; Vice President, Marguerite Bainbridge; Secretary, Winnie Brady; Corresponding Secretary, Celia House; Treasurer, Ruth Turner; and Historian, Genevieve Coatoam.

Christmas party was held at Ruth Turner's with turkey cooked by Jane Van Dis. Ornaments were made to make money. 15 attended.

In 1961 the Clothesline Show was July 22. One June 13 there was a potluck picnic at Marie Van Andel's. Paintings were shown in store windows all over town. Same officers were elected. In November the bank balance was \$255.98. Christmas party was held at Ruth Turner's again, with turkey and trimmings.

1962

The Clothesline Show was held July 21st at Village Park, with Genie Parent, chairman. 17 attended the September meeting. New members were introduced: Claire Allen and Dorothy Zinke, along with prospective members Pauly Brockington, Janet Van Oss, and Barbara de Pree.

Peg boards were added for our exhibit at Woman's Club. President was Dorothy Helmuth; Vice Presidents were Jane Van Dis and Maude Tully; Secretary was Dorothy Zinke; Corresponding Secretary was Claire Allen; Treasurer was Ruth Turner; Historian was Anna Taft. We were invited by Elsie Legatz to have an exhibit of one picture from each member at the opening of her shop. We had the usual Woman's Club exhibit, and Clothesline Show. The Christmas party was at Jean Goldsmith's on December 18. It was postponed from December 11, too much snow! Eight members were present.

There were no art classes in the school so we suggested Saturday classes. Jane Van Dis and Janet Van Oss contacted the school. The school planned to use televised art classes the next year, however, they could use art supplies. We had \$105 in the treasury. We hung some pictures at the school. For several years we had made posters for the Show and put them up at the stores and other places. A telephone committee was formed. The Christmas party was at Gladys Taylor's.

1963-1965

In 1963 the bank balance was \$65.99. We charged \$2 for non-members attending the Clothesline Show. The July picnic was postponed because of rain. 8 attended.

In 1964 Presidents were Jean Goldsmith and Pansy Emmert; Vice President, Jane Van Dis; Secretary, Ellen Pendorf; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara de Pree; Treasurer, Genie Parent; Historian, Anna Taft. We bought more pegboards. We had dessert instead of dinner at Christmas at Elita Graves', and 11 attended. Claire Allen suggested linoleum block print calendars, but that we should start with ink sketches.

In 1965 we had \$96.00 in the bank. The school offered us space two nights a week to work. We hired the American Legion Hall, and it cost \$3.00 prorated. We worked on calendar drawings. Genie Parent was the chairman for the July 17 Clothesline Show. Gladys Taylor chaired the Woman's Club exhibit. Our February 8 meeting was at Jane Van Dis's. 8 attended, including new member Jean Gorgas. We had \$93.99 in the bank. We had a bid of \$1000 to produce 500 calendars. Rogers' cost was \$1.00 to print each calendar and each sold for \$2 or \$3. We entered the Holland Civic Center Show. It cost \$1.00, pegboards were furnished, and we had 20 feet to show in. The first calendar went to the printers in April, 1965.

1968-1969

In November, 1968 we made a \$98.59 deposit from dues and calendars. Our bank balance was \$447.68 in checking and \$726.96 in savings. We had our Christmas potluck at Nat Steinberg's.

In 1969 we had \$390.60 in checking and \$2,041.84 in savings. Calendars brought in \$500 to \$545 that year. Marti Peterkin was in charge of the calendars. Douglas Church had the food concession for the Clothesline Show. We discussed taking over the store in front of the Woman's Club when the Library moved. President was Flavia Crowner; Vice President, Marti Peterkin; Secretary, Peggy Boyce replaced by Elita Graves; Corresponding Secretary, Janet Van Oss; Treasurer, Maudie Bernard. Janet Van Oss and Peggy Boyce shared \$50 for chairing the two fairs. December 8 we had Christmas party at Maudie Bernard's. Jane roasted two turkeys and all other goodies were potluck. 38 were present, with \$1.00 gifts. Claire Allen arrived in Ireland and thanked the Club for the loan for her travel.

1970

We had \$388.32 in checking, \$628.72 in savings, and a \$2,000 certificate in deposit for a total of \$3,017.14 in all. The Christmas party cost \$35.44. The Douglas Centennial wanted a show by us next to the bowling alley, which we held on August 22, and which had 52 pictures from 17 people. Sara Fischl was chosen to chair the Art Fairs, taking over from Janet Van Oss. Sylvia Randolph was in charge of the calendars. We created the Minnie Flint Fund to give a high school senior a scholarship. We had a prize for 6th grade and under students, and it was art lessons. We had three subscribers, Village of Saugatuck, Village of Douglas and St. Peter's Church.

The picnic was held at Kathy Stahl's. It was a potluck lunch, it rained, and 13 attended. 11 stores in the towns carried our calendars. The calendars brought in \$20 a month. Maudie Bernard reported the Clothesline Show hosted 115 artists, with 10 no shows, and it made \$603. We held only the Douglas Centennial exhibit for members that year.

President was Marti Peterkin; Vice President, Sara Fischl; Secretary, Elita Graves; Assistant Secretary, Jane Van Dis; Treasurer, Maudie Bernard. An art fair was held on Venetian night. 99 attended the art fair on July 11, 121 attended the art fair on July 25. The committee to host those art fairs was Janet Van Oss and Peggy Boyce and they shared \$50. \$250 was spent from the Minnie Flint Fund. Christmas party was held December 14 at Maudie Bernard with two turkeys by Jane. 38 people attended, and it cost \$50.76 (\$8 plow, \$13.63 turkeys, \$2.55 rolls, \$2.00 work, \$21.58 decorations and \$3.00 candles).

1971

Calendars earned \$865.16. Shirlie Rich will help with calendars. In the bank was \$4,349.62. 20 were present at the March meeting at Jane Van Dis's. New members included Amby Schuham and Grace Cody. The art fairs took place on July 17th and 31st and were run by Peggy Boyce and Janet Van Oss. The school was given \$100 for electric motors for potters' wheels.

Scholarships were awarded to Gary Van Dis and Debbie Shields, using \$250 from the Minnie Flint Fund and \$250 from the Art Club general treasury. Cora Bliss Taylor gave ten lessons to elementary school students. The summer potluck was held at Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken's on June 7th. 103 people exhibited at the Clothesline Show. Flavia Crowner was the new chairman of the show.

New officers: President, Kathy Stahl; Vice President, Flavia Crowner; Secretary, Sylvia Randolph with Peggy Boyce as assistant; Corresponding Secretary, Jane Van Dis; Treasurer, Maudie Bernard. 16 weeks of winter adult classes were given at the school. The Christmas party was held at Clearbrook, the club paid \$2.50 a person, and each member paid \$4.50. \$1.00 gifts were exchanged. Beth Broe, Marie Van Andel and Genevieve Coatoam were in charge. Profit on calendars was \$467.82.

1972

We sold calendars again at the Holland Show at Civic Center and Art Train in Holland. The Minnie Flint award was given to Sue McIntyre, with 1st runner up Beverly Simonson. Junior winner was Ray Parrish, sophomore winner was Virginia Boyce, freshman winner was Marianne Snyder. We had \$5,484.67 in the bank, and a \$400 loan due from Claire Allen. We continued Ranger Rick for the elementary school. New scholarship committee included Gladys Taylor, Betty Schmidt and Jane Van Dis. We paid \$125 for the cost of restoring a Carl Hoerman painting, and gave it back to the hospital.

President was Peggy Boyce; Vice President Anne Richter; Recording Secretary Marti Peterkin; Corresponding Secretary Jane Van Dis; and Treasurer Maudie Bernard.

Flavia Crowner continued to chair the art fairs with help. The Douglas Church and the Masonic Lodge each did the food for one fair. The first calendars from 1966 were due to Claire Allen. We asked Herrick Library from Holland to help establish an Art Center here. Pump House was suggested as a location. Christmas party was at Tara, December 8. We dressed two windows for Library on Butler Street.

1973

We did sketching at each meeting. The Outdoor Fair was chaired by Claire Allen with the committee: Jane Van Dis, Isabel Tisdale, Jessie Soohen, Judy Kasang and Peg Webb. We gave *American Artist* magazine subscription to the Library. The potluck was in August at Sylvia Randolph's. We had \$6,171.73 in the bank. We gave two art fairs and had 262 exhibitors. The fees for the fairs were raised from \$3 to \$5.

President that year was Maudie Bernard; Vice President Donna Tibbitts; Recording Secretary Jessie Soohen; Corresponding Secretary Judy Kasang; Treasurer Pauly Brockington. Cathie Moore joined as a new member. Christmas party was at Il Forno on December 10. Club paid \$3.50 of the \$6.00 cost. One subject that members were talking about was what to do with the old school.

1974

Judy Kasang was in charge of the Art Fair, but later that year Cathy Stough became chair. The art fair chair earned \$300. Art fair booth fees went up \$5 a booth. Our gift for the bicentennial was to be a statue. Calendar prices were raised to \$3.00. The fireplugs were painted. Ted Kimball was calendar chair. The picnic was held at Sylvia Randolph's.

President was Maudie Bernard; Vice President Espe Simmons; Treasurer Marcelle Compondu; Recording Secretary Donna Tibbitts; and Corresponding Secretary was Cathy Stough. Christmas party committee members were Ted Kimball, Marie Van Andel, and Maudie Bernard. We bought a motor for a potter's wheel for the High School. Christmas party was at the high school catered by Caseo ladies on December 13. Jane Van Dis was scholarship chairman.

1975

Nat Steinberg sketch for band stand for Anchor Park was authorized. Wyngarten printers in Zeeland were used for the calendars. Bids were \$500 to \$1005. Picnic was hosted by Sylvia Randolph. President was Cathie Moore; Vice President was Genevieve Coatoam; Recording Secretary was Anne Richter; Corresponding Secretary was Marti Peterkin; and Co-Treasurers were Helen Tanberg and Helen Raschke.

Members that year were Claire Allen, Marlene Ansorge, Virginia Ansorge, Marjorie Aplin, Alyce Bartz, Val Berg, Maudie Bernard, Marie Bolton, Norma Boss, Peg Boyce, Pauly Brockington, Elizabeth Broe, Genevieve Coatoam, Marcelle Compondu, Nancy Francis, Anne Gaines, Nancy Gaines, Jean Goldsmith, Christiana Hoerman, Lucile Hogue, Judy Kasang, Ted Kimball, Jean Kittridge, Virg Klewin, Val Legatz, Jim Medonia, Norma Mieras, Cathie Moore, Warren Mulder, Myrt Pacek, Marti Peterkin, Pauline Randall, Sylvia Randolph, Helen Raschke, Shirlie Rich, Anne Richter, Betty Schmidt, Amby Schuham, B.J. Silverstone, Espe Simmons, Jessie Soohen, Isabel Steinberg, Nat Steinberg, Cathy Stough, Helen Tanberg, Donna Tibbitts, Isabel Tisdale, Marie van Andel, Jane Van Dis, Thirsah Van Duren.

Genevieve Coatoam chaired the Christmas party with Virginia Klewin, Marie van Andel and Sylvia Randolph. The cost per person at West Shore Country Club was \$6.50 with the club picking up \$3.50. We had a bus trip to Detroit on November 19, for which we charged \$15 (\$10 for members). The high school art students were painting the fire plugs. Ted Kimball and Cathy Stough chaired the art fairs.

1976

We got a post office box. The calendar committee was Claire Allen, Norma Boss and Helen Tanberg. We did an exhibit at the Woman's Club as usual in March with the Rubinstein Club. We had \$2,890 in the bank. Cathy Stough and Ted Kimball resigned from the art fairs. There were many problems, including fees, parking, should members pay, should commercial products be allowed, should members have 1st choice of spaces, should food be sold, toilets, and poster. The Club made a donation of \$177.60 to the Douglas Village Hall, and \$1000 to the high school.

The scholarship committee was Jane Van Dis, Cathie Moore, Anne Richter and Maudie Bernard. The Club requested portapotties from the village for the fairs. Each art fair chair received \$200. The Club was incorporated as a tax-exempt organization, which cost \$200-\$250. The Club started getting liability insurance for the two fairs.

President that year was Cathie Moore; Vice President Genevieve Coatoam; Recording Secretary Marjorie Aplin; Corresponding Secretary Marti Peterkin; Co-Treasurers Helen Tanberg and Helen Raschke. The

Picnic was at Sylvia Randolph Bekken's. Cathie Moore and Genevieve were considered as art fair chairs. Betty and Warren Mulder chaired the Christmas party. Scholarship committee was Jane Van Dis, Cathie Moore, Anne Richter and Pauly Brockington. The Christmas party was at West Shore Country Club and had an old-fashioned theme.

1977

This year was the 25th anniversary of the Club. The Club had to decide whether the calendar would continue with 24 pages or would go to 12 pages. The Club took a trip to the Chicago Art Institute and participated in the July 4th parade.

President this year was Jane Van Dis; Vice President Genevieve Coatoam; Recording Secretary Marjorie Aplin; Corresponding Secretary Pauly Brockington; Co-Treasurers Helen Tanberg and Helen Raschke; and Historian Marti Peterkin. The Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 10 at West Shore Country Club and had a theme of piñatas and Spain. The members exchanged handmade gifts. The committee for the Christmas party included Thirzah, Anne Richter, Gene and Marj, and Marti Peterkin. Jane Van Dis resigned from scholarship committee. The art fairs were run by Cathie Moore, with help from Marti Peterkin, Norma Mieras, Jean Kittredge, Bobbie McCray, Sylvia Randolph, Helen Tanberg, Helen Raschke. The major portion of the building behind the library was for our use.

1978

It was decided that we could no longer close Butler Street for the art fairs. Should we go somewhere else? Ned Brockington handled reservations for the fair. Cathie wondered if shows should be reduced in size. We decided against holding them on the school grounds.

President that year was Jane Van Dis; Vice President Genevieve Coatoam; Recording Secretary Marjorie Aplin; Corresponding Secretary Nancy Steketee; Treasurer Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken; Assistant Treasurer Pauly Brockington; Historian Marti Peterkin. Calendar price was set at \$3.25. We held an exhibit at the Butler Park for working artists, which was discouraging. Registration was handled by Marjorie Aplin, Jane Van Dis and Norma Mieras. Jane Van Dis and Cathie Moore evaluated the exhibit. The picnic was again held at Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken's. The Christmas party was on December 3 at 2 at West Shore Country Club and had a Hawaiian theme. Price for members was \$3. David Van Dis made a triangular Art Club logo in wood.

1979

There was a storm in February and March and 6 were present at the March meeting. We discussed a central meeting place. Cathie Moore was in charge of scholarships. We bought five film strips for the school at a cost of \$210 and held five summer art classes. Jeff Aldrich gave the pottery classes. Helen Tanberg and Linda Sobel ran the calendars. Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken again held the picnic.

President that year was Marlene Ansorge; Vice President Pauly Brockington; Corresponding and Recording Secretary was Marjorie Aplin; Treasurer was Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken; and Assistant Treasurer was Cathie Moore.

We needed more pictures in order to keep 24 in the calendar. We gave \$500 to the elementary school for supplies. The college scholarship awards were raised from \$100 to \$150 per semester. The "Saugatuck Game" was introduced. The Club had to remove its supplies from the Woman's Club.

The Art Fair committee included Linda Sobol, Virginia Burton, Genevieve Coatoam, Deb Beaman, Jane Van Dis, Cathie Moore, Pat Mulligan and Marlene Ansorge. The first juried show was held at Cook Park. It cost \$25 to exhibit. Ned Brockington did the registration. Calendar committee was Norma Mieras, Linda Sobol and Anne Richter. Christmas party committee was Genevieve Coatoam, Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken, Pauly Brockington and Jane Van Dis.

The Christmas party was held at West Shore Country Club Dec 8. Members brought handmade gifts of \$2 value. Theme was "Calico Christmas". Program entertainment included square dancers. A program was held in November at B.J. Silverstone's, 30 attended. It was decided to keep refreshments to \$5 for each program.

1986

Joanne Krauss was president that year, Helen Johnston was secretary, and Louise Peters was program chair. Summer art classes, with teachers from WMU, were held at St. Peter's that year. Scholarship committee included Claire Cheever, Mimi O'Connell, Cathie Moore, Genevieve Coatoam, with Peggy Boyce as chair. A policy was set to give \$10 flowers for ill members, a card for ill family of members, \$25 for death of a member, \$15 for death of immediate family of members. Helen Van Mell was the Waterfront fair chair. Calendar prices were set at \$4 for 10 or more, \$4.50 for single copies. Perry Block, Anna Droz, and Jim Modrak received \$200 for scholarship renewal. Peggy Boyce wrote a new book, *Golden Path*. Anne Richter put on "Widowtown Culture Club" at the Woman's Club. The school art department was given \$1000. The Christmas party was on December 7 at West Shore Country Club and the cost to each member was \$12. The theme was "Toyland". A skit was performed by B.J. Silverstone and company. Profit for art fairs was \$2,400 for the juried fair, \$6,000 for the art fair.

1987

A memorial for Burr Tillstrom was discussed. Some of the options: 1) small memorial and scholarship, 2) set of puppet books, 3) recordings of retrospective, 4) bench, 5) day, 6) sculpture in park. The sculpture was okayed. It cost \$8000 - \$3,500 for the foundry and \$4,500 for the artist, Pat Daggett. The Club had a show at the Red Barn and a bus trip to Muskegon. Helen Van Mell chaired the juried show, which had 70 exhibitors. "Playmakers" made \$1000 from its performances at the Tulip Time show. Summer classes were again offered - 14 classes for kids, 6 for adults.

President that year was Joanne Krause; Vice President Jane Van Dis; Recording Secretary Penny Omarzu; Corresponding Secretary Helen Johnson; Treasurer Mimi O'Connell; Assistant Treasurer Dorothy Hanson.

The picnic was again at Sylvia Randolph's. Dues were \$7 for a regular membership, \$10 for an associate. Scholarship committee was Jane Van Dis, Marta Mieras, Sallie Erlandson. Scholarships were \$200 a semester for undergraduate or for masters. Drawings of the sculpture were shown in September. Erlandson made the base. \$200 was given to Miss Michigan, Lara McGrath. Peggy Boyce chaired the invitational show, which had 88 entrants. Cathie Moore chaired the other show had 125 entrants. Each show had a \$40 fee. Profits that year from the fairs were \$6,645.

On December 6 the Club had its Christmas party at West Shore. Members brought jams and jellies. The cost per person was \$10. The Christmas party committee was Jane Van Dis, Sylvia Randolph and Genevieve Coatoam. The theme was "Michigan Sesquicentennial". Trendway donated panels for an exhibit that ran from July 29 through Labor Day. Mimi O'Connell will chair July 2nd show. It was flooded out and held at the Village Square instead.

1988

The club took a trip to Kalamazoo and visited Angie Van Hamersveld's home in April. Jean Vandenberg did the summer art program. Helen Van Mell did an art history program at Village Hall. Michigan Council for the arts contributed \$1000 to the sculpture. The dedication ceremony took place on August 7. 40 vendors returned for the Waterfront Invitational, even though last year was flooded out. Dr. Shorey gave \$500 to Burr Tillstrom memorial. An auction raised \$127 for the sculpture. Other donations were \$250 from NBC, and \$250 from Don Mitchell. \$100 was given to OxBow.

President this year was Helen Van Mell; Vice President Mimi O'Connell; Recording Secretary Penny Omarzu; Corresponding Secretary Jean Vandenberg; Treasurer Dorothy Hanson; Assistant Treasurer Joanne Krauss. \$500 was donated to Marta Mieras' European studies. Cathie Moore and Jane Van Dis chair the Village Square Art Fair, which was completely filled. Joanne Krauss managed the 4th of July float. Carrie Gudith was calendar chair. We were requested: no Chamber of Commerce show, no July 4th show. Christmas party was the second Sunday in December, with the theme "India". The bank accounts had \$3,676.40. Norma Mieras gave summer classes. Sylvia Randolph hosted the picnic.

1989

Claire Cheever and Pauly Brockington would chair the 1989 juried show, and 41 exhibitors would attend. A new shop opened in front of the Woman's Club and the costumes must move. We were looking at a sound system (\$500-\$1000). \$2000 scholarship to a Hope student as last year. "Playmakers" disbanded. We gave \$880 to Evergreen for lights.

The summer school program, held with WMU, with Ann Droz, was cancelled. At the May meeting Pauly Brockington showed the new calendars. She reported 46 had registered for the juried show. Bob

Roper drove the truck for the 4th of July parade, and Jane Van Dis began to appear as the Statue of Liberty. The savings account had \$414.82 and we had \$32,064.41 in certificates of deposit.

President that year was Helen Van Mell; Vice President was Joanne Krauss, Recording Secretary Eleanore Anderson; Corresponding Secretary Jean Vandenberg; Treasurer Dorothy Hanson; Assistant Treasurer Penny Omarzu. Mimi O'Connell left the area. The Christmas party had the themes "Nutcracker" and "Winter Wonderland", and was held December 3. Cathie Moore and Jane Van Dis signed up to chair juried show for five years. Each would receive \$100 total to chair the show. The Citizens Bank show was held August 4. The Club bought a tape recorder for the secretary. Cathie Moore reported that the art and craft show yielded a \$7,000 profit. Scholarships amounted to \$250 each. It was very hot in 1988 and very cold in 1989 and there were a lot of mosquitoes.

Helen Van Mell reported a loss of \$70.26 on the Waterfront Invitational. Discussion centered on whether to buy an audio system, for \$525-\$650, to use at Christmas. Storage was a problem. "Winter Wonderland" Christmas party was held at West Shore Country Club. Cathie Moore and Jane Van Dis asked to buy a canopy for the fairs. The bank accounts totaled \$751.17 in checking, \$4,222.77 in savings, and \$35,000 in certificates of deposit. Juried fair fee raised to \$45.

1990

We donated \$1000 through "Playmakers" to Evergreen for a spot light. Pauly Brockington reported the calendar profit to be \$314.88. There were 50 applicants for the juried show. The other show was full. \$250 was paid to each chair, Cathie and Jane, for the other show; \$100 was paid to each for the Waterfront. A tent was purchased. It cost \$175.

Officers that year were President Louise Peters; Vice President Helen Van Mell; Recording Secretary Eleanore Anderson; Corresponding Secretary Jean Vanderberg; Treasurer Dorothy Hanson; and Assistant Treasurer Penny Omarzu. The Club gave support for the Chamber Music Festival. Jane Van Dis was again the Statue of Liberty at the 4th of July parade. The Christmas party theme was "Western Motif" and was held at West Shore Country Club. The Club was looking for a permanent meeting place. At the school?

Paying for Cook Park as a venue for the Waterfront Invitational was an open question. Neither the Whites nor the Yacht Club wanted the Club there for the fair, though the Village said yes. Art show panels were offered to OxBow, though they didn't want them. 20 flag poles were purchased at \$20 each. A Citizens' Bank Show was held. Woman's Club wanted \$35/meeting rent for use of their building. A group met at All Saints to paint. Bob Fagan was giving lessons in the fall. We gave six scholarships. Dues were \$7. Genevieve Coatoam took a group to Chicago. Ellen Wilt gave classes at the gazebo in Wicks Park. Jane Van Dis was out of town from July 25th to August 30th.

Young artists played at two picnics at Sylvia Randolph's house, including one on August 6th. 180 exhibitors were signed up for the July 28th art fair. Bob Roper's truck was used again for the parade. Art fair profits were \$1,125 for juried show; \$6,544 for the arts and crafts fair. Juried show will accommodate 75 next year. Joyce Petter may want the art show panels. \$500 was given to the Red

Barn. \$800 went to scholarships. The Christmas party cost \$12.50 a person and was held at West Shore Country Club. Next year's Christmas will feature "Nutcracker" by the Kalamazoo Ballet Company. Cathie Moore will retire from Saugatuck High School in June 1991.

1991

Bob Fagan suggests having summer classes. Parade theme was "Tie a Yellow Ribbon". Because of Sylvia Randolph's accident the picnic was held at Cathie Moore's house. "Dress as a Masterpiece" program was a great success. Waterfront made \$1,800 and the Village Square made \$6,150. Village Square fee was up to \$50.

Officers this year were President Dorothy Hanson; Vice President Louise Peters; Treasurer Dorothy Nelson; Assistant Treasurer Louise Peters; Recording Secretary Eleanore Anderson; Corresponding Secretary Joyce Korthaze; Assistant Corresponding Secretary Nancy Oppman.

We had a conflict with the merchants over the art fairs. We raised scholarships to \$500 per semester. Waterfront grossed \$7,500. The Club made T-shirts available.

1992

In August, 1992 we had \$11,441.64 in checking, \$10,764.17 in savings, and \$44,064.41 in certificates of deposit. The Club bought a boom box. \$50 was spent for Bob Roper to supply the float in previous years, and it was \$100 this year. Jodie Nordhuis taught summer art classes. We bought a banner for \$150. The Christmas party theme was Spain. The picnic was held at Cathie Moore's. Helen Van Mell did the yearbooks again.

1994

Eleanore Anderson was President; Pauly Brockington was Secretary; Gladys Aldrich was Corresponding Secretary and Louise Peters was Treasurer. The checking account had \$5,734.03, on hand was \$2,220.41, and savings account had \$10,053.30. We gave \$200 to Harbor Health Care for art supplies.

The sprinklers came on and sprinkled the fair. We also needed more toilet paper for toilets.

At the September meeting the elementary school asked for 18 artists to show and explain their work. One would come each week. The Christmas party theme was "China".

The Waterfront Invitation netted \$1,778. More applicants were needed. The Village Square netted \$5,699. \$325 was spent with Bob Krause for a new sign. It was suggested we have refreshments first and then the program at general meetings. We decided to supply the Library with a rack for large art books per their request.

Helen Van Mell told about China and a friend taught tai chi. Next year's theme will be "Candyland".

1995

The Club gave \$300 to the Chamber Music Festival. Sylvia (Randolph) Bekken held classes at the Senior Center. In the checking account we had \$3,554.17 and in savings we had \$16,485.46. We gave \$200 for cassette tapes for the Library. Jane Van Dis hosted the picnic and was Statue of Liberty on the float. "Living Paintings" were a big hit as a program. The sound equipment is seldom used and is a problem to store, so the Club may sell it to "Showstoppers". \$500 was given to Douglas Elementary for supplies; and \$1000 was given to the High School. 38 people joined us to see the Monet exhibit, planned by Genevieve Coatoam. The Christmas party cost \$15, up from \$12.50. Dues are still \$7.

Cathie Moore's daughter taught a children's class in the summer. We added two Honorable Mention awards for the Waterfront Invitational art fair. Each comes with a \$50 check. We offered the sound system to "Showstoppers" for \$200, and they took it. The Club helped John Peterson with painting the wall of the bowling alley. There was an art auction for the benefit of the Harbors that was planned, but was postponed indefinitely.

1996

Christa Wise told the Club about Art A Loan. It was a project where people pay \$100 for having a student's picture in their home or business for a year. Two were chosen from each grade, kindergarten through grade 12, and were professionally framed. The Club gave \$200 to help get the project started.

The Christmas party had a "Caribbean Cruise" theme. We had \$2,925.26 in checking and \$23,346.31 in savings. We made a \$391 profit on calendars. The fee for each art fair has risen to \$60. Jane Van Dis made new decorations for the float, because the others were wrecked in last year's storm. The picnic was held at Jane Van Dis's. Cathie Moore and Jane Van Dis each receive \$500 for each art fair, with \$100 for Eldon Moore.

This year's officers were President Eleanore Anderson; Vice President Gladys Aldrich; Treasurer Dorothy Hanson; Secretary Pauly Brockington; and Corresponding Secretary Grace Biando. The Club gave \$10,000 to the Library for its building fund; \$1,500 to the high school; and \$500 to the elementary school. Pictures were needed for the "Painting the Town" exhibit and book for the Historical Society. \$2,000 was given to the Historical Society and \$300 to the Chamber Music Festival. The Waterfront made \$2,302, and the Village Square made \$9.818, for a total of \$12,118.

1997

Christmas Party theme was "Mardi Gras" and was held at West Shore Country Club on December 7. The Club gave \$400 to the Chamber Music Festival. Cost per member was \$15.

The officers were President Peggy Boyce; Vice President Christa Wise; Recording Secretary Jody Nordhuis; Treasurer Dorothy Hanson; and Assistant Treasurer Eleanore Anderson.

We bought 10 lbs of candy for the 4th of July parade, which happened same as always. The picnic was held at Jane Van Dis's. The calendar price was raised to \$6.00 and \$5.00 for members. The Club

donated \$100 for Christmas lighting. There were five scholarship applicants, three from the dance class. Funding for the school remained the same, \$1500 to the high school and \$500 to the elementary school.

1998

The Club paid ½ the cost of a laptop computer for Cathie Moore to do art fair business. The picnic was moved from July to August and was held again at Jane Van Dis's. The Christmas party theme was "Scotch-Irish". 100 attended at West Shore Country Club. Louise Peters died. 32 joined us for a bus trip to Chicago.

We had so many applicants for the Waterfront Invitational that we considered using Wicks Park as well as Cook Park. We even made a map, but we couldn't decide how to manage a fair in two locations. Joyce Petter gave \$600 for a best of show prize. We had \$2,648.74 in checking and \$19,538.86 in savings.

1999

There were five requests for scholarships. The Waterfront Film Festival asked for support, but the Club denied the request. Jody Nordhuis gave "Young At Art" summer classes for ages 8-12. Cost was \$50 for six sessions. The Club discussed having a separate Douglas Art Fair. Christmas party theme was "A French Christmas".

Officers were President Peggy Boyce; Vice President Christa Wise; Treasurer Jim Suerth; Assistant Treasurer Eleanore Anderson; Corresponding Secretary Pauly Brockington, and Secretaries Lena Aukema and Ginna Berghuis. \$500 was donated to help a committee to start up the Dickens' Christmas Carol pay.

2000

We went to see a Van Gogh exhibition in Detroit. Jodi and Cheri did the summer school for kids from ages 8-12. This year it's an Italian Christmas. Dues are now \$10.

2001

The calendar needs more drawings. A new appointment or date book (6 ¼ inches high by 7 inches wide) made up of colored photos of members works has been published. It will sell for \$15 (\$10 non-members). Lena Aukema and Marcia put it together.

A.R.T. (Art 'Round Town) exhibited 18 sculptures. They got grants to do this under our non-profit status. Michigan supplied the tree for the White House lawn. We made large ornaments for it called Wings of Hope. The fairs brought in \$11,000 this year. Paul Van Dyke put out "Art Beat News" letter. We renewed our non-profit status, cost \$500.

Christmas: children's books. The city discussed putting the Tillstrom sculpture where the vets memorial is now and the vets where Burr's puppet memorial is now.

2002

Computer update – an additional expenditure of \$495.50 for Cathie Moore. We donated \$2000 for Lakeshore Center for the Arts. We became part of the first Heritage Festival by showing things at the Clothesline Show. Christmas theme was African – Kwanzaa.

President was Marcia Perry; Vice President Lena Aukema; Treasurer Jim Suerth; Assistant Treasurer Eleanore Anderson; Secretaries were Ginna Berghuis and Sandra Thieda; Corresponding Secretary was Karen Drongowski.

2003

Bank accounts are: savings \$11,067.37 and checking \$1,495.56, plus certificates of deposits. Bruce Cutean is new hospitality chair. John Malloy is the publicity chairman. Paul Van Dyke does Art Beat. Eleanore Anderson does the calendars. Jody Nordhuis and Tracy Rutter do the daybook. Cathie Moore and Jane Van Dis do the Art Fairs. We hope to have meeting and storage space at the Art Center in the future. Christa Wise does the scholarships. We gave \$1,000 to "Destination Imagination" at the school.

New printer for the calendars is Zeeland Print Shop. Cost was \$1,100. We took part in the July 4th parade. Bob Roper furnished the truck and Jane Van Dis was Miss Liberty as usual. "Cora Bliss Taylor" taught her class on the trailer. Reg made special signs for this our fiftieth year.

Jody Nordhuis and Cherrie Pendric taught a children's art class same as last year. It cost \$75.

We planned a new art fair over the Thanksgiving holiday at the Art Center. It was a two-day show with \$30 fee for one day and \$35 fee for two days. Half booths were available. Jane Van Dis and John Malloy were in charge.

The picnic was at Mount Baldhead Park. Christmas party was planned with perhaps a new format.