President’s Message

Passionate! This describes Johnny Joo to a tee. I would like to quote a couple of remarks from one of Johnny Joo’s biographies. He states, “I want to be able to reach people and truly bring more people together in life. I want to share art, human interaction, and creativity. We’re all in this together, we may as well take the opportunity given to communicate and learn. Without using that, we are wasting so much.” He goes on to say, “I like to take photos of abandoned places. I felt that the photos I took could speak for themselves and they could tell this detailed story of life and history behind the moldy, crumbling walls without me ever having to say a thing.”

The photos which we did observe were incredible but this was just the tip of the iceberg. We were not satiated and were left hungry for more.

Following the presentation we enjoyed a delectable Chicken Paprikash over egg noodles, salad and jello shooters for dessert. Yum!

Congratulations to our 50/50 raffle ticket winner, Irene Mechail! Irene joined us last September. What a great way to begin ones journey with the Women’s Committee. Included in November’s 50/50 drawing will be 2 (very nice) items left over from last year’s benefit so, if you purchase 50/50 tickets, you will be eligible to win one of these items.

November will be the last month to pick up your new directories. The balance will be mailed shortly after our luncheon. Also, you will have another chance to win a voucher to one of the Fine Arts performances of your choice. If you invite a friend to come to our luncheon and your friend joins our committee then you will receive a voucher.

The December benefit is just around the corner and we still need your donations including wine. This is going to be quite the event, so please consider donating and attending our 50th Anniversary Gala event.

On November 13th, we will feature Thirity Umrigar, an Indian-American journalist, critic, and novelist. Ms. Umrigar will be discussing her new book “The Secrets Between Us” and will have many books to offer after her presentation. Don’t forget to make your reservations by noon, Friday, November 8th. Please see the information regarding reservations included in this newsletter.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the November luncheon.

Karen Pribula

Happy Thanksgiving!
Be sure to join us for The Women’s Committee of the Fine Arts
Golden Gala Event Benefit
December 8, 2019
We need YOU and your friends to attend this most lovely event. It is a beautifully decorated start to the holiday season and singles as well as couples attend and enjoy the evening.

The Holiday Benefit Committee needs YOUR help!

**NOW is the time to donate your items for the SILENT AUCTION.**
They would like items of interest such as theme baskets, gift certificates for restaurants and services, and tickets to concerts, sporting events and theatre performances. They cannot use any pictures or commemoration plates.

Donations are also needed for our “Wine Pull’ (valued at $15 or more)
All donations may be left at the front desk at Fine Arts no later than November 29, 2019.

Please keep in mind that this is our only big fund raiser for Fine Arts. Just look around and see what we have been able to accomplish with the proceeds from the past.

- The Holiday Benefit Committee Thanks You!!

**A bit of history...**
A Women’s Board was created in 1957 doing rummage sales, card parties and sponsorship of children's operettas. In 1959 the group became an advisory board to the Fine Arts Association Board of Trustees. The FAA board requested a Women’s Committee be organized in November 1959. Their first activity was writing to family and friends for FAA support. Gradually the group began to contribute to the development of FAA goals and has evolved into a membership of over 100 gifting $200,000+ during the past 10 years alone. This November the Women's Committee will be celebrating its **50th anniversary** as an independent auxiliary whose sole goal is to support the appreciation of the creative arts of music, art, dance, and drama.
The Second Wednesday Program/Luncheon Series

November 13th, 2019 @ 11 a.m.

“The Secrets Between Us”
A Conversation with renown Author Thrity Umrigar

Who doesn’t love a good story? Well Umrigar not only told a good story but has now followed it up with a sequel to her book, “The Space Between Us”.

A journalist for seventeen years, Thrity Umrigar has written for the Washington Post, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and other national newspapers, and contributes regularly to the Boston Globe's book pages. Thrity is the winner of the Cleveland Arts Prize, a Lambda Literary award and the Seth Rosenberg prize. She teaches creative writing and literature at Case Western Reserve University. The author of The Space Between Us, Bombay Time, and the memoir First Darling of the Morning: Selected Memories of an Indian Childhood, she was a winner of the Nieman Fellowship to Harvard University. She has a Ph.D. in English and lives in Cleveland, Ohio. (From the publisher's website)

NOTE: For your convenience, Thrity will have her books for sale at this event.

RSVP Deadline is: Noon on Friday, November 8th

A Friendly Reminder: Program and luncheon reservations are required!
The preferred method is to email fineartsrsvp@gmail.com. Phone reservations can be made by calling 440-951-7500 ext 103. Your email and phone reservation will be confirmed.
Program only reservations are encouraged, however walk-ins are always welcome!

MENU

Oven roasted Thanksgiving turkey breast served with green beans, cranberry cornbread stuffing and roasted potatoes.

And for dessert -> Delicious homemade pumpkin roll. Hmmm!

Catering is by Dave Baker at Manna Catering. His Manna Café is at 1821 N. Ridge Rd. Painesville. Open: 7am-2pm Tues- Sun.
If you have any menu suggestions or comments please contact Susan M. Miller, 440-479-9195.

THANK YOU TO THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE FOR OCTOBER:

Chris Sherwin, Chair  Pat Berilla  Jeanne Lipps  Carolyn Wolfe
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT **

Please update your roster booklet with the following corrected information.

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YOU can win a free voucher to the production of your choice!!

Here is how: Invite a friend to a Program/Luncheon

- When they become a member, YOU win a voucher!
- Enjoy the show of your choice at the Fine Arts Assoc.

January 8th   “Music Therapy Healing Through the Arts”
Presented by Ann Marie Raddell
Creative Therapies Coordinator at Fine Arts.

When sending in your membership dues, scholarship donations or Second Wednesday Program Series reservation payments, please send them directly to:

Judy Nagel, 695 Woodstock Rd. Eastlake, OH 44095