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President's Message

Thanks to the support of our members and sponsors, the Ada Arts Council (AAC) has been able to continue to provide opportunities in the arts to the Ada area.

In the last year, we were able to return to more in-person events including Taste of Ada 2021, Cozy Up with the Arts 2022, the Ada Artists Exhibit 2022, and Taste of Ada 2022.

- Taste of Ada 2021 was held at Waddell Vineyards on a lovely fall evening, and we had an even more exciting event for Taste of Ada 2022. The most recent event included the addition of live art demonstrations including landscape painting by Kelly Pennington and knife-making by Nate Turner.
- Many area children joined us at Wintersmith Lodge in April for Cozy Up with the Arts to create some beautiful stained glass-style artwork. We hope to see many of you at our next event, Cozy Up 2023 on February 6.
- Through collaboration with the Ada Artists Association, we hosted the Ada Artists Exhibit at the Chokma'si Gallery in May 2022 featuring work by local students and artists. We look forward to working with them again in 2023.

Whether sponsoring students to participate in the Act II Summer Drama Camp, supporting the Ada High School Performing Arts students on their trip to Disney World, or awarding the Criswell Memorial and Eleanor Wight Scholarships, the AAC continues to work on more ways to contribute to the local arts community. We also have some newer projects in the works – ask us about our Art Boxes or the Ada Arts Council Sponsorship Program.

The AAC needs your support to keep up our work and serve the Ada area. With your help we can fulfill our mission and achieve our goals. Membership to the Ada Arts Council is available at different levels, and we urge you to consider joining or working with us.

Want to get involved with AAC, become part of one of our many committees, or find out more? Contact us via email (adaartsok@gmail.com), like us on Facebook (AdaOKArtsCouncil), follow us on Instagram (@adaartscouncil), or visit our website (<https://www.adaartsok.org/>).

Michelle Lastrina
AAC President

2022 OUTSTANDING ADAN IN THE ARTS



DR. BRAD JESSOP

Jessop has served as a faculty member and chair of the Art Department at ECU for 32 years, and director of the School of Fine Arts for 12 years. After three decades of teaching, he retired from ECU at the end of July 2022.

Jessop was presented with the award at Taste of Ada on October 4th, 2022. For more information visit adartsok.org/taste-of-ada



Criswell Memorial Scholarship Recipient

SUMMER ZAH



Summer is a Master of Fine Arts graduate student at the University of Oklahoma. Her work critically analyzes the state of North American indigenous affairs by visually expressing personal stories through printmaking, mixed-media sculpture, and installation. She plans to use this scholarship to help provide materials and other expenses associated with her thesis exhibition in the Spring of 2023. View her current work at summerzah.com.



Eleanor Wight Scholarship Recipient

REBEKAH PETERS



Rebekah graduated Ada High School in 2022 and is now a Vocal Music Performance major at the University of Oklahoma. Music has been a constant in her life; she has been singing since kindergarten. She has continued to surround herself with music throughout high school, participating in band, choir, theater, and much more. That passion for music and the effect it has had on her life is something she says she can't live without. When considering her future, Rebekah says, "The only thing that comes to mind is music."



2022 in Review

Ada Artists Exhibit with Ada Artists Association

This year the Ada Arts Council and Ada Artists Association combined our annual shows to bring together the Ada community. This show seeks to highlight all types of art from every generation. Ages Pre-K to Adult will be participating in this judged show with various awards for 2D/3D categories.

- ❖ **5th – 8th (2D Category)**

 - 1st Place: Lily Harper - "Landscape"
 - 2nd Place: Katie Rustin - "Castle in Spring"
 - 3rd Place: Evelyn Lorena-Muniz - "Landscape"
 - **Honorable Mentions**
 - Brantly Bilbo - "Landscape"
 - Dani McTague - "Self-Portrait"
- ❖ **9th-12th (2D Highschool)**

 - 1st Place: Sophie Mater - "Winter's Watch"
 - 2nd Place: Olivia Alvarez - "They, Them, Theirs"
 - 3rd Place: Reanayeah Glenn - "Magical Portrait"
- ❖ **9th-12th (3D Highschool)**

 - 1st Place: Carter Hanson - "Potbelly"
 - 2nd Place: Saul Palma - "Inspired by Leon Polk Smith"
 - 3rd Place: Zadian White - "Bowl of Infinite Shapes"
- ❖ **Oil/Acrylic/Painting**

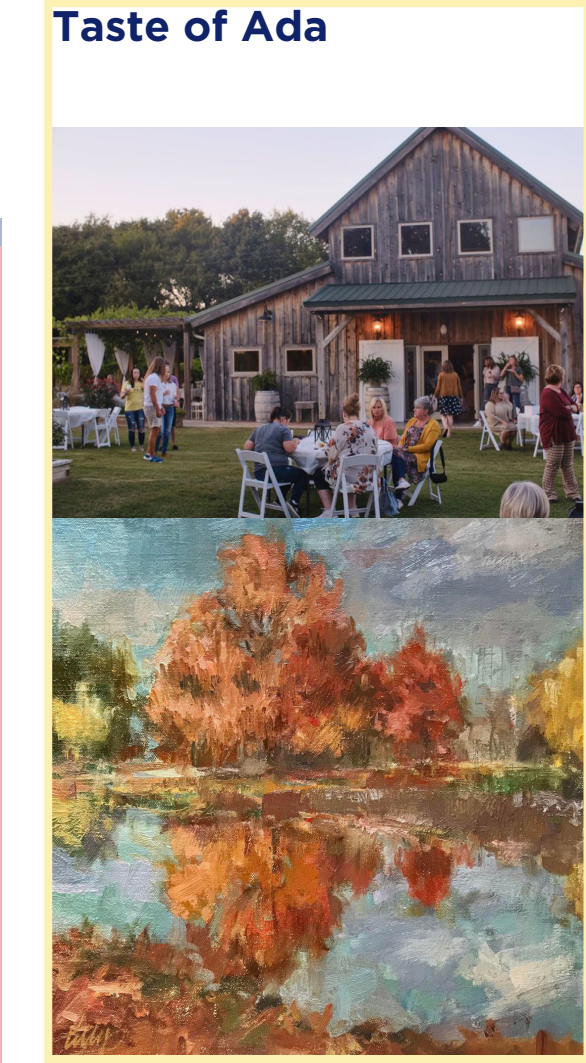
 - 1st Place: Paul Walsh - "Turkey Creek"
 - 2nd Place: Kelly Pennington - "Spring Blossoms en Plein Air"
 - 3rd Place: Charlotte Harris - "Lake Merwin"
- ❖ **Watercolor/Drawing/Tempera**

 - 1st Place: Sunkyoung Choi - "Draft Horse"
 - 2nd Place: Linda Bayard - "Old Warrior"
 - 3rd Place: Destiny Graham - "The Mourning"
- ❖ **Photo/Digital Illustration**

 - 1st Place: Sabrina Farrill - "Off The Beaten Path"
 - 2nd Place: Corey King - "From The Eagle"
 - 3rd Place: Sarah Engel-Barnett - "As a Mortal Gardener Slips from this World to the Next"
- ❖ **Three-Dimensional/Sculpture**

 - 1st Place: Patsy E. Lane - "Hound & Coon"
 - 2nd Place: Ladonna Mayer - "Everyday Women #15 Contemplation"
 - 3rd Place: Erica Eppler - "Dear Lady"
- ❖ **Best in Show**

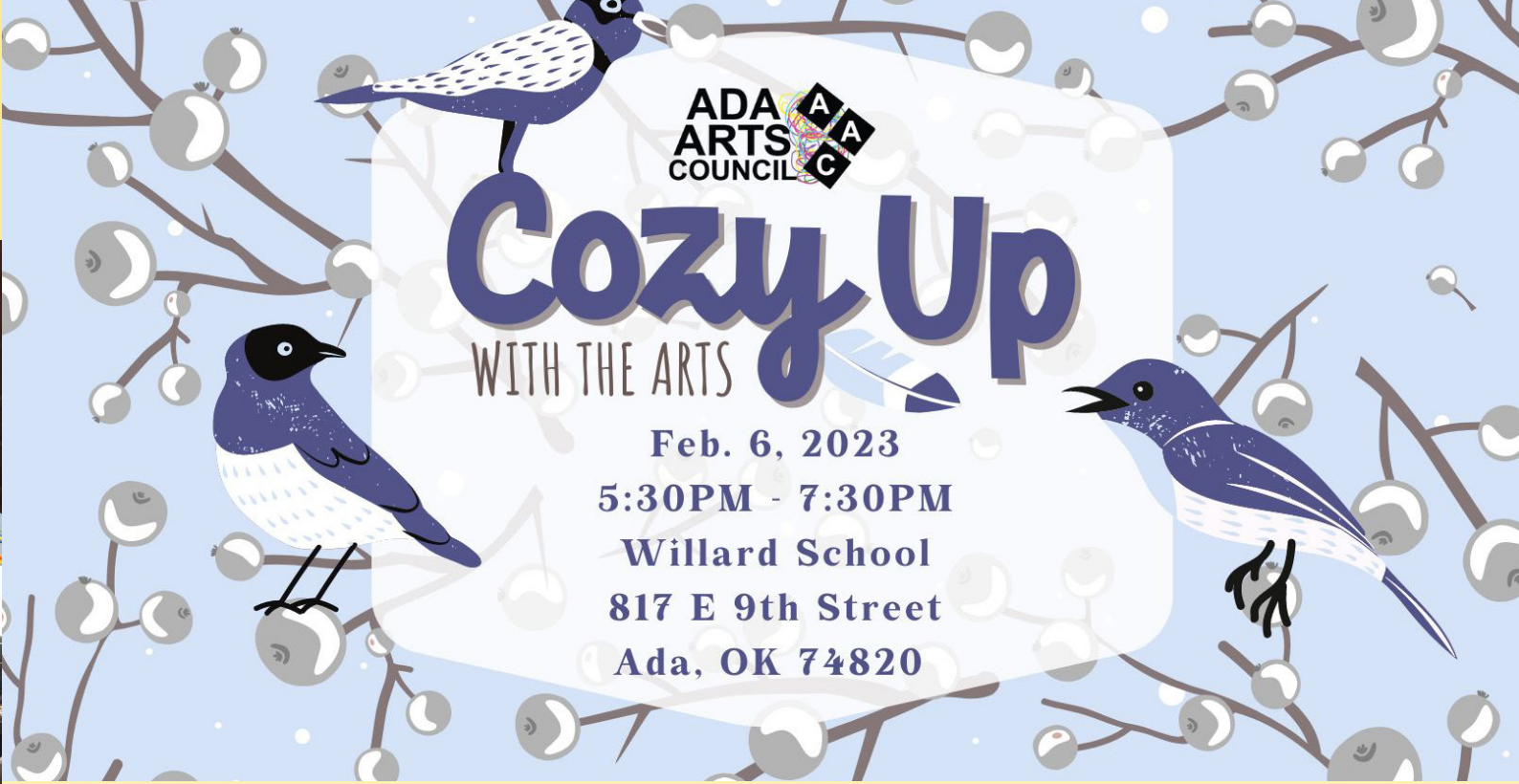
 - Patsy E. Lane - "Hound & Coon"



AdaFest



Cozy Up



Cozy Up Feb. 6, 2023

We will be hosting our annual children’s event February 6 at 5:30p.m. at the Willard School gym. This event includes a craft for the kids and hot cocoa for all!

Ada Artists Exhibit Feb. 27-March 27, 2023

This spring we will be hosting an art exhibit for members. Intake for art will be Feb. 21-24.

Taste of Ada 2023

The first Tuesday in October is our largest annual event that includes an art auction, dinner, and music. We also award the Outstanding Adan in the Arts award.



Want to join a committee?

Here is a list of our current committees. You do not have to be a board member to support the Arts Council and serve as a member of our events and program committees.

- Taste of Ada
- Outstanding Adan in the Arts
- Cozy Up
- Scholarship
- Communications/Social Media
- Art Box
- Ada Artists Exhibit
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Grants
- Bylaws

Thanks to this year's sponsors!

- **Waddell Vineyard**
- **Happyland Music Alliance**
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- **The Chickasaw Nation**
- **Redland Childers Architects**
- **Toppers Herbal Center**
- **Kind Origin Cannabis**



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