



Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 6 – Holiday Social!

Sticks

3631 SW 61st St

Between Fleur and 63rd,
South of Park Ave on 61st

246-8361



Tour & Dinner!

Catered by The Radish:

Buffet -
All served with mixed green salad (ranch, vinegar/oil, parmesan), assorted bread/butter, sauteed green beans, sun dried tomato pesto pasta, assorted dessert bars, beer, wine, and water.

Entrees – Pick one
--Carved Turkey w/gravy, or
--Rosemary chicken, or
--Bella Pasta (penne pasta sauteed with olive oil, browned garlic, shiitake mushrooms, roasted red pepper, spinach, and asparagus)

The Radish will also donate a gift card for our drawing.

RSVP before Monday noon, 12/3, at www.mwniowa.org/calendar. Dinner fee is \$30. Guests are \$35.

Meet Sarah Grant – “Sticks” is her thing!

Sarah is the owner, founder and Creative Director of Sticks, Inc., a nationally recognized manufacturer of furniture, accessories and sculptural art. In this role,



Sarah oversees the overall creative conceptualization for the company and manages the design team. Prior to establishing her own business in 1985, Sarah's professional emphasis was art education. Sarah was an adjunct professor at Iowa State University for 10 years. She was involved with the Des Moines Public Schools' talented and gifted program, and was a member of the Iowa Arts Council Artists in Residents Program. Sarah also served as an instructor at the Des Moines Art Center. Sarah continues to produce abstract paintings as an independent artist. Her paintings are represented at Olson Larsen Gallery in Des Moines, IA. Sarah's educational background includes a bachelor of fine arts degree in drawing and intaglio printmaking from the University of Iowa. Sarah has earned a Master (MA) in Intaglio Printmaking and a Masters of Fine Arts (MFA) in Painting from the University of Iowa. (cont. p. 3)



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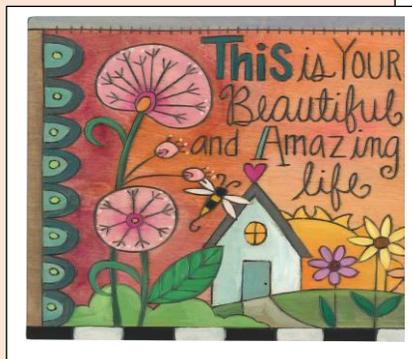


SOME PONDERINGS

As I pondered what to write about for this month's newsletter, I looked back over what I've written in previous months and looked at the speakers we've had. One theme started to come out, community. It started with Lori Evans (our Woman of the Year) and how she & husband helped the "community" of high school students. Then we had Barb Breeser and her love of going to garage sales in the community and selling her finds on eBay. Then, we had Jill Featherstone from the Des Moines Art Center. (Art always adds to community.) In April we heard from Mary Kramer and the impact she's had on community with being a State Legislator and an ambassador to Barbados. In May was Jan Milroy who oversees a "community" of volunteers for Living History Farms. No one can deny about the positive impact Kellie Markey from Dorothy's House has on the community with helping young girls and women escape sex trafficking. Kristi Knous leads the Community Foundation of Des Moines. Last month was Carol Chambers from the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and her mentoring suggestions. So many ways we can affect lives in the community, and this is just a pin point size of the ways that we can impact the community. (I hope everyone used their voting privilege earlier this month to make an impact.)

In December we'll have the opportunity to tour Sticks design studio. This company has contributed to the community with its decorating at Blank Children's Hospital and other places around town. Please come to the event. You'll have a wonderful time, really good food (catered by the Radish in Grimes) and we always have wonderful company. We'll be there on December 6, so block your calendar now! You can RSVP at <https://mwniowa.org/calendar/>.

- Joyce Whipps, President



Going for it!

Remember, if you've attended all MWN meetings in 2018 (including our holiday social), you may win a free membership for next year! Anyone who has come to all scheduled meetings throughout the year will have her name put into a drawing at our December gathering. The winner gets a free membership for 2019. *Come to the Holiday social!*

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MWNIowa/>.

Check out our website at www.mwniowa.org

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The History of Sticks

Sticks origins date back to 1985 when Sarah Grant, an abstract painter and college art instructor, was commissioned to design a wooden nativity set for Better Homes and Gardens Decorative Woodcrafts magazine. At the time, Sarah's artistic background was solely focused on drawing and painting linear surfaces, and this project challenged Sarah in incorporate her artistry onto a 3-D surface.

On a weekend excursion to a friend's antique store, Sarah came across some etched wooden furniture from the twenties and thirties. She was inspired. Sarah's father, John, assisted her with carving the wooden structures for a nativity set, and she experimented with etching her designs onto the wooden set. She found this technique was an effective way to delineate her designs.

Decorative Woodcrafts magazine purchased one of Sarah's nativity set, and her mother, Carol, proudly claimed on of the "practice" sets to display in their family home. Sarah was soon inundated with requests from family and friends for nativity sets and small holiday items. She began a small company called "Origin Art Forms" to supplement her income.

In December of 1991, Better Homes and Gardens featured a story about Sarah and her company "Origin Art Forms" which solicited a large national response and an influx of orders. Sarah incorporated the company as Sticks, Inc. in 1992.

Each Stick piece is handcrafted within Sticks' award-winning studio in Des Moines, Iowa. All pieces are finely crafted from birch, poplar and driftwood. The pieces are further designed with hand drawn imagery, etched contouring and vibrantly blended paint. Pieces can be embellished with 3-D wood components, metal, leather and fabric. Their line is constantly evolving due to the imagination of the design team and the many talented craft artisans that they employ. Every piece that they produce can be personalized to feature themes, imagery or colors that you or your customers desire.

Sticks, Inc. has received national recognition for their exceptional line of furniture, accessories and object art. Sticks' furniture and artwork is currently merchandised in over 100 galleries nationwide. Sticks' business has also evolved to include interior installation projects for hospitals, libraries, schools, restaurants and hotels.



*All the art
on these
pages are
items from
Sticks
collection.*



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More Interesting Stuff

Memberships can be completed at <http://www.jotform.us/form/91801357671> or in person at our meeting!

Guest, Dues, and Attendee Policy Guests may attend for \$35. Membership annual dues (\$40 by check or pay pal) cover the year of 2018 (January thru December). New members joining after January will pay a prorated amount for the rest of the year. Reservations made but not attended will be expected to pay the dinner fee.

Have your card here next month! Give one to Lois O'Donnell at the next meeting.

The officers for 2018:

President: Joyce Whipps
Vice President: Maureen Mitchell
Secretary: Chris Duncan
Treasurer: Barb Hawbaker
At large: Anna Bradley, Janet Seeberger

Also, serving on the Programs committee are Connie Blodgett and Sherri Johnson. Lois O'Donnell will remain on newsletter/publicity.



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MWN Steering Committee Minutes

I. Call to Order: Called by Joyce Whipps, November 1, 2018 5:30pm

II. Attendance: Joyce Whipps, Lois O'Donnell, Connie Blodgett, Barb Hawbaker, Chris Duncan

III. Program Report

December 6th Social: Sarah Grant Founder and owner of Sticks to tell her story



January 17th: Woman of the Year, Hilton Garden Inn

February 21: Eileen Wixted from Wixted and Company speaking of strategic and crisis communication

March 21: Dr. Andrew Nish on nutrition

IV. Treasurers Report: Reported by Barb Hawbaker, \$1063.74

V. New Business

-Moved and voted to have July meeting instead of August. Socials in July and December.

-Need to get more at-large members. Need replacement for VP Maureen.

-Woman of the Year. Joyce is going to talk to one nomination we received.

-Need to get 5013C back in place. Maybe a member with experience can help.

VI. Next steering meeting will be January 3, 2019

VII. Meeting adjourned by Joyce Whipps at 7:00pm

Minutes taken by Chris Duncan, Secretary



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