

Artist welcomes others to experience local beauty through painting

Over the past few months, Tribune Building ArtPlace artist Jan Norsetter has traveled throughout the south Wood County area to make 10 plein air sketches that will ultimately result in three larger paintings of local natural beauty. These images will be displayed in the Tribune Building.

Local artist Dawn Olson joined Jan for two painting outings in the south Wood County area. In April, Jan hosted a session in the Sandhill Wildlife area enjoying nature's beauty and activity – even seeing two pairs of majestic Trumpeter swans.

“We painted a section of Gallagher Marsh where the water forms two adjoining streams,” said Dawn, recalling the day. “We painted views of the stream around the marsh and the areas of surrounding trees. The clouds were beautiful but kept changing with the light. This is always a challenge and we commented on it back and forth.”

In late May, Jan and her husband, Jon Sutcliffe, returned to the community to capture Wisconsin River locations on canvas. Dawn joined them near the Firefighters Memorial to set up her easel. “We enjoyed the calm night and many smiles as people walked by,” she remembered.

Dawn described her work on this night. “I applied a fuchsia ground to my canvas and started laying in the horizon line and trees. Next, I established lights and darks, and then filled in the sky, water reflections and foliage on the trees.”

Jan will return to our community in the fall to capture autumn colors along the river. She welcomes all to join her to observe or paint, noting, “I’m always willing to answer questions.” Those who do paint are asked to bring their own materials.



Jan is also planning an indoor painting seminar for local seniors this fall. There, she would guide participants through the process of creating a landscape in oils.

“Other artists are planning to work with school-aged youth, so I would like to give seniors an opportunity to participate,” Jan explained. “At the end of the seminar, the seniors would keep their paintings.”

Don't miss your opportunity to connect with Jan. Incourage will provide information about future visits as they are scheduled. To learn more about Jan's work in the Tribune, follow her blog: <http://norsettertribune.blogspot.com/>.