

Past Presidents

We owe a special debt of gratitude to these outstanding individuals who have led the Fine Arts Society through the years, establishing the strong foundation for today's organization.

*Mrs. Jean Coulter	1962-64
*Mrs. Inette Goldstein	1964-66
*Mrs. Barbara Dageforde	1966-68
*Mrs. Dorothy Ann Fraser	1968-70
*Mrs. Mary Schwab	1970-72
Mrs. Suzanne Korsgard	1972-74
Mrs. Alberta Beyers	1974-75
Mrs. Mary Kay Westphal	1975-77
*Mrs. Phoebe Summers	1977-78
Mrs. Joan French	1978-80
Mrs. Toby Bransky	1980-81
Mrs. Mary Owen	1981-82
*Mrs. Betty Catkins	1982-84
Mrs. Teresa McCabe	1984-86
*Mrs. Pat Zebell	1986-87
Mrs. Dorothy Bertschy	1987-89
Mrs. Judy Cough	1989-90
Mrs. Susan McPheeters	1990-91
Mrs. Nancie Shellenbaum	1991-93
Mrs. Barbara Thompson	1993-95
Mrs. Teresa McCabe	1995-96
Mrs. Bettye Thompson	1996-97

Mrs. Janette Miller	1997-99
Mrs. Helen Bordeaux	1999-00
Mrs. Susan Davis	2000-02
Mrs. Cecile Langford	2002-04
Carol Morrissey (Mrs. Roger Sommer)	2004-06
Dr. Joan Brune	2006-08
Dr. Peggy Carter	2008-10
Marcia Burnside (Mrs. Terry Adams)	2010-12
Bennett Johnson	2012-14
Mary Howard	2014-16

*Deceased

When the founding members of the Fine Arts Society of Peoria met for the first time on June 6, 1962, they proposed their mission: "To provide a guided program for exploration of the arts." The program initially consisted of eight lectures per season, and all were held in the Gallery of Glen Oak Pavilion. Membership then cost \$5 and the season ran from October through May.

Early minutes of the governing volunteer Board further note that one of the principal aims of the Fine Arts Society would be to stimulate interest in art exhibits by coordinating the lecture series with exhibits scheduled in the Gallery. (Glen Oak Pavilion Gallery was the predecessor of Lakeview Museum.)

When Lakeview Museum was closed and the Peoria Riverfront Museum was established in 2012 the Fine Arts Society met at Landmark Theater for one year, then Anshai Emeth for two years before moving to our present location in the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Over the past five and a half decades, the Fine Arts Society of Peoria has sponsored over 400 lectures designed not only to enlighten and entertain members and guests but also to encourage their further study of and participation in the arts.