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End of year 2023

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A word in advance

One moment you are sitting inside, looking outside, the spring sun is shining and a selection has to be made from more than two hundred applications and the next moment you are sitting inside, looking outside, it is bleak and you are busy completing Art Month Ameland 2023.

But fortunately, there is a long period in between. A period of jobs that provide ENERGY, but also the occasional job that drains ENERGY. So the ENERGY theme was a good fit!

No figures in this newsletter. These will soon be included in the annual report, which will be available on our website from the spring.

In this newsletter short stories of people, people who create Art Month. People who have a relationship with the Art Month. People who, based on this relationship, have wanted to entrust the experience to us and you, who have wanted to share with you and us how they view the Art Month, how they experienced and experienced the past Art Month.

This newsletter is enhanced by, among other things, images of works by the participating artists.



Rolina Nell



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We as Art Month thank all these people, these relations to Art Month, because without these relations, without these people there would be no Art Month. And the Art Month is the connecting factor in this.

We hope that with this newsletter we will leave you with a spark of ENERGY from Art Month Ameland 2023!

Finally, we, the board and management, would like to thank everyone involved for what you have done and contributed to Art Month Ameland 2023.

You have given this year's Art Month the necessary ENERGY!



Anne-Jan Hoogland

End of year

We conclude the beginning of this newsletter with an end-of-year message.

December the month of lights and light.



December is also referred to as the winter month, Christmas month or dark month.

Because of the many holidays, this month is also informally called the festive month.

But let us be aware that not everyone experiences this month as a festive month.

Where possible, let's give a little ENLIGHTENMENT to those who need it.

With positive **ENERGY** into a new year.

Eirik Jahnsen

We wish you a good end of the year!

On behalf of the board and management
Ameland Art Month Foundation.





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Accessibility at the end of the year office Art Month Ameland

It is the end of the year and for that reason we are not available or are only available to very limited extent until January 15, 2024.

The email will not be forwarded, will be read occasionally and responded to where necessary.

Art month 2023

The Art Month 2023 is over again. The theme was Energy; but Water would also have been a suitable theme. What a wet place, the parking lot at our house looked more like a pond. We have seen almost everything this year and also did the Trial Route for the first time. That is highly recommended. The evenings with literature and music were also certainly popular. A nice atmosphere (friendly as always) and a lot of interest, which is nice. The Art Month clearly meets a need.

And nice volunteers everywhere who welcome you and provide explanations. Sometimes the artist is also present; I often think that has added value, no matter how hard the attendants try.

What is also striking is that the environment will also participate. During Art Month there are concerts in all villages and galleries are open that show everything outside the "official route". I think that is positive because it shows that Art Month is alive on the island.

We are already looking forward to Art Month 2024. And as a theme I propose: "SUN", who knows, maybe that will help.

Niek Geelhoed
Chairman of the board of Art Month



Rosalinde van Ingen Schenau





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Namesake

“What?! Is your name Van Meurs?”

“Yes,” I admit, “but what's special about that?”

“My name is also Van Meurs. That's funny!”

Before me stands a woman with a huge head of dreadlocks in a rich range of colors. She is in her sixties, but with the looks of a recently matured hippie.

I am on Art Month Ameland. For 27 years, this event has been an extremely clever concept to allow the Wadden Island to flourish in the month that is least suitable for this: November. Every year, thousands of people flock to the island for the arts, to the financial delight of the catering industry, small businesses and the ferry service. My wife and I had been visitors for seven years. An irresistible desire grew within me to participate as an artist. This year I passed the balloting and my art got a nice spot at the Boomhiemke holiday park in Hollum.

Every day a procession of art-loving visitors passes by me and my work. I wallow in the warmth of the contacts.

And now I come face to face with a namesake. She lives on the island, in Nes. And she is here with her partner, a good-natured man in his sixties with a wobbly jewelry on one of his ears.

I tell them something about my passion for water and about the work I exhibit here. They walk around and watch intently. I watch from a distance.

With a large blue acrylic they look long lasting. Then I see how the woman dives into her husband's arms. When she breaks away again, she turns to me.

“I think this painting is so beautiful that it makes me cry.”

“Gosh,” I say, “What a nice compliment!”

She tells me what touches her so much about the painting. Her words of praise touch me.

“Can I give you a hug?” I ask.

“Of course,” she says, generously surrendering to my outstretched arms. I still feel a small aftershock of a sob.

“What beautiful work!” she repeats. “I would like to have it.”

“Well, honey,” says her husband, “You're lucky because it's for sale.”

It's a generous response. I am used to partners who are on top of the brakes in such a case.

“Where did you want to hang that?” “Our walls are all full already.” Or: “It's a lot of money...”

But this man gives ample scope to his wife's impulse.

They take the dimensions of the painting with my tape measure. They discuss together where the work could possibly hang.





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They look good together. They shine as if they have recently discovered each other. But they reveal that their love has flourished for more than 40 years.

After deliberating, they decide to think about it some more. Take a look at the dimensions at home.

“You will hear from us again,” the woman promises. We say goodbye with another hug.

A week later they buy the work. It completes my Art Month: Exhibiting on Ameland and one of my favorite works remains here on the island in Nes with a namesake. It couldn't be more beautiful.

But actually meeting these two wonderful people was already a treat.

Art Month 2023 “Energy”

Art Month has flown by. Thanks to the efforts of more than 100 volunteers who served as attendants, we (Marian and Harry) can look back on a successful Art Month.



From the moment the first email is sent in April until November 1 when the Art Month starts, it is exciting to see whether we will be able to deploy enough attendants again. At the start of the planning, it is often not yet clear, which locations, which artists themselves provide support and which accommodations are available as accommodation. And then the time came, on November 1, we could breathe a sigh of relief, for the first three weeks all locations were provided with attendants. Unfortunately, one location had been overlooked. Thanks to the responses to the emergency call, this problem was also quickly resolved. There have also been unforeseen circumstances this Art Month, which have always been resolved thanks to the extra efforts of attendants and volunteers. Until the last weekend, volunteers sign up to provide

assistance to fill the last gaps. AWESOME!!

We are grateful to all artists who assisted with their work, and to all attendants, Amelanders, islanders and guests, for their efforts and the pleasant cooperation. Hopefully we will see you again in 2024. The first new registrations for attendants have already been received. We will start again with the Kunstmaand 2024 in May 2024.





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Lottery

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, around 12 noon, Notary Hellema made the Art Month Ameland 2023 lottery draw.

The winning lottery numbers are:

1st prize 3829

2nd prize 4720

3rd prize 2646

The winners can 'redeem' the prize during Art Month Ameland 2024.

This lottery was made possible by:



and Notary Hellema

Closing of Art Month Ameland 2023

What a surprise it was when I looked outside early in the morning of November 30: a wonderfully white Ameland. The outdoor images, sprinkled with a layer of powder snow, would be extremely photogenic with the sun shining on them. That indeed turned out to be the case.

Even without snow, visitors could enjoy the entire month of November

attractive art at almost 60 outdoor and indoor locations. Many artists have sold one or more works

of art; a boost during these troubled times. After removing and tidying up the art (with many thanks to the volunteer team), it is over again for Art Month 2023. We received many positive, heart-warming and sometimes also constructive, critical responses (and that is allowed) from both visitors and the location owners and the artists themselves.

We will soon start preparations for Art Month 2024 and I advise you to 'block' the month of November in your agenda for all the beautiful things that can be seen on Ameland.

Renée Korbee – artistic director of Art Month Ameland

Image:

Bart Somers, Pacha Mama, steel, was on display at the Strandopgang in Nes.





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Dear readers,



I have been asked to write a piece for this newsletter. First let me introduce myself; My name is Louise Molenaar. Born and raised from Ameland. I live with my husband Rick and children Naud and Kars in a beautiful place in Buren. We are a 'catering family'; -) We are the operators of Restaurant StrAnders and Restaurant de Hekseketel with great passion and pleasure. Last year we launched our own magic potion; Amelander Heksengoud, www.heksengoud.nl. After a busy season, I can look forward to the

somewhat 'quieter months', especially November is a special month.

For me, November is all about 3 topics: Art, culinary and culture.

Next year Restaurant StrAnders will have existed for 15 years! At the age of 23, I started our restaurant on the Strandweg in Buren together with Rick in 2009. It was a challenging job, given our inexperience at the time, to put a restaurant in this remote corner of Buren on the map. To extend the season, we decided after a few years to become an Art Month location. November is a wonderful month for this unique event. Enjoy wandering around the island past the art on display. Enjoy the art and modesty of the November landscape. The silence, the sometimes foggy and sometimes stormy weather. In recent years, an enormous variety of art has been shown outside on our terrace and in the veranda of our restaurant, in various disciplines. Every year we are surprised by the colorful or sober objects. This year we were allowed to exhibit beautiful bronze statues of Wadden birds from www.linette.nl.

In 2014, we came up with the idea within a working group of the Amelands Product Foundation; Trial route Ameland. A welcome culinary addition to the Art Month. Ameland Trial Route is only organized during Ameland Art Month and has been a great success for years. How could it be otherwise with an inspiring island full of art, the fresh sea breeze, delicious food, good wines and a great atmosphere. It is great to see how forces are bundled and collaborations arise at events like these. Our island is good at this. Moreover, we have beautiful products on our island to make the trial route possible. The most beautiful Amelander products have been produced on fields, meadows and fields. Plenty has been harvested, slaughtered, brewed and ground so that the island can once again showcase its flavors with all these unique products. These Amelander products form the basis for delicious appetizers that you can taste during ProefRoute Ameland. Amelands Produkt





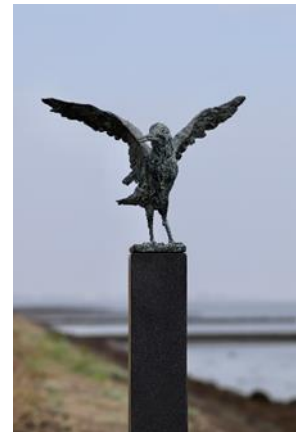
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recently has a new site. Have you ever visited this informative site?
www.amelands-produkt.nl

In addition to the art month and tasting route, for me as an Amelander, the island in November is all about our Amelander culture. The busy season is (almost) over. Frequent work is exchanged for more free time, time for friends and family, more social activities and traditions. Beautiful traditions that strengthen life, connection and brotherhood. Many Amelanders live there, where tradition, solidarity and connection play a major role. That's actually the most important thing to me. And that is the great thing about Ameland.

I would like to wish all readers very happy and loving holidays and all the best for 2024

with kind regards
Louise Molenaar



Linette Dijk

A good intention? Become a Friend of the Art Month



Art Month Ameland has almost 200 Friends. These Friends support the annual international art event. You can become a Friend of the Art Month by choosing from two packages. A package that costs you € 30 per year or a package for which you pay € 80 per year. The difference between these packages is explained on our website. You will also find the registration form here.

Would you like to become a Friend together with the almost 200 people who are now Friend of the Art Month and thereby support the Art Month financially? Then sign up!





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