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Winners of the Juried Awards Show - Congratulations! Our jury of three esteemed artists/educators (who are not OAA members and who remain anonymous), after much hard work, were able to decide on winners and honourable mention awards from among the large group of deserving paintings. It is a consistently high quality show. Congratulations to all of the artists who entered for their excellent work.

Also, as OAA Members, we all owe the volunteers who ran the show our thanks for their hard work. First, thanks go to the extra helpers and regular and talented hanging crew who continue to improve the process and always manage to magically hang our wide variety of art works to create a cohesive show, thank you Keith, Evelyn, Margrit and the whole crew. The Awards evening was a great success with music provided by 'Work in Progress' playing mel-low jazz. They generously donated their honorarium to the Ottawa Food Bank and made the evening extra-special. To Sue, Mike, David, Bill, Maria, Dianne, Manju, Kath, John, Maria, Keith, Allison, Wayne, Brian, Bob - our thanks! As an organization, we really appreciate all of our volunteers and I apologize if your name has not been mentioned due to space issues in this Newsletter.

Lynn McGuigan, Executive Director, Ottawa Little Theatre and John Muggleton, Marketing and Communications Director, honoured us by attending the Awards Night. It was wonderful to meet representatives of the theatre that showcases our art and up to now had been voices on the phone. They are excited about the next theatre season and hope that you will all take the opportunity to take in some wonderful plays. Thank you to the Ottawa Little Theatre for continuing support of the visual arts in Ottawa.

On another issue, the results of the informal survey that I did at the last hanging clearly indicated that the members polled did not want a themed show for next year. If you did not have a chance to vote and would like to express your feelings and suggestions, please contact me by May 11, 7PM. A decision will be made about the Awards Show 2010 at the May 12 Executive meeting.

Be sure to attend the OAA General Meeting on May 12 to hear our panel of members (who are mature in their artistic careers) discuss the paths they have travelled in their artistic lives. They will be emphasizing the different historical art influences and mentors who have helped shape their journey. Our panel will be bringing in some of their present work and earlier work to show us how they have grown stylistically in their artwork.

Attention Plein Air Artists!

If you would like some company painting outdoors in May, I will be painting at the Experimental Farm on Thursday, May 14, weather permitting. Come to the parking lot near the greenhouses at 9:30 a.m. I am excited to get painting outdoors and the flowers should be wonderful. Don't forget your hat, water, snack, sunscreen and bug repellent. See you there!

NEXT OAA Meeting

May 12, 2009, 7:30-9:30 PM.
Heron Multi Service Centre,
1480 Heron Rd. Ottawa
Executive Meeting: 6:15 P.M.

Scheduled Speaker: Panel of
OAA Artists 'Artistic Influences
on My Art' Maria Mask, David
Houlton, Pierrette Dulude Bohay,
Lu Jonescu, and Tricia Savoie.

Next hanging: May 31, 9-9:30
A.M. Ottawa Little Theatre



Spring Award Show Winners

Watercolour 16 entries

Honourable Mention: *Algonquin Morning*, Alan Bain

Third Place: *Behind the Blacksmith*, Rosy Sommerville

Second Place: *On the Line*, Brian Seed

First Place: *Poppies*, Jane Barlow

Other 17 entries

Third Place: *The Opinion*, Dawn Bennett

Second Place: *Bus Stop*, Barbara Tindale

First Place: *Night Blooms*, Glenda Y. Krusberg

Acrylic 23 entries

Honourable Mention: *Actors in my Play*, David Houlton

Third Place: *Tuscan Farmhouse*, Pina Marconi-Rennick

Second Place: *Windswept La Malbaie-Charlevoix*, Audrey M. Bain

First Place: *Cold Pay*, Karen Cunningham

Oil 35 entries

Honourable Mentions: *Mer Bleue Reflections*, Pat Hendry, and *Wings of Light*, Maria Mask

Third Place: *Rock Art*, Jay Anderson

Second Place: *Lanie*, David Kearn

First Place: *Shoreline*, Karen Whyte

Programme

A "Gallery-hop" in the artsy neighbourhood of Hintonburg has been organized for OAA members, on May 21st, from 2 - 3.30. All galleries are within walking distance. The Tour will begin at the Cube Gallery at 2.00.

Members will visit The Cube Gallery, the Patrick John Mills Gallery, and Gallery 3, where the curators will walk them through the current shows and discuss their choices of the artists. Members also have the option of visiting the Fritzi Gallery at the Great Canadian Theatre Company building - the show is curated by Don Monet - owner of the Cube Gallery.

Please confirm with Manju Sah, by e-mail (manjusah@rogers.com) or by phone (613-722-0202) if you plan to attend.

Book Review

For anyone interested in modern art history and those who followed the Masterpiece production "The Art of Spain", "Picasso's War" is a must read. The book documents in very readable terms, the destruction of Guernica, the painting that resulted, and the provenance of that painting. To quote: "Weaving themes of conflict and redemption, of the horrors of war and the power of art to transfigure tragedy, Russell Martin follows the renowned masterwork through its journey across decades and continents...." Again, the book is: "Picasso's War" by Russell Martin.

Maria Mask

Call for Artists

Friends of the Farm, outdoor art event in the Arboretum of the Central Experimental Farm, Aug15/09 (rain date Aug 16)
613-230-3276, info@friendsofthefarm.ca

A Brush with the Highlands, 3 day plein air event in the Haliburton Highlands, deadline May 29, call Patricia Currie
702-447-2575, abrushforthehighlands@gmail.com

Rhapsody in Hues - Beautiful artworks on the theme "Music" To help support the building restoration fund for the Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts & Humanities, Saint Brigid's in the Byward Market Sep 25-27/09, contact Marion Hall at:
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