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President's Comments

As this year's Ottawa Arts Association Programme comes to a close, I look back on a successful year and also look forward to making improvements in the year ahead. Let me know if you have any suggestions for 2009/2010 and I will do my best to implement them. This group can only be as helpful to you as you make it. Please get involved. On your behalf I want to thank all of our volunteers who did get involved and who worked so hard to provide Ottawa artists with a vibrant association and dedicated leadership. I am proud to work with so many talented people.

The following slate of officers will be presented for your approval at the Annual General Meeting on June 9th: President: Sharon McKenna, 1st Vice-President: Brian Seed, 2nd Vice-President: Robert Murrell, Treasurer: Allison Hamilton, Secretary: Dianne Henderson, Social Coordinator: Sue Ouellette, Programme Coordinator: Manju Sah, Web Coordinator: Kerstin Peters, Web News Coordinator: Kathleen Graydon, Newsletter Editor: Janis Fulton, Gallery Hanging Coordinators: Keith Yach, and Evelyn Hosler, Assistant Treasurer: VACANT, Assistant Newsletter Editor: VACANT, Trophy Coordinator: VACANT and Web Gallery Coordinator: VACANT. If you would like to stand for election to one of the above positions, please notify me, Sharon McKenna, so that you can be added to the list. Many other jobs on the above list will be vacant following next year, so please consider where you could help out. Please consider volunteering, as this organization needs fresh ideas and functions best when the jobs are spread out in manageable-sized pieces. If you can volunteer, you will be provided with lots of support and will have the opportunity of contributing to and shaping this organization.

In addition to the AGM, in a round table format, we will be sharing our ideas and methods for transporting our art passion with us on trips. If you have a great idea for making your chosen media more portable for road, boat and plane trips, please be prepared to share them with your fellow members. I plan to bring my baby pochade box for you to see and I know that most of you have experiences travelling with your art supplies that shared, would benefit us all. We will also have the same exchange of art books, magazines and supplies that we did last year in June. Bring stuff you no longer have any need for and take home a similar amount of someone else's abandoned treasures.

Due to inclement weather, our gathering for plein air painting at the Ornamental Gardens at the Experimental Farm was blown away last month. Only intrepid David Kearns arrived to hunker down and make one sketch before conceding defeat by wind. I will be painting at the same location on Thursday, June 11 starting at 10 AM if anyone would like to join me. I hope the irises, the roses and the weather will all cooperate. Bring a hat, snack, sunscreen and a sun umbrella if you have one. See you there!

Next OAA Meeting:

June 9, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This meeting will be a strawberry social.
Executive Meeting: 6:15 p.m.
Heron Multi Service Centre
1480 Heron Rd., Ottawa

Scheduled Speaker: Annual General Meeting, Materials and book exchange plus "Travel Tips for Artists" (come prepared to participate)

Next Hanging: Pick-up Only:
June 28, 9-9:30 A.M.
Ottawa Little Theatre



News

In September 2009 only, due to the Ottawa Little Theatre being part of the Karsh Trail exhibition, we will only be able to hang our show in the side gallery foyers. Please note that the hanging for the September show will take place on Sunday, August 30 to avoid the Labour Day weekend. To compensate for the reduced wall space available, we will have to restrict members to only ONE painting for the September show and we will have to limit the size to a maximum of 16" on the smaller side and 20" on the longer side INCLUDING the frame. The space we will have for our show in October will return to the regular size.

Orleans Studio Tour, June 20-21, 10-4. More info. at www.oreansstudiotour.org

May Meeting

Due to the renovations in the Amphitheatre, our May meeting was moved to another room of the Heron Centre where we all enjoyed listening to 5 of our Members speak. Maria Mask, David Houlton, Lu Jonescu, Trish Savoie and Bill Hulme showed some of their work and told about the twists and turns of their art experience. They particularly discussed the artists who have influenced their works and their development as artists. One common thread was the impact of children leaving home, the necessity to earn a living and retirement influencing the flow of our artistic lives. Thank you for sharing your stories with us. We will be returning to our regular space for the June Meeting.

Congratulations to Evelyn Hosler who was the winner of the door prize draw of a gift certificate from an art supply store.

Membership Renewals

Your 2009/2010 memberships are due any time after the June Meeting. Be sure you check on the web site to print out your membership application and send it along to our Membership Coordinator, Tricia Savoie at your convenience.

Digital Photography

Following up on the article "Photographing your Art" in the February issue of the OAA newsletter, please wander over to a "must read" web site. www.vividlight.com Scrolling down on the homepage to the lower right, click on "Digital Darkroom". Written in easy going, concise style, the 9 short lessons provide all the information any artist would ever need to know without getting too technical, starting with a lesson on cameras. A quote from lesson 3 "You will never be completely happy with your digital photos until you are competent at post processing".

For those already in the gallery and looking for help in just plain old "getting started", short cuts to resizing images or those wanting to refine the look of their gallery, please feel free to contact Brian Seed at bseed@videotron.ca There is a really good post processing site with an added advantage.....its a FREE download and meets all the needs of artists in post processing photos. http://www.download.com/IrfanView/3000-2192_4-10021962.html?tag=mncol;pop

Brian Seed

Call for Artists

Ottawa Art Expo, Oct 30-Nov 1/09, St. Elias Hall, 750 Ridgewood Ave, Ottawa, Juried deadline Jul 15/09,
<http://ottawaartexpo.com>

Animals in Art, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum outdoor show, Aug 16/09 (10am-5pm) Contact: Anik Després
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