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President's Comments

Last week Bill Hulme and I took some of our out-of-town guests to Sucrerie de la Montagne in Rigaud and we both wanted to race back for our paints and set up in the snow. We will have to settle for the photo-reference pictures that we took that day. Sue Ouellette had set up an OAA day-trip there 4 years ago; I loved it then and want to remind you what a gem it is for artists. There are several old buildings moved to this maple-forested site. The big log barns are used as a multi-room restaurant plus there is a general store, a bakery, a sugar shack, sawmill, ticket office and other old-time trapper shacks that make wonderful subjects for painting. A team of heavy horses labours through the bush pulling a sled with a tank for collecting maple sap from the galvanized buckets and there are four or five trails for snow shoeing, cross-country skiing or for hiking in the warmer weather. There was still a lot of (wet) snow last week but it is open all year. It is on the top of the Rigaud Mountain and would be a great spot to paint the bush, the buildings and the wonderful view for your next out-of-town painting adventure. Take highway 417 toward Montreal and follow the signs at the Rigaud exit. Also, a big plus for any visitor is the delicious and very filling Quebecois sugaring-off meal available all year round.

Spring certainly has come very quickly this year. Next week is our Spring Juried Awards Show. Please refer to the Members' Guide on our web site, or the hard copy you were given when you last renewed your membership for the applicable hanging rules. Specifically, members should please bring ONE painting only, properly framed, with the ends of the wire covered with tape. This painting must have been done from life or from your own photo-references with no help, critiques or coaching by teachers or friends. Because of the limited space, the outside dimensions (INCLUDING THE FRAME) can be no larger than 30 inches on the smaller side and no more than 40 inches on the longer side. The only exception to a frame is if you have a 'gallery' canvas (extra-deep stretcher bars) with the outside edges fully painted as part of the painting. Please measure your frames carefully at home so your painting is eligible for the show. The hanging/admission fee is \$6 (and \$6 also for a guest ticket), including light refreshments; tickets are available at the hanging or at the door. Doors open at 7:15 PM and we are having live music from "Work in Progress", our favourite jazz group, and there will be several door prizes. I hope to see you all there.

Our March meeting attendees were treated to a talk by Aili Curtis, an OAA member and award-winning artist and art teacher. Aili spoke about the historical development of painting styles and the milestones for the development of abstract art as a natural progression, due to world-view changing scientific advances and changes in the social environment. She also showed us some slides of her work and noted the evolving styles and the varying degrees of abstraction in her pastel, acrylic and oil paintings. Thank you, Aili, for a very interesting and informative talk.

Camille Brisbois was the lucky winner of the OAA door prize draw for a \$25 gift certificate at De Serres. Congratulations, Camille.

Next OAA Meeting:

Spring Awards Show,
April. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa Little Theatre
(doors open at 7:15 p.m.)

Next Hanging: April 11

9-9:30 A.M.
Ottawa Little Theatre



Upcoming Events

Ottawa Little Theatre - "Enchanted April" A play by Matthew Barber, Based on the novel by Elizabeth von Arnim, Directed by Sarah Hearn Mar 23 - Apr 10, 2010 @ 8pm, Sunday Matinee - April 4 @ 2pm. Four English women break free of their rain-drenched every day life by renting a run down castle in Italy. Once there they are surprised to discover romance, secrets and redemption in this play that is both comedic and revealing. <http://www.ottawalittletheatre.com/>

St. John's Anglican Church at the corner of Elgin and Somerset St. (613) 232-4500 welcomes you to share in the enjoyment of the 34th Annual "Art Credo Exhibition", April 24 to May 9, 2010. Open everyday Noon to 6 pm, Thursdays and Fridays until 8 pm, showing more than 150 original works from 60 local artists expressing a contemplative or spiritual theme.

"Chalk Water Paint show & sale", Dulce Juvet, Grace Call and Judith Lockett, works in pastel, watercolour and acrylic Apr 17/10 (9am-4pm) 29 Alder Cres, Gloucester ON (Blackburn Hamlet) More info: 613-747-7120 or 613-824-0481

"Renewal in Spring/Renouveau printanier" Ottawa Watercolour Society 61st juried exhibition of transparent watercolours. Apr 10-18/10, reception Apr 11/10 (Sun 2-4pm) Saint Brigid's, Centre for the Arts and Humanities, 314 St. Patrick St (side door entrance, Cumberland St) more info: www.owswatercolour.com

Escorted Tours in Italy - Fall 2010

First Package - Come and join a group of Ottawa based artists for an Italian Art Vacation in Tuscany Sep 23-Oct 1/10; cost \$2,850, single supplement \$600. This trip has been organized by a small group of OAA artists and there is room for 20 people. More info: Frank Stock stockans@magma.ca or Teachers' Travel Service Ltd 416-922-2232 info@teacherstravel.com www.teacherstravel.com

Second Package - Parma - Food and Wine Tour Oct 1-5/10, cost \$1,263 based on double occupancy and number of participants. Immediately following the Tuscany Art Tour, a 4 night escorted package with a focus on food and wine. More info: Frank Stock stockans@magma.ca

The OAA hanging date following the Spring awards Show is May 30, 2010.

Call for Artists

The City of Ottawa is accepting proposals for public artwork for the Longfields Transit Station. Artists are invited to apply to develop, design and implement a public art commission that will be integrated into Longfields Station as part of OC Transpo's Rapid Transit expansion. Artist teams may also apply. DEADLINE: Monday May 17 @ 3:30 p.m.

INFORMATION SESSION: April 8, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

http://ottawa.ca/residents/arts/for_artists/opportunities/longfields_en.html

Direct Purchase 2010, The City of Ottawa is seeking to purchase artworks by professional artists in all visual arts media for display throughout City of Ottawa facilities and public spaces. Deadline Mon, Apr 19/10 (5pm) more info: http://ottawa.ca/residents/arts/for_artists/opportunities/index_en.html

Canteen Art Shop and Gallery, theme "99 Red Balloons" May 14-31/10 99, size 9"x9" to sell for \$66 or \$99. Deadline Apr 30/10, commission to gallery 50% Contact: Inaas Kiryakos <http://canteenlife.com/contact.html>

Arbor Gallery is looking for new artists! Deadline April 30/10. More info: <http://www.arboregallery.org/submissions.php>