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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It's that time of the year when I look back on all the time I spent thinking about painting and doing very little. It's that time of the year when the numerous art groups are ramping up for the coming exhibition season. It's that time when I hit the panic button. It's that time that all my inspirations have taken flight to who knows where.

But it's also almost the time of year when the days get longer and warmer. There is hope.

A special "thank you" to Anne Swiderski who has left her Membership position this month. Anne and her daughter were also volunteers on awards nights. Your contribution to the OAA is deeply and truly appreciated.

Welcome to Elaine Boivin for stepping up and taking over that position. Many of you will recognize Elaine as an organizer of many art events in Ottawa East.

I am happy to report that we may have found a solution to the yearly problem of finding someone capable of auditing the books. We came to an arrangement with Algonquin College in which a promising graduating student was given the task, and Treasurer Joseph Coban was extremely pleased with the finished report. We hope to continue this practice every year.

Speaking of students, we will be contributing \$1,000 to the Ottawa School of Art in the form of a bursary to two of its promising artists. We hope that the winning students will accept my offer to exhibit one painting each in the September 2012 Ottawa Little Theatre (OLT) hanging.

Finally, for those wanting to know: Art purchases by the patrons of the OLT for the fiscal year 2010/2011

were approximately \$14,000. Considering the downturn in consumer spending, this sum represents an excellent outcome. Please keep up

Next OAA Meeting and Schedule

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Executive Meeting 6:30 pm

Speaker Patrick Gordon at 7:30 pm, in the amphitheatre

Heron Road Multi-Service Center
1480 Heron Road

Next hanging

Sunday, March 18, 2-2:30 pm, Ottawa Little Theatre
OLT performance; *Self Help*, March 20 to April 7

your good work, and keep in mind that about 350 people per performance have the opportunity to see your work.

Hamid Ayoub more than lived up to the “Night of the Hot Knives” at the February Speaker’s Night presentation. His dexterity and skill using various palette knives was outstanding and was equally matched by his straightforward explanations of colour theory and how it affected his way of thinking. As one artist put it...*magic*.

Our next presenter will be Patrick Gordon, who runs a framing studio and workshop in Ottawa: Patrick Gordon Framing at 160 Elm Street. Patrick wanted to find a way to help local artists and art collectors keep their framing costs low. Through the setup of his shop, customers can learn how to frame their own work attractively and in a way that meets archival standards.

During our March meeting, Patrick will discuss the do’s and don’t’s of painting, including matting works of art on paper, hinging works of art, and framing works on canvas. He will also touch on the topics of various glazings, supports for oversized works, and various mounting methods. A question-and-answer period will follow the talk.

For more information about Patrick and his shop, go to <http://www.patrickgordonframing.ca/>.

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

Andrea Mossop - Ottawa School of Art in Orleans, The Shenkman Centre

Workshops and classes

[http://www.andreamossop.com/www.andreamossop.com/Workshops %26 Classes.html](http://www.andreamossop.com/www.andreamossop.com/Workshops_%26_Classes.html)

Informal painting sessions - Patrick Mills, 286 Hinchey Ave, Ottawa

When: Thursday, 1 to 4 pm

Cost: \$5.00

Contact: John Archer in advance johnarcher@rogers.com or 613-730-1298

Sandy Hill Life Drawing Workshop

Sandy Hill Community Centre Basement, 250 Somerset, EAST, Ottawa

Cost: \$4.00

<http://sandyhillart.ca/>

CALL TO ARTISTS

The New Art Festival, June 2-3, 2012 (Saturday to Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm)

Central Park in the Glebe, Ottawa, ON

Deadline: **Thursday, March 15, 2012**

<http://www.artinfoboy.org/>

Le Symposium Gatineau en Couleurs, October 12-14, 2012

La maison du Citoyen, Gatineau, QC

Deadline: **Sunday, April 15, 2012**

Contact: Danielle Caron, danielle.caron.peintre@hotmail.com or 819-685-9393

www.symposiumgatineauencouleurs.ca