



# OTTAWA ART ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The Annual General Meeting was held on June 9, 2015 and I have to say it was the most disheartening OAA experience yet. We had a dismal turnout to what was the most important meeting of the year.

Despite the scant audience, Stéphane Moreau's demonstration of the new OAA website was very well received and it is clear that he has put both a lot of thought and effort into this redesign.

We owe him a debt of gratitude. You may now log onto the new website at <http://ottawaartassociation.ca> and take a tour. I believe you will be pleased with the look and ease of use. We have incorporated a lot of changes suggested by our members and if you have any further suggestions to improve the site, we'd like to hear from you. We do have some legacy issues from the old website, namely the Gallery. At this point in time, if you click on the Gallery tab, you will see the gallery on the old website, not the new showcases. This is in the process of being addressed.

The old website will remain in existence in a static mode until all of the current Gallery Members have created their gallery showcase on the new website. With the launch of the new website, all OAA Members are now entitled to a free Gallery Showcase with up to 10 images in it. If a member wishes to retain more than the 10 images, an additional 30 images can be made available at an annual cost of \$30.00. To get started on your new Gallery Showcase, simply register online using the "Complimentary Gallery" form available under the new "Forms" tab and your account and initial password will be emailed to you. We are also realigning the expiry dates of the Gallery subscriptions to coincide with the OAA membership expiry date. Each existing Gallery member will be receiving an email message in the coming days outlining the options available to them.

We do have some vacancies on the Board at this point, so we are **actively seeking** volunteer names or nominations for these positions, most importantly for the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position. A description of the duties and responsibilities of these positions are included further in this newsletter. Names may be forwarded to Elaine Boivin by email or by phone at 613-830-1699 at any time.

## OAA MEETING & HANGING

Hanging: July 11, 10 – 10:30  
(Ottawa Little Theatre)

## OLT PLAY

"Dangerous Corner"

By J.B. Priestley June 9 – 27

"Bedtime Stories"

By Norm Foster July 14 – Aug. 1

I strongly urge each and every one of you to seriously consider stepping up to one of these positions. If they are not filled, the future of the OAA may be rather short term. We have some 200 members, so surely we can count on some of you to come forward and take a turn at helping out. Some of our long-serving Directors are stepping down after many years of faithful service and they will be sorely missed.

Enjoy your summer and see you in the fall.

Elaine Boivin  
OAA President

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **July Hanging**

We will have a hanging on July 11, 2015 at the usual time of 10:00 – 10:30am and those pieces will remain up until our first hanging in September. The September hanging date, and indeed all the hanging dates for 2015/2016, will be announced once the Ottawa Little Theatre has finalized their Play Program for the coming year.

### **Membership Renewal**

The memberships of many of our members will expire on August 31, 2015 and you will be receiving a reminder in the coming weeks. There is a revised Membership Application form available on the new website. This form can be filled online, then printed and forwarded with your payment by regular mail. For those of you who have a current Gallery entry, you will be receiving an email with options for transitioning from the old website to the new one. For members without email access who are due to renew, you will receive an application form with your renewal notice.

## OTTAWA ART ASSOCIATION 2015/16 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President	Elaine Boivin
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Newsletter Editor	Meagan Dieroff

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Program Coordinator	Chris Tinkler
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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR DUTIES FOR VACANT POSITIONS

### **General**

All Directors should strive to attend the Executive Meeting, which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (except July, August, November, December, and April). It is held in a boardroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Heron Rd. Community Centre starting at 6:00 PM and it finishes on or before 7:00 PM without exception.

All Directors are expected to assist in the preparation and execution of the Awards Nights tasks.

None of these positions take up a great deal of time but they are important if we want the Ottawa Art Association to continue as it has done for so many years. I know that all of us, including me, would just like someone else to do it so that we can concentrate on our art, but is that fair? We all have other responsibilities but that core group, who takes it on for the rest of us, age, get ill, move away, or have new responsibilities thrust upon them. What then, do they just walk away from OAA and let it fail or are new people willing to step up & do a share of the work? I sincerely hope it is the latter.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Duties/Responsibilities**

This position is essentially a training position for acceding to the position of President. It is expected that the 1<sup>st</sup> VP will be able to step in & run the Executive Meeting or take on a specific task if the President is unavailable. This means that the 1<sup>st</sup> VP will be made aware of all activities undertaken by the President. This includes the communications & arrangements with the Ottawa Little Theatre as well as with the City of Ottawa for the rental of the Heron Rd. Community Centre facilities.

### **Social Convener**

This position is of importance to all of us because this is the person responsible for providing the food at all of our meetings including the Awards Nights. Carol Brodtkin Sang has been handling this task beautifully for many years but has decided that it is time for her to turn the torch over to someone new. Carol will, I am sure, be more than happy to pass on her contacts and experience to whomever is willing to take this on. We would also be amenable to have a team of 2 or more people to handle this task in order to ensure backup.