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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome to another year as a valued OAA Member and a contributor to our artist community. I am privileged to be President of your organization for the next two years and hope that you will help me to serve our membership by communicating your ideas to me and volunteering some of your time to the organization. I hope to meet those of you whom I do not know at one of our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Heron Centre, Amphitheatre on the 3rd floor, or at the Ottawa Little Theatre hangings. Please introduce yourself.

Starting this new season, the OAA is going through several changes. As of last June, Dave Acton stepped down as Web Coordinator after many years of dedicated service to this organization. Our Web Master, Alex, has also wound down this phase of his business and we are in the process of the design and build of a new web site by Domingo Informatics. This site should be up and running in September with Kerstin Peters pressed into service as the new Web Coordinator after the Executive independently chose the company belonging to her husband, Ingo, to build the site. The site is the newest iteration of our web adventure, created with open-sourced software that will be in the control of the OAA and its members. We are pleased to announce that the Web Gallery cost to our artists will be cut in half - to \$30/year for 30 paintings and your bio/artist statement - and also that you will have total control of your webpage and can upload your own content and change it whenever you wish. A web tutorial will help those of us who are less than up to speed on website uploading. In October, we will have the designer of our new site at our meeting and he will give a presentation with plenty of time to answer all of your questions.

We are in the process of confirming some exciting speakers for this season. By popular demand, we are going to start the season with a demo and talk by John Mlacek, a well-known Kanata painter. Please come out to the meeting on Sept. 9 to meet John and to benefit from his talent and experience. During the year, we are planning to have an interesting and informative critique session, another demo, and hope to continue to feature speakers on the business of art. Several OAA established artists will also share art travel tips and what artists and paintings have influenced their lives and paintings over the years. Come prepared to be entertained, to participate, to share and to question.

Your membership is now due for the upcoming season; last year's membership expires on September 30. If you paid for a two-year membership last September, you don't need to do anything. If you have a one-year membership only, now is the time to renew. Please download the membership form off the website or use the one attached to this newsletter. Since the 2-year membership is \$40 and the 1-year membership costs \$35, take advantage of the 2-year option to save money.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Heron Rd. Multi-Service Centre
1480 Heron Rd.
Ottawa

Executive Meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Topic: John Mlacek,
Demonstration and
Painting Talk



Alberta Dickson, our talented Newsletter Editor, welcomes information on your shows, workshops and other events if you can send them to her by the 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Kerstin Peters will upload your event announcements to our website and Kathy Graydon is in charge of e-mail notices.

The OAA donates a scholarship on behalf of the membership to one or two talented and deserving students at the Ottawa School of Art. The recipient of the scholarship, to defray the cost of tuition this year, is Miss Angela Rafail, a second-year Fine Arts Diploma student. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year at OSA to Miss Rafail.

For new members, please note that the monthly hangings at the Ottawa Little Theatre will take place between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. on the Sundays indicated. Enter the stage door on Besserer (not before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:30 a.m.). Dates of the hangings this fall are below. Please sign up on the list at the Ottawa Little Theatre or call Keith Yach, our Hanging Coordinator, to let him know how many paintings to expect. Normally, one medium-sized painting will be accepted but two small paintings may be accepted at Keith's discretion.

Please remember that each artist must be responsible to insure their own art under their home-owner's policy while it is in the OLT, since neither the Ottawa Art Association nor the Ottawa Little Theatre will accept any responsibility for loss or damage to art, however caused. We recommend that you also take a good photograph of your painting for your records before you show it in any venue.

FALL SCHEDULE

<u>September Play:</u>	On Golden Pond
<u>Meeting:</u>	Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Scheduled Speaker:</u>	John Mlacek
<u>Hanging:</u>	September 14
<u>October Play:</u>	Perfect Wedding
<u>Meeting:</u>	Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Scheduled Speaker:</u>	Ingo Peters (Domingo Informatics, The New OAA Website)
<u>Hanging:</u>	October 5
<u>November Play:</u>	Constant Wife
<u>People's Choice Awards Hanging:</u>	Nov. 9, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
<u>Awards Show:</u>	Nov. 11, 7:00 p.m.
<u>Final Hanging For 2008:</u>	Dec. 21

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

A reminder for those interested in contributing to the **TopDrawers** charity art show, you can contact Marion Hall at topdrawers@rogers.com until September 5.

ART EVENTS

Glebe Fine Arts Exhibit, Sept. 27 and 28, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Glebe Community Centre, 690 Lyon St., Ottawa

Ottawa Art Association – Membership Application Form

Name: _____

\$30 for 1 year membership

\$40 for 2 year membership

Address: _____

Send completed form and a cheque payable to the

Postal Code: _____

Ottawa Art Association

E-Mail: _____

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Period: (1 or 2 years): _____

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I would like to serve the Ottawa Art Association as a volunteer

_____ (e.g. as an assistant to one of the executive members, at award shows, with hanging at the OLT).