



FCA NEWSLETTER

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Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.
 Danny Kaye

Autumn Colours 2004

Coming Events

- Program for November - Fun and Social.
- Winter Frost Exhibition, Strathcona Christie, December 4, 2004.
- Winter Thaw Exhibition, Lake Bonavista Village, February 19, 2005.
- Art Fusion - A Collaboration of Canadian Artists - May 7 to 13, 2005.

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Lillian Tkach-Matisons, Exhibition Coordinator

Our new venue at Crescent Heights went as smooth as silk with the artists working well together. Although Calgary had its first snowfall of the season, we had nearly 300 visitors to our Art Show. Out of 89 paintings, 11 were sold for a total of \$4,540.00 With great lighting and the ability to hang artwork on the



First Place: Mary Salloum
 "Azalea" W/C



Second Place: Carol Little
 "Kananaskis Glow" Mixed

wall, our paintings showed very well. Many visitors were impressed with the "quality" of our paintings and look forward to attending future FCA shows.

Thanks to everyone for participating and volunteering. With a positive attitude, we can accomplish great things and we appreciate your support.

The top three "Best of

Show" were First Place, Mary Salloum, Second Place, Carol Little, and Third Place, Lyla Couzens. Don't forget our next art show and sale "Winter Frost" is a qualifying show. The jury will take place on meeting night November 18. Please bring your paintings by 6:30 sharp prior to our meeting at 7 pm.



Third Place: Lyla Couzens
 "Apples and Lace" W/C

FCA Executive - 2004/2005

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Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together. - Vincent Van Gogh

Jury November 18, 2004 - Guidelines and Categories

Jurying – Calgary Chapter

A member must have "Active" status before submitting pieces for a jury into a show. A member can submit three images to a Jury.

Pieces previously submitted can be resubmitted if they were not accepted as "Juror's Choice" paintings. All Calgary Chapter Shows are juried.

Paintings may only hang once in a FCA juried show at the same location. Paintings that have hung in a Chapter Show, either as a Chapter's Choice or a Juror's Choice may subsequently be submitted to an FCA juried show at the Federation Gallery.

If a painting is accepted in two FCA shows, it will only count once towards application for Signature Status. You require eight different works at eight different shows.

A jury fee of \$10.00 is charged.

Chapter Choice: Are pieces considered to be of a high standard and quality that are acceptable to be shown in a Chapter Show but are not eligible for "juror's choice" and do not work towards "Signature Status".

Juror's Choice: Are pieces considered to be of a higher standard and quality and are acceptable to be shown in a National Show, allows members to work towards "Signature

Status".

Members must have eight "Juror's Choice" over a four year period to apply for AFCA Status.

A member can only count one "Juror's Choice" per show towards their signature status.

This is considered the stepping-stone to signature status and is harder to attain. It ensures artists applying for signature status are meeting the qualifications necessary to be accepted for "Signature" status.

Best of Show: Is "juror's" choice but is considered to be the "best" of show and works towards "Signature Status".

"Winter Frost" Strathcona Christie Exhibition - December 4, 2004



Strathcona Christie Community Centre

277 Strathcona Drive S.W., Calgary

Jury: Thursday, November 18, 2004 (at Crescent Heights) 6:30 p.m. Sharp

Door Prize: Members are asked to bring a painting valued at over \$200.00 to the meeting on November 18th (members will select one for the door prize).

This is a Qualifying Show

President's Message - Natalie Kurzuk

With so many shows available and numerous deadlines to meet, autumn appears to be one of the busiest seasons for most artists. On that note, we want to thank all our volunteers for making time to help keep this organization strong. We are so pleased with the public's growing awareness and interest in the FCA. Since June 2004, we have twelve new members and numerous calls concerning joining the FCA.

This fall the jury committee and the executive have worked hard to ensure that our members have two qualifying shows per year. Due to our shortage of available SFCA jurors, we have been given permission to call on outside jurors when needed. Also, we have had several SFCA's and AFCA's who have shown an interest in discussing paintings with artists after a jury.

Remember that this is strictly voluntary. Because of the time restraint, it may not always be possible to meet with a juror.

If you are concerned about sales at our next exhibition at Strathcona-Christie on December 4th, it has been suggested that smaller paintings often sell more easily at this time of the year. However, since this is a qualifying show, let's WOW the public with our best!

At our October meeting, Katherine Ylitalo proved to be an excellent observer, listener and teacher in her critique of some twenty paintings. As stated in the FCA constitution, one of our mandates is to help "improve the growth of emerging and established artists". Critiques are one way of helping artists talk about their artwork and learn and appreciate different art disciplines

and ways of doing art.

I'd like to congratulate the many FCA members who have received recognition in other shows, or who have been published in various art magazines. We are all so very proud of you and appreciate your efforts!

It's hard to imagine that Christmas is less than two months away. I am convinced that time moves more quickly as one gets older! On that note, we look forward to our FCA members coming together in fellowship and fun at our Christmas social at our November 18th meeting. Since this is the last FCA newsletter before Christmas, on the behalf of the executive team, I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday Season, filled with joyful events and special moments with close friends and family.

General Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2004

Attendees: 22

Meeting commenced 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2004:

Carol Little motioned to approve the minutes; Lois Fisch seconded. Carried.

President's comments and announcements

Permission has been received from National to have outside jurors.

Discussion regarding FCA letter and questionnaire

Website—FCA was not billed for website for past two years, payment has been waived.

Treasurer's Report

Report read and copies distributed by treasurer Kathleen McCombie.

Insurance discussed. Lillian moved, Leave insurance as is do not increase it. Eveline Kolijn-Vink seconded. CARRIED

Art Fusion, National Show sponsored by Calgary Chapter May 6-13, 2005.

Gainsborough Galleries, Calgary, May 6-13, 2005, then at Federation Gallery, Vancouver May 24-June 5. Deadline for slide

submission: February 5, 2005. Next meeting for Art Fusion executive: October 25. Reminder to members to contact sponsors.

Programs

Lois Fisch reported. There will be a Christmas social for the program at the November meeting. Members are to bring a small (approx. 4x6) painting, or a gift anonymously wrapped to be exchanged at the meeting. This is also a jury night.

Exhibitions

Lillian Tkach-Matisons reported very positive results from the Autumn Colours show. Volunteers are needed for publicity and promotion, demos, and to do title cards for shows. Carol Little distributed a summary of FCA show results and reminded members that they can contact her to determine which pieces have been juried into shows in the past two years.

Membership

Rosemary Bennett reported. Fees are now being prorated for new members who pay after October 1. The fees will also apply for the next year. Discussion followed regarding jurying from supporting to active membership. Procedures are

outlined on the FCA Calgary website.

Newsletter

Reminder deadlines are absolute

Call for profiles of any member who has not yet been in the newsletter contact Marg Stevens

Guests and New Members

Jerry Markham -active

Artist Opportunities

Donna Jopling—Alberta Mentor Foundation for youth. Feb. 25 fund-raiser/silent auction calling for artist donations.

Artist shows and events

Calyx—Oct. 23 &24 Crescent Heights Com. Centre

Colours from the Light—Nov. 5

High River Art Society—Highwood Centre Oct. 26, 04

Natalie Kurzuk show at Terra Cotta Dudes, Black Diamond Oct. 21—Nov. 23 opening Oct.22

Motion made to adjourn meeting:

Kathleen McCombie motioned, Gabriella Dira seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned.

Program:

Catherine Ylitalo, critique.

Program for November - Fun and Social

Lois Fisch, Program Coordinator

The November meeting is not only our jury night for the Strathcona Christie Exhibition but it is also our last meeting until January so we hope you can join us for a social and gift exchange. Please bring a goodie or snack of your choice

and a wrapped gift under \$10.00 or a wrapped painted personalized card by that member. The gifts will be put in a basket and given out sometime during the evening. This social evening would be a great time for any member to share a story or joke of something or someone that would bring a

tear or a laugh. We'll celebrate a great year and get a chance to have some fun and visit with all our friends.



Come out and join us.



News - Notices - Opportunities

The Calgary Chapter

is proud to host an exhibition to celebrate Alberta's 100th Anniversary

Art Fusion

a collaboration of Canadian artists

This exhibit will be on display at both

Gainsborough Galleries

441 5th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB

May 7th—13th, 2005

Reception and Awards Ceremony:

May 6th, 2005

&

Federation Gallery

1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC

May 24th—June 5th, 2005

Entry deadline: February 5, 2005.

Entry fee: \$20/image.

Submit completed entry packet to:

Federation Gallery

1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 4B7

For more information, contact Marg Stevens (403) 932-6383 or email at

stevenss@telusplanet.net.

The *Art Fusion* entry form is available at www.artists.ca

Click on *FCA Events*

Members in the News -

Congratulations to Lorna Hannett and Jean Pederson on their awards in the recent Canadian Institute of Portrait

Arts National Show held at Master's Gallery.

Lorna Hannett: The CIPA Award for Great Distinction – First Runner-up for her piece "Joseph" and the Jon Williams Award – Best Pastel or Graphic Medium Portrait for "Jazz"

Jean Pederson: the M. Graham Paints Award – Best Watermedium Portrait for her piece "State of Grace"

Lorna Hannett - Educating John Q. Public

At our last 2 shows, I had the opportunity to demonstrate my scratch board technique. It was a big hit; people stopped to watch, asked many intelligent questions and were amazed at the process. I really enjoyed talking to them. I think that this is something that many artists could and should do. How many times have you heard a potential client at a show whisper; they or their 6 year old could have done it better? It's time to educate the public and show them it's not quite as easy as they seem to think. I highly recommend that you consider calling Lillian, our exhibition

coordinator, and put your name on the list to demonstrate at our future shows. I'd do it again in a heartbeat!

Rosemary Bennett - Report on Membership from June 1, 2004 to October 27, 2004

We have twelve new members that have joined our Chapter since June 1, 2004. They are Krystyna Laycraft, Brigitte Desbois, Charley Fong, Jean Blackall, Margaret Metcalf, Dee Poison, Donna Jopling, Audrey Pfanmuller, Alan John, Lyudmyla Bobko, and Jerry Markham.

Natalie Kurzuk is participating in an exhibit entitled, "Traditionally Oral", at the public gallery, The Godfrey Dean Gallery in Yorkton Saskatchewan (December 2, 2004 - January 10, 2005). Opening night is Saturday, December 4th.

FCA Programs: Program Coordinator: Lois Fisch

- Thursday, January 20, 2005 Jury Night for Lake Bonavista – Presentation TBA.
- February 17, 2005 New FCA Members presentations of their work.



FCA Newsletter - Calgary Chapter

FCA - Calgary Chapter Newsletter. The Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA) is a not for profit organization dedicated to its aim of gradually raising the artists' standards by stimulating participants to greater heights of achievement.

The FCA - Calgary Chapter Newsletter is produced nine (9) times a year. We do not publish July, August or December. The deadline for submission to the newsletter is

the end of the month

We're looking for members profiles/biographies to publish in upcoming issues of the newsletter. If you are interested please submit your bio and picture to Marg Stevens at stevenss@telusplanet.net or phone (403) 932-6383.

The Newsletter provides information on persons, places and events of importance,

as well as technical information.

Advertise in the Newsletter to reach a premier audience of artists, rates are very reasonable:

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