



FCA NEWSLETTER

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"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get. "
Anonymous

Election Results - April 21, 2005

Executive

President: Lorna Hannett
Secretary: Martha Jones
1st Vice President: Lillian Tkach-Matisons
2nd Vice President: Lois Fisch
Treasurer: Kathleen McCombie



Committee Members

Exhibition team: Lillian Tkach-Matisons
Volunteer list: Krystine Laycraft
Webmaster: Jim Graham
Publicity: Martha Jones, Brigitte Desbois, Bonnie Curran
Storage: Mary Salloum
Title Cards & Lists: Carol Little
Jury Committee: Lyla Cousins, Bev Farley, Diane Knight, Mary Salloum, Jean Pederson
Membership: Rosemary Bennett
Newsletter: Marg Stevens
Programs: Krystine Laycraft
National Newsletter: Christine Mitchell
FCA Liaison: Rose Zivot
Social Committee: Jonathan Chan, Jane Szombathy
Video coordinators: Bonnie Curran, Christine Mitchell
Workshops: Rex Beanland

Coming Events

- Program - May 19, 2005, Freedom of Expression and Play - Natalie Kurzuk
- Art Fusion - A Collaboration of Canadian Artists - May 7 to 13, 2005.
- On the Edge at Edgemont Community Centre - October 1, 2005
- Winter Frost at Lutheran Church in Strathcona - November 26, 2005



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"Here is the test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't." - Richard Bach

FCA Executive - 2005/2006

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Secretary	Martha Jones	(403) 283-5917	parkdaleart@hotmail.com
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General Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2005

Attendees: 19

Approval of Minutes Feb. 17, 2005

Lois Fisch motioned to approve the minutes. Lillian Tkach Matisons seconded. Carried.

President's comments and announcements

n/a

Treasurer's report

Report read by treasurer Kathleen McCombie. Discussion of Art Fusion expenses followed a question about the budget. Kathleen reported that Art Fusion will be mostly self-sufficient and very little, if any, money will be used from the Chapter accounts. Copies of the Annual General Report will be provided to members if requested. The policy manual is also available, and the bylaws are on the website and available on request.

Diane Knight moved to accept the report as read; Bonnie Curran seconded. Motion passed.

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

Lorna Hannett reported that the invitations have been mailed; prizes, food, and wine have been donated for the gala openings; press coverage is in place, including a potential spot on A Channel Breakfast Show on Monday May 9th.

Workshops

Rex Beanland, workshop coordinator, reported that Lorna Hannett's scratch art workshop was excellent; also asked

members to let him know if there is interest in a proposed workshop on "What Juries Look For." 10 person minimum required.

Programs

Lois Fisch reported on upcoming meeting presentations: May 19, Natalie Kurzuk, a hands-on creativity exercise, "Spontaneous Collage Journal." June 16, "Critique," Seka Owen (bring ONE painting.)

Opportunities

Rosemary Bennett reported that there is still space available in the Calgary Stampede Artists' Window for 2 hours on Saturday, July 16th. A 30% commission on any work sold will be taken by the Stampede.

Announcements

Two works by Eveline Kolijn-Vink will be in the show "Orange Tulips" April 28 - June 28 at the Museum of the Regiments, featuring Dutch-Canadian artists. Crescentview Art group show will be at Crescent Heights Community Hall, April 23, 10 am - 3 pm. Calyx exhibition will be held at Crescent Heights Community Hall, April 30 - May 1. Krystyna Laycraft will be showing at Art Pointe, June 3 - June 15, "Ocean Meets Prairies." Please inform Jim Graham, website coordinator, of any events or shows.

Exhibitions

Lillian Tkach-Matisons reported on Chapter exhibitions. There will be two qualifying shows this year: "On the Edge," October 1, Edgemont, Jury, 6:30 pm, Sept. 15. "Winter Frost," November 26, First Lutheran

Church in Strathcona, Jury 6:30 pm, Oct. 20. No decision yet on Spring 2006, but there will not be a show at Bonavista. Alternate suggestions for spring are needed. April would be the preferred month, not on a long weekend. Lillian reminded members to provide updates for the Bio Book. The Bio Book is open to all members, not just those juried into shows. Diane Knight informed us that the City will no longer permit 8 x 4 signage on city property. Individual Community centres can give permission for a 4 x 4 if they own the property. Policy on banners to be researched.

Annual General Election:

The annual general election was held, and the following executive slate was selected:

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Volunteer positions were kindly filled by the following persons:

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Art Fusion - May 7 - 14, 2005

Everything is in place for a fabulous exhibition and by the time many of you read this, Art Fusion will be in full swing. We have advertised in the Calgary Sun (May 4th), the Herald (May 5th), on television and radio and on the internet FFWD. Also watch for articles in Galleries West and Swerve magazine of the Herald

(May 6th). There will be a TV crew from AChannel at the gala and on the Big Breakfast Show on May 9th, they will be showing the coverage and talking to one of our members. We're delighted that Mayor Bronconnier will be speaking at the gala and Lt. Gov. Norman Kwong will also attend.

It is our sincere hope that you will all visit Gainsborough Galleries sometime during May 7th - 14th and support the FCA regardless of whether or not you are in this exhibition. This is going to help raise the profile of the FCA Calgary Chapter and will benefit all of us.

President's Message - Lorna Hannett

Greetings, everyone! As you may or may not know I am the President for the new term. I know I have mighty big shoes to fill as Natalie did a great job last year. Thank you so much Natalie, for everything!

I have been a member of the FCA Calgary since 1997 and was a real rookie when I joined but I have learned so much by association with this group of talented and dedicated artists

and now I have the opportunity to say thank you and hopefully give back in some small measure. Our aim has always been to make the FCA Calgary Chapter known for quality fine art and that is still our goal. To that end, I pose this question:

Where are all of you? The attendance at our meetings lately has been abysmal. It seems that the only time we have a full turnout at a meeting

is when there is a jury the same night...when there is something in it for the members. But I want to assure you that each and every meeting is for you...we want what you want. I realize that not all of you can make every meeting, but we need you and your fresh ideas to make this group move onward and upwards. As the new president, one of my goals is to bring back the membership. Won't you please help me?

Program: Freedom of Expression and Play - Natalie Kurzuk

Natalie Kurzuk, artist, teacher, instructor and Past President has agreed to take us on a journey that will put us in touch with our creative soul. We will be introduced to a hands on, spontaneous exercise that can lead us to open up new potential and examine topics that move

us. All we need to bring is a colorful magazine, scissors, glue and an assortment of mark-makers. Paper will be provided. The goal is to begin a process that you can continue on your own - through "freedom of expression and

play". Artists are often surprised by their discoveries and your collage may act as a starting point to a new series of artwork.

Lois Fisch, Program Coordinator



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"Expect people to be better than they are; it helps them to become better. But don't be disappointed when they're not; it helps them to keep trying. "

- Merry Browne

News - Notices - Opportunities

FCA Name Tags. You can order your FCA name tags for yourself from Canuck Amusements 249-6641. Ask for Doug. You can order them plain or with the FCA Logo. They are \$5.00 plus GST.

Stampede Artists Window. We have confirmed Saturday July 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with artists demonstrating in two hour shifts. If you are interested in demonstrating or showcasing your work please contact either Rosemary Bennett (249-4814) or Lorna Hannett (637-2454).

PROGRAMS - Lois Fisch

JUNE 16, 2005 - Critique Night with **Seka Owen** - teacher and lecturer who graduated from U of A with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in 1977. Seka promises a very stimulating critique evening. Members should bring a painting that they are having problems with. Seka will offer suggestions that will involve the artist in the critique.

Possible Workshop: We have the opportunity to have a one day workshop on "What Jurors Look For" with Gaye Adams, SFCA, from B.C. It would cover copyright laws, the print market, and bringing paintings for a critique by her, plus a few other things. We need a minimum of 12 people. Please contact Lorna Hannett at 637 2454 or contact

Rex Beanland at 685-5812 or Beanland@telus.net if you would be interested in such a workshop. Gaye's website: www.gayeadams.com

Ocean Meets Prairies in Art Point Gallery - Krystyna Laycraft, AFCA Calgary and Jeanne Krabbendam, AFCA Vancouver who met each other through the Federation Of Canadian Artists, are planning a joint exhibition in Calgary's brand new Art Point Gallery from June 3 - June 15, 2005, with an opening reception on Friday June 3rd 5.00 - 9.00 PM. (Admission free)

Under the title "**Ocean Meets Prairies**" the two FCA members will show new work of their hands. The exhibition will feature a culmination of work from a friendship between the two women, with a shared interest in abstract landscape art. Visitors will be treated to a collection of mixed media paintings, pastels and photographs, all based on the theme "**Ocean Meets Prairies**".

Krystyna's and Jeanne's art show "Ocean Meets Prairies" is to be seen in Art Point Gallery during gallery opening hours: Thursday - Saturday 1.00 - 5.00 PM

Art Point Gallery is located at

1139 11th Street SE Calgary. For more information phone (403) 265 6867.

ORANGE TULIPS: 1945 - 2005

This year people in the Netherlands will celebrate the fact that it was 60 years ago that the Allied Forces liberated them from German occupation. The end of World War II is celebrated on May 5th. The Canadian Forces were instrumental in the liberation of The Netherlands. To commemorate this fact, the Consulate of the Netherlands has organized an art exhibition in the atrium of the Museum of the Regiments here in Calgary.

Dutch artists living in South Alberta were invited to enter artwork for this exhibition. Eveline Kolijn, member of the Calgary FCA chapter, participates with two pieces in this exhibition.

The theme for the exhibition is liberation, freedom. That could be interpreted as an expression of thanks to the Canadians; it may present an experience or object directly related to war, or other artistic expression of the meaning of liberation.

The exhibition runs from April 28 to June 28, 2005

Museum of the Regiments 4520 Crowchild Trail SW 9.30 am - 4 pm regular admission applies

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:

Full Page	6 x 7.5	\$110.00
1/2 Page	3.5 x 6	\$60.00
1/4 Page	3.7 x 2.8	\$35.00
1/8 Page	2 x 2.8	\$20.00