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"One should never criticize his own work except in a fresh and hopeful mood. The self-criticism of a tired mind is suicide." Charles Horton Cooley

On the Edge - October 1, 2005

Coming Events

- *Winter Frost at Lutheran Church in Strathcona - November 26, 2005*
- *Spring Forward at Riverbend Community Centre - April 22, 2006*

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"On The Edge" at Edgemont was Calgary Chapter's 4th annual show at the Edgemont Community Centre's main hall.



Dianne Stewart - 1st Place
Midnight Gentlemen
(mixed media)

For whatever reason, only 23 members brought paintings for jury into the first "qualifying show" of 2005 and all 65 paintings were accepted by the jury. Although attendance at the show was lower than anticipated, many compliments with reference to "quality" was expressed, we sold

six pieces. Another 35-40 paintings would have made the show spectacular!

I am urging all our members to participate in the next qualifying juried show "Winter Frost" at the First Lutheran Church, Strathcona. Jury night is November 17 at 6:30 sharp. We need a minimum of 100 NEW paintings to fill the hall.



Jennifer Schinschick - 2nd Place
Alberta Gold (pastel)

On another note, we need active participation at the show by every FCA

member whose paintings are being shown. If you cannot attend your own show for any reason, then it's imperative that you send someone to take your place on the volunteer list.



Martha Jones - 3rd Place
A Kinder Gentler Calgary
(acrylic)

If anyone has any questions about the next show, "Winter Frost", please email me at lilart@telus.net or phone Lillian at 236-9819. See you at the next meeting!

Lillian Tkach-Matisons

FCA Executive - 2005/2006

"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

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General Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2005

Attendees: 29

Approval of minutes previous meeting, June 16, 2005.

Lois Fisch moved to approve the minutes. Rosemary Bennett seconded. Carried.

President's comments and announcements

Lorna Hannett welcomed members back after the summer break. She also conveyed Natalie Kurzick's thanks for the flowers we sent when she had her surgery, and reported that Natalie is doing well.

Lorna let the members know that the intention is to streamline the monthly meetings by keeping the business section as brief as possible. To this end, the treasurer's report will no longer be read in detail at the meetings. The bottom line will be provided, and those who would like the details can request print-outs at the meetings. Kathleen McCombie then provided the basic figures.

Other Business

Kathleen McCombie will be resigning as treasurer after Christmas. A new treasurer will be needed; also immediately needed, someone for the Social Committee, i.e. providing coffee and refreshments for the meetings. Volunteers are requested for both positions.

The idea of a new location was brought up, as there is some dissatisfaction with the current location at Crescentview. Options were suggested,

including Haysboro Community Hall on Tuesdays; Meadowlark Park on Thursdays; or a return to Lakeview on Tuesdays. Members were asked to bring any other suggestions forward to the executive. The decision must be made very soon.

Lorna presented an offer from the same people who hosted us in Bonaventure Village. To facilitate an FCA show in spring at the Prince of Peace retirement center. With minor input on our part, this would include advertising, catering, an attractive facility, and exposure in the northeast neighborhoods of Calgary. Members indicated they would like a show in early March, before Spring Break, 1st week if possible.

Jim Graham has revised our website for easier navigation. User feedback is welcome, with a link provided.

Members indicated they would like to reassess the current Chapter commission of 30%. Lorna agreed to bring this to the executive agenda at the next executive meeting.

Exhibition Report

The exhibition report was provided by Lillian Tkach-Matisons. The coming show, "On the Edge," will take place October 1st. Paintings should be brought in 9 am sharp. This will be a qualifying show. The November 26 and April 22 shows will also be qualifying shows. Invitations are now posted on the website.

Program Report

Christina Laycraft presented the Program report. Jacek Malek, curator of the Triangle Gallery, will be the speaker at the October meeting. Fine Art of Framing will be featured in November. In the following months, topics will include "Chaos Theory and Creativity," and a presentation on book-binding and fine papers by Steven Murphy of Arts on Atlantic. Members also expressed a desire for at least two critique evenings.

Opportunities and Visitors

Gaye Adams will hold a workshop at Riverbend Community Centre, Mon. Oct. 17th & Tues. Oct 18th. 10am-4pm daily.

Colours from the Light will take place at Artspace on Oct. 21. 50% of sales will go to Servants Anonymous, a charitable organization.

Diane Knight is organizing another "Painting Adventure in Baja," March 5 - 10th. Accommodation, meals, and painting opportunities all included for \$795. Deadline for registration, Oct. 31, limited to 12 participants.

A Drumheller school is looking for someone to paint their logo on the gym floor for \$300.

Visitors were introduced, including Leslie Scherger and Janie Lockwood.

Meeting adjourned. Moved by Lillian Tkach-Matisons, seconded by Kathleen McCombie.

Natalie Kurzuk

It is with sadness that we send our condolences out to Natalie on the loss of her Mother on September 27, 2005. All our thoughts and prayers are with Natalie at this difficult time.

Jury Guidelines & Categories - November 17, 2005

Jurying – Calgary Chapter

Jury forms are available on our website at www.fcacalgary.ca, **please have forms filled out prior to registering your paintings for jury.**

The Jury is Thursday, September 15, 2005 at Crescent Heights, 1101 - 2nd Street N.W. Drop Off time is 6:30 p.m. sharp. Jury fee: \$10.00

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.

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".

Good Luck to Everyone

President's Message - Lorna Hannett

The fall season is upon us and snow is in the air! I, for one, am not looking forward to winter... Brrrr!

We are making a few changes to our meetings to make them more enjoyable. Our contract is up with Crescent Heights the end of December and we are looking into finding a new place for our meetings and going back to our 3rd Tuesday evenings again. By the time of our next meeting on Oct. 20th, we hope to have made the decision with your help. We are also working on having a shorter business portion of the meeting and having more in the

way of informative programs for the remainder of the our time. Jim Graham has made some changes to our website making it easier for you to find what you are looking for. He has also provided a link for you to use if you have any problems with navigation of the site or you have any suggestions for improvement. There are a few more ideas we are working on based on some suggestions from members, so stay tuned! Thank you to all of you who have shared your thoughts and opinions on the direction you would like to see us moving. Please keep them

coming! It's a big help and very much appreciated!

We are sorry to say that our Treasurer, Kathleen McCombie has resigned effective the end of the year. We need someone to consider joining our executive in this position. Kathy, you have our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful work you have done in getting and keeping our books in topnotch order, which will indeed help in making the transition go smoothly for the next person to take on this role. Thank you so much!



"Winter Frost" First Lutheran Church Strathcona - November 26, 2005

7102 - 14 Avenue SW

Jury: Thursday, November 17, 2005 (at Crescent Heights)

Door Prize: Members are asked to bring a painting valued at over \$200.00 to the meeting on November 17th (members will select one for the door prize).

This is a Qualifying Show



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.

Programs - Krystyna Laycroft:

- November 17, 2005 - Jacek Malec - continues.
- January 19, 2006 - Prelude The Fine Art of Framing.
- February 16, 2006 - Chaos Theory and Creativity - Krystyna Laycroft.
- March 16, 2006 - Stephen Murphy - owner of Arts on Atlantic Gallery.

Baja Painting Adventure, March 5 - 10, 2006 - Diane Knight is hosting another "Baja Painting Adventures". The

Painting Adventure is intended to provide participants with the opportunity to explore the Mexican culture, the people and the brilliant colours around Los Cabos - to paint, wander, eat and absorb the environment with as much, or as little, guidance as you want. Mornings are typically spent sketching or painting at different locations. The afternoons are free to explore the surroundings of the quaint Mexican town of San Jose del Cabo, enjoy the beach or shop. Dinners are arranged at a different restaurant each night, giving participants a chance to sample a variety of local cuisine.

Fees for the week are \$795 Cdn for shared accommodation. The deadline for registration is October 31, 2005 and

registration is limited to the first 12 deposits received. For more information please visit Diane's website at www.dianeknight.ca or contact Diane at (403) 251-1013, e-mail diane@dianeknight.ca.

Membership Dues - The 2005 Membership renewals are due December 31, 2003 please send your dues to Rosemary Bennett before the December deadline.

The Calgary Chapter needs volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Treasurer, or helping on one of the Committees please let us know.

We can't do it without you please consider volunteering.

Call for Volunteers

Program October 20, 2005 - Jacek Malec

Triangle Gallery of Visual Arts - Toward Excellence in Programming/ Serving the Community for 17 years.

Jacek Malec was born in 1957 in Kalisz, Poland and graduated in Art History and Museology from University of Wroclaw.

Since 1985 he has lived and worked in Calgary. Malec is well-known art historian, critic and an accomplished curator of numerous exhibitions related to contemporary Canadian and International visual arts, architecture and design. Since 1997 he has been working as

the Director/Curator of the Triangle Gallery of Visual Arts in Calgary. Malec is an author of numerous publications and critical articles relative to contemporary international and Canadian visual culture.

Krystyna Laycroft

Note: Meetings are the Third Thursday of every month at Crescent Heights Community Centre 1101 - 2nd Street N.W.

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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