



FCA NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

by Garry Kaye

Let me start out this message with a thank you to Ken Bourassa for hosting our meetings and workshops at Atlantis Framing. As I'm sure most of you are aware, Ken had to close down his business in January. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

As a result of the closure of Atlantis, we have been searching for a new venue for future chapter meetings. By the time you read this, we may very well have secured a new location. That location will be announced via an e-mail to the entire membership.

I would also like to announce that Rosemary Bennett will soon be stepping down as Membership Co-ordinator, a role that she has held for MANY years. On behalf of the entire membership, I want to thank her for her tireless efforts in that role. I also want to thank Sheila Mitchell for volunteering to take over from Rosemary. Sheila will be giving up her role as Newsletter Co-ordinator, and thankfully Caran Magaw has agreed to handle future newsletters for us.

Speaking of important volunteer roles, I would remind everyone that we will have our annual election of officers at our April 21st meeting. Two positions which must be filled are President and Treasurer. The chapter cannot continue to function if those positions are not filled. So we need new volunteers to step up and take over those important roles.

The next general meeting is on Tuesday February 17th The location of that meeting will be announced via e-mail. At that meeting we will be selecting a door prize for the March 14th show, so feel free to bring in a painting.

Take care, everyone!



Important Dates

Friday Night

Demo

Acrylic Techniques

Friday, Feb. 6

Full Acrylic

Techniques

Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 7

Upcoming Workshops

Our next Friday Night Demo is Acrylic Techniques with Sheila Schaetzle, on February 6th. Come out and enjoy some wine, delicious treats, and a one night only in-store coupon.

Sheila will be teaching the full Acrylic Techniques Workshop on Saturday February 7th. Join us for the demo and take in the full workshop the next day! Visit our website to register for either or both!



Meeting Minutes

Federation of Canadian Artists – Calgary Chapter

General Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Swinton's Art Supply

President, Garry Kaye, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He announced that Atlantis is no longer available for our meetings or workshops as this business has closed down. This meeting's location at Swinton's Art Supply is only a temporary measure, which may or may not become permanent.

1. Minutes of November Meeting.

Dianne Stewart moved that the Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion seconded by Natalie Kurzuk. Passed.

2. Treasurer's Report.

No Treasurer's report was available. Garry Kaye gave a brief report. The balance sheet now stands at \$100,000, including last year's casino funds.

3. Need for a New President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair.

Garry announced that his three year term as President is up at the end of April. The Chapter cannot function without a President. The AGM is in April and a new President will need to be elected at that time.

Kathy Hildebrandt has indicated that she will not be Treasurer after April. The consequence of not having a Treasurer may be the cancellation of the Show in May. It would be preferred if a member handle the complete Treasurer's duties. However, if an outside accountant needs to be recruited, there still needs to be someone in the Treasurer's spot to interface with the outside accountant. The time commitment for the Treasurer's position is about 2 days per month.

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Rosemary Bennett has been in the Membership Chair position for a large number of years, and she has indicated that she wishes to step down now.

Sheila Mitchell volunteered to become the next Membership Chair. Also, Caran Magaw volunteered to take over the Newsletter. Thank you both for volunteering.

4. Search for a New Meeting Venue.

Garry reiterated that the Swinton's Art Supply location is just temporary for this meeting only. The Chapter would prefer another community centre, one that allows for demos. Rosemary Bennett has called five community centres. Lakeview looks like the best option so far, but the search continues. The Lakeview location was where the Chapter held its' meetings years ago. Garry will scout out this venue and determine if this venue could also be a new Show location. Kensington Art Supply is not available. Garry asked that any members that have any ideas for new meeting location, contact him via email. Most members have indicated that the current Tuesday meeting time would be preferable. Thanks to the members who made suggestions for new venues. Garry will keep the membership advised of progress.

5. Workshops and Programming.

Tami Hort reported that Alan Wylie workshop in acrylic will be held February 20, 21 and 22. He is a Past President of the Federation of Canadian Artists (SFCA) and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. This workshop will be held at Cactus Art Supply. A workshop by Chris Jordan in oil portrait painting will be held March 21 at Cactus Art Supply. Information on the two workshops was handed out at the meeting. Cactus Art Supply was able to meet the pricing that was offered to the Chapter by Atlantis, and is less than Kensington.

Bob McAllister announced that Don Hamm is on the program for this evening. Bob requested that the membership offer suggestions for what programs would be preferred. Demos and critiques, especially internal critiques (those done by membership involvement) have

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proven to be popular. Bob would like to bring in Rex Beanland to do a watercolour demo within the next two months.

6. Other Business.

The Biography book was placed at the back of the meeting room and will be available at future meetings as well. Please bring updated bios to meetings. The Biography book is made available to the public at our Shows. The next Show is on March 14. Interested members are to bring a painting to the February meeting to be included in selection of the door prize for this Show.

The website needs to be updated to provide full functionality for iPad and Smartphone users. Jim Graham, who built our website, will be utilized for the upgrade. Garry felt that the cost for the upgrade need not be voted upon as this is a straightforward issue, and monies are available for it.

Four new members were introduced to the Chapter: Michael Beckett, Amanda Kroger, Bernadette Vanderstar, and Paula Henschell.

7. Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by Cheryl Todd, seconded by Caran Magaw. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Following the meeting guest artist Don Hamm did a presentation on some of his work.

Submitted by Ron Czemerer