



FCA NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

by Garry Kaye

This month's newsletter is coming out a bit earlier than usual, because I will be on an overseas vacation in early October.

Not much to talk about this month. We're gearing up for the Mad About Art show on October 25th at the Edgemont Community Centre. The planning for that show seems to be going well, thanks largely to Janie Lockwood. As always, the success of the show depends greatly on the volunteers, and I am always impressed with the efforts of all our people. The jury submission deadline is October 9th. I'm trying to finish off one more painting so that I don't have to submit one I don't really like. However, the juries sometimes accept my lesser pieces, so who knows?

As before, I would urge you all to read the exhibition guidelines which can be found on our chapter's website. This would be especially important for newer members who may not be that familiar with the guidelines.

You may have noticed that we have started a Facebook group for the Calgary chapter. Our members should feel free to join that group, and many already have (including myself – a Facebook rookie). It's a great way to share information. Thanks to Dee Poisson, we are making strides to utilize social media to enhance our image, share information, and advertise our shows.

The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, October 21st at Atlantis Framing. I hope we continue to get great turnouts.

Take care, everyone!
President,
Garry Kaye



Important Dates

Submission

Deadline for Mad About Art

October 9, 2014

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Meeting

October 21st, at Atlantis Framing

Member News

Kathy Hildebrandt, ASA, SCA, PAC, MPAC, AFCA, PSA had one of her paintings selected from over 1200 submissions, for inclusion in the upcoming book *Acrylic Works 2: Radi-*

cal Breakthroughs. Captured Memories II, acrylic, 20x20 will be featured in the book to be published by North Light books in February 2015.

Her work was also selected for the upcoming *Strokes of Genius 7: Depth,*



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dimension and Space. *SlapShot*, pastel, 26x20 will be included in the book that will be published in the fall of 2015.

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Congratulations to the Street Lamp Banners People's Choice!

We are pleased to announce the Street Lamp Banners People's Choice Winners. Left to right: Emma Bleichert, Heather Laubenstein, Stephanie De Souza and Tami Hort Lathwell. Congrats! You each receive a \$200 honorarium from the Airdrie Regional Arts Society.

Creative Airdrie



Meeting Minutes

Federation of Canadian Artists – Calgary Chapter

General Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Atlantis Framing

President, Garry Kaye, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Minutes of May 20, 2014 Meeting. Dianne Stewart moved that the Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion seconded by Janie Lockwood. Passed.
2. Treasurer's Report. Kathy Hildebrandt reported that the balance sheet now stands at \$100,000 as of July 31, 2014. This figure is the addition of this year's casino funds: \$74,000, our operating account: \$10,000 and our GIC: \$16,000. There are still some bills for August that have not yet been accounted for. The Calgary Chapter's donation of \$2,500 to the Vancouver head office was greatly appreciated. The funds were used to purchase more equipment, and to develop an on-line critique application. Most of the funds from the 2nd casino have been spent. There are only \$800 left from these funds, which is not considered to be an issue. Kathy would like to stand down as treasurer, and so the hunt for a replacement continues.
3. Leighton Art Centre Show. Based on a discussion that Garry had with Leighton Art Centre staff, the Calgary Chapter Show was considered to be a success. There was good volunteer response and the show was nicely displaced. A lot of people came to the show and 5 paintings were sold. Payments to artists were mailed out on September 11. The Calgary Chapter has been invited to participate in another show during 2016, but not 2015, as that year's shows have already been booked.
4. Mad About Art – October 25. Janie Lockwood reported that preparations are coming along. Hard copy invitations have been done and the venue has been booked. Digital invitations will be sent out soon. 4 volunteers (2 groups of 2) will be needed to set up and take down the signs

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the day of the show. The signs have proven to be an effective way to advertise our shows. A lot of people see them while driving by and then drop into our shows.

5. Workshops and Programming. Workshops currently scheduled for 2014/15 are: Sept 28 – Muk Luk Magpies, glass fusion, Oct 25/26 – Rex Beanland, watercolour, Nov 22/23 – Lisa Roberts and Natalie Kurzuk, mixed media including pouring medium, collage, and image transfer, Feb 21/22 – Alan Wylie, Mar 22/23 -Chris Jordan, portraits, and Apr 25/26/27 - Andrew McDermott, pastel. Some of the workshops are on our website, but not all of them yet. Rex Beanland's 2 day workshop falls on the same weekend as the Mad About Art Show (October 25 & 26). Rex will provide for breaks on the Saturday to allow workshop participants to deliver and pick up their paintings.

6. Dee Poisson – use of social media. Dee made a request to all Calgary Chapter members that are on Facebook to “like” the Calgary Chapter. This will result in multiple linkages to other Facebook user pages which will greatly increase the exposure of our organization and shows. Calgary Chapter members who are on Twitter can also share information with other Twitter users in a similar manner. However, it is felt that the Calgary Chapter need not get on Twitter.

7. Other Business.

Garry received a call from Ken Hutchinson informing that he was in a serious accident earlier this year that will require long term recovery. Ken won't be able to attend any Calgary Chapter meetings until next year. The Calgary Chapter will send a get well card.

At this point in time there are only 6 people in the chapter executive. Since a minimum of 5 are needed to form a quorum at any meeting, we could use one or two more to ensure we have enough attendees. Garry requested that committee heads consider becoming part of the executive, but must be willing to commit to attending most meetings.

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Garry will be out of the country from October 2 to 17. Hence, there will be no executive meeting in October.

Marg Smith is helping to arrange a workshop for Murray Phillips and Roger Arndt on the evening of October 31, all day November 1 and 2 at the Sheep Creek Arts Council facility in Turner Valley. Anyone interested can contact Marg.

New members present will do a presentation of a sample of their art work after adjournment.

Kathy Hildebrandt indicated that people are now starting to receive "email blasts" from Vancouver. The first on line competition is called 365 and winning images will be incorporated into an FCA calendar that will be sold to raise funds. There will be some cash awards.

There will also be on-line critiques out of Vancouver. All chapters can participate.

It's best to use Greyhound or FedEx to deliver and pick up paintings for shows. UPS just delivers and drops off without getting any signatures. Two paintings were recently lost this way.

8. Motion to Adjourn.

At 7:40 PM Kathy Hildebrandt moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Natalie Kurzuk.

Submitted by Ron Czemerer