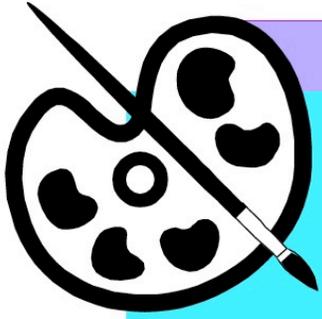


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FCA NEWSLETTER



President's Message

by Garry Kaye

Let's start out this month's message with a bit of good news. We have secured a location for all our future monthly meetings. It is the Lakeview Community Centre, 6110 – 34th Street SW. To get there, the best route is to take 37th Street south from Glenmore Trail, past the Grey Eagle Casino. Then turn east on 61st Ave. SW. The Lakeview Community Centre is at the end of 61st, where it intersects with 34th Street. Our March 17th meeting WILL be held at Lakeview.

And now the bad news. We still have not had anyone step forward to volunteer to be our chapter's treasurer. I know I've been putting out an appeal for quite a while now, but nobody has volunteered, and time is getting critically short. As I have stated, the chapter cannot function without a treasurer. We cannot have any more shows, workshops, or even monthly meetings. **Effectively, the chapter will have to suspend operations until we elect a new treasurer.** That's not something that any one of us wants to see happen. For 34 years, there has always been someone who has been able to fill that role. With 150+ members now, there must be someone who can take on that role. Please.

Back to the good news. Our All Things Spring show is upcoming shortly (March 14th) at Edgemont, and the kind jury has seen fit to accept 158 paintings this time, from 46 different artists. The downside to that is that we won't have enough room for previously – juried paintings. If you have had paintings accepted, please ensure that they are delivered to Edgemont between 8:00 and 8:30 on the 14th. I'm sure it will be an excellent show!

Take care, everyone!

REMINDER

Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21st, 2014
at Lakeview Community Centre, 6110 – 34th Street SW

Federation of Canadian Artists – Calgary Chapter

Minutes from General Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Cactus Art

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

1. Minutes of January Meeting. Sherry Telle moved that the Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion seconded by Sharon Williams. Passed.
2. Treasurer's Report. No Treasurer's report was available. Garry Kaye gave a brief report. The balance sheet now stands at \$90,000, \$66,000 of it being funds raised from the casino. Garry noted that sales volume, as in number of paintings sold, has decreased. However, the total dollar value of the paintings sold has actually gone up. Last year was approximately \$30,000 in sales compared with \$24,000 the previous year. Garry also stated that the financial statements for 2014 were completed, and if anyone wants a copy, they should contact him.
3. All Things Spring – March 14th – Edgemont. Janie Lockwood indicated that she will not be present at this Show, however delegates have been put in place to run the Show in her absence. A door prize will be selected during the break (Sheila Schaezle's painting was selected). Janie inquired if there was anyone who would be interested in doing a demo during the show. If so, they are to contact her. A jobs list was circulated amongst the membership.

Garry will try to get access to the hall on the Friday before at 6:00 PM so that easels can be set up. Ron Czemerer, Judie Popplewell, and Bob McAllister offered to help Garry with the easel setup. Show participants are to bring their paintings into the hall on the Saturday between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. Paintings are not to be put on the tables. The hanging committee will handle placement of the paintings. The decision of the hanging committee will be final. Paintings must be submitted on time, title cards picked up, and paintings ready to hang. Kathy Hildebrandt will advise on how many previously juried paintings will be allowed in the Show.

At this Show there will not be a viewer's choice award. In the past it was felt that people are spending too much time viewing paintings for their choice, and not spending time buying. Also, there will be no food available for guests or members. Please bring your own lunch. There was a problem with printing the invitations, hence none were available for the meeting. The printed version of the invitations will be available at the upcoming Alan Wylie workshop at Cactus Art. Garry will send out an email notifying the membership of this. A digital version of the invitation will be emailed out as well.

Garry reiterated the importance of following the Show Guidelines as posted on the website. All members must follow the guidelines in order for the Show to run smoothly. A problem area in the past has been members submitting paintings, but not showing up. If a member can't attend a Show, then that member must arrange with someone else to deliver and pick up their paintings. Also, once a painting has been juried into a Show, it can't be sold prior to that Show. And, paintings must be framed properly, dry, and ready to hang.

4. Upcoming AGM. The positions of President, Treasurer, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President will be voted on at the AGM. This is an opportunity for new people to step up to the plate and join the executive and bring in fresh ideas. Interested members are to contact Garry if they can take on a larger role. Nominations will be announced by April. The Nominations Committee will send out a list of nominees at least 10 days prior to the AGM. Garry again stressed the importance of filling the Treasurer's position. It is of extreme importance to the organization, as is President, and other positions. Kathy Hildebrandt will not be Treasurer after April. Kathy will gladly help the new Treasurer assume their new role.

General Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 Continued

5. New meeting venue – Lakeview Community Centre. This will be the new venue for our meetings. Lakeview Community Centre is located at 6110 – 34 St. SW. Basic directions are: 37th St. south to 61 Ave. Lakeview Community Centre has the same rules as any other community center. Garry scoped it out and it is a great place. Demos will be allowed at this venue if drop sheets are used. Garry will send out an email to the membership regarding the venue change, address, and directions.

6. Workshops and Programming. Tami Hort reported that the Allan Wylie workshop is full and that there is a waiting list. The Chris Jordon workshop still has 3 openings. The Andrew McDermott workshop in April also still has 3 openings. The April workshop will be over 3 days in 2 parts and members can participate in both parts, or in separate parts. More details to follow. Members are to see the website on further information regarding the workshops.

Bob McAllister announced that Rex Beanland will be doing a watercolour demo after the break. There will be a peer critique next month, as they have become popular amongst the membership. If a member has any suggestions for future programs, please contact Bob McAllister.

7. Other Business. At previous meetings discussions occurred as to how to improve overall sales. Sharon Williams met last week with Allan Brown who is in the process of setting up a framing shop with a gallery in the front. He is anxious to get artists to show paintings. The details of the sales arrangement still have to be worked out. He is willing to sell the paintings for us, so there will be no need for members to be involved with sitting at the gallery. One approach can be to pay a flat monthly fee for the space, of which AGLC funds can be used to cover this cost. The paintings could be changed every month, and it has yet to be determined how many paintings will hang at any one time. It will be a non-juried event and we will need to determine just how members are chosen each month to provide paintings. More details will come out as this idea develops further.

There were no new members present. However, Carol Hart came as a guest and is considering joining the Calgary Chapter.

Donna MacDonald will be doing a workshop on March 7 and 8, 2015 on Fundamentals in Painting, and on April 18 and 19, 2015 on Loosening Up.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Janie Lockwood, seconded by Tami Hort. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Following the meeting member Rex Beanland did a watercolour demo.

Submitted by Ron Czemerer

Promote Your Art Show or Workshop in the Calgary FCA Newsletter

Members are invited to submit information on their workshops and art shows for publication in this newsletter. Contact Caran Magaw at cmagaw@shaw.ca by March 30th for the April 2015 Newsletter.