

May 2015



FCA NEWSLETTER



President's Message

by Bob McAllister

Hello everyone. The constitution of the FCA says that our mandate is "to share and promote the passion and pleasure of the visual arts through exhibition, education and communication". So, here I am communicating! What a woefully inadequate way to start this conversation, the first of many that I look forward to enjoying with you in my new role. It's a good thing I'm not a novelist. You would have read the first paragraph and left the book at Indigo.

The FCA has had a significant and occasionally troubled history from its' idealistic beginnings to the present. In 1920, Lauren Harris opined, "art must grow and flower in the land before the country will be a real home for its' people". (Harris, Group of Seven member and the first president of the FCA in B.C.) In 1978 it was suggested that "unable to attract young artists and absorb new trends, the group sank to sketch club status". (I'll spare you the footnotes but I encourage you to go to the FCA website and read FCA historian Ellen Poole's piece titled, "65 years of Artistic Achievement, A History of the FCA") Despite the challenges, the FCA is alive and well in Calgary and I look forward to what we are able to do together.

As we anticipate our last meeting before the summer break, I want to invite you to participate in a forum to explore your concerns, expectations and hopes for our future. I am a firm believer in the old adage that "a question well phrased is half answered". If we can understand the challenges to our growth and organizational health we are on the way to resolving them.

Enjoy the show this weekend.

May Meeting

How many of you are outgrowing your studio space due to the addiction to the purchase of art supplies? Problem solved. At our final meeting you can participate in an intervention. We will have a studio sale. Bring along supplies, books, magazines, and videos and sell them to your friends. You can price your items before you come or simply encourage offers and haggle. If you leave with more than you came with, consider professional help.

Bring cash!

May 19, 2015 at 7 PM
at Lakeview
Community Centre

In Recognition of Time Served

The Calgary Chapter recognized 3 members at the Annual General Meeting on April 22, 2015. Honourary Chapter memberships were awarded to 3 very hardworking and dedicated women.

Janie Lockwood has been actively involved with the chapter since she joined 10 years ago. She has volunteered in many different areas, including Secretary, over the years and is currently our Exhibition Coordinator. Janie works hard to ensure our shows run successfully and is always the first to arrive and the last to leave on show day.

If it wasn't for **Tami Hort**, the Calgary chapter would not be in the enviable position in which we find ourselves. Tami was responsible for getting our chapter into the casino rotation. Having casino funding has allowed the chapter to purchase easels, computers, DVD's and other equipment that were badly needed. Not to mention the fantastic workshops with exceptional instructors that she arranges and hosts 8 times a year

And **Rosemary Bennett**. Rosemary has been with the Chapter for many, many years and is a walking encyclopedia in regards to the chapter's history. Rosemary has been the membership coordinator and has welcomed new members to the chapter for over 17 years. As well, she has been the First Vice President for the last 9 years.

As a very small token of our appreciation of all the personal time and effort these 3 have devoted to the Chapter, they were presented with Honourary Chapter Membership certificates which will entitle them to Chapter membership for as long as they are a member in good standing with the Federation of Canadian Artists.

Lastly, on behalf of the chapter executive, we would like to thank **Garry Kaye** for all his hard work over the past 3 years as Chapter President. He has done a great job in the role and will continue to add his experience to the executive as Past President.

DVD

Library

Remember to bring in your videos for the May meeting.

Our library committee will be cataloging the collection over the summer break.

Newsletter Information

Members of the Calgary Chapter of the FCA are welcomed to submit articles to the newsletter that are art related in content, including workshop and art show invitations.

Deadline is the 25th of each publishing month.

Contact Caran Magaw at cmagaw@shaw.ca

Federation of Canadian Artists – Calgary Chapter

General Monthly Meeting: Minutes Tuesday, April 21, 2015 , Lakeview Community Centre

President, Garry Kaye, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

1. Minutes of March Meeting. Linda Wilder moved that the Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion seconded by Janie Lockwood. Passed.

2. Treasurer's Report. Kathy Hildebrandt reviewed the unaudited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2014. Total assets as of yearend 2014 were \$91,254.09 as compared with \$56,354.55 the previous year. For March, 2015 there is approximately \$85,000 in the bank. There were approximately \$5,000 in sales from the recent All Things Spring Show, which has been paid out to the artists.

The search continues for a Treasurer to replace Kathy at some point.

3. Absolutely Art Show – May 9th – Haysboro. Janie Lockwood reported on the progress of this show. 4 volunteers may be needed on the evening before to unload easels. An email will be sent out if they are needed. A vote for the door prize will be conducted during the break. The sitter's list was circulated. A painting by Sarah Kidner will be the charity prize draw painting. At 8:00 AM tables and easels will be set up. Then artists can sign in their paintings and get their title cards at 8:30 AM, and then leave the hall to allow the hanging committee to do its work. Artists are to come back to the hall at 10:00 AM. There will be no food table again for the public. Terri Finnegan has completed the invitations. Hard copies of the invitation were made available at the meeting. It was reiterated that the membership should review the Exhibition Guidelines and follow them. There are still some members that have not signed the Exhibition Guidelines. Members that have not signed the Exhibition Guidelines cannot participate in any Shows. Artists must attend the Show if they have had paintings accepted by the jury. Also, framing must be at a professional level. The deadline for Show submissions is April 30, with jury results being made available by May 4.

4. Social Committee. A replacement is needed for Sherry Telle to handle the meeting coffee and snacks, etc. Actually two people should split this job. Sherry will not be doing this job after this meeting. If we don't get a replacement(s), then we will not have coffee and snacks during the break at the meetings. A suggestion was made that perhaps the job could be shared by several people. This would work if the Lakeview Community Centre had storage for the appliances and supplies. However, this is not the case and it would be difficult to constantly transfer the appliances and supplies from person to person. Anyone interested in this position is to contact the Executive.

5. Workshops and Programming. Tami reported that there is a Andrew McDermott Workshop this week. Andrew is the FCA President out of Vancouver. He has been in this position for 6 years, and he currently has only 2 more months to go before his replacement takes over the position. The Doug Swinton Workshop in June has now been filled. Contact Karen Oliver if you want to be placed on the waiting list. Karen is now handling the registration for the Workshops. Bob McAllister reported that Andrew McDermott will be doing a pastel demo after the meeting.

6. DVD's. Judie Popplewell did a report on the DVD Library. Herself and Paula Hawkes have been keepers of the DVD Library for a year now, and will carry on for another year. With purchases over the past year the Library is now at over 100 DVD's. A catalogue with information on each DVD will be compiled and mailed out to the membership. This way members can make more informed decisions prior to a meeting as to what DVD's they want to rent out. In order to compile the catalogue, it was requested that all DVD's be returned to the Library by the May meeting. Also, members who have lost DVD's are to reimburse the Calgary Chapter so that replacements can be ordered. A user fee of \$5 is being proposed starting in September. This fee, plus late fees, is being proposed to be used to replace broken or worn out DVD's and possibly purchase new ones. Garry Kaye indicated that this proposal should be reviewed at the Executive level before being rolled out to the general membership.

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7. Showing Opportunity at Palliser Art and Framing. Sharon Williams read an email from Allan Brown, the owner of Palliser Art and Framing. Last of the renovations are being worked on. Anticipate an opening of May 5 or 6. Website is being set up. Hope to have the website running next week. Considering doing a flyer mailing through Canada Post. Ron Czemerer, liaison between the Calgary Chapter and Palliser Art and Framing, reviewed a one page handout on the showing details. Shows will start out as group shows, but there will be solo opportunities in the future. One wall, 24' long x 9' high will be made available to the Calgary Chapter for shows that will be 3 months in duration. Ron Czemerer to send out an email to the membership on how to apply for a showing. About 20 paintings will be selected from emails on a first come first serve basis. Palliser Art and Framing will charge a 40% commission. The handling of GST was reviewed. Palliser Art and Framing will have insurance coverage and an alarm system, and will handle the advertising. Each participating artist can also do their own advertising, and will need to sign a simple letter agreement. The shows will be open to Active and Signature members based on previously juried work over the past 2 years.

8. Honorary Chapter Memberships. Garry Kaye announced Honorary Chapter Memberships for three members: Janie Lockwood, Tami Hort, and Rosemary Bennett, for their contributions to the Chapter. From this point forward these members will not be required to pay annual fees to the Chapter. Kathy Hildebrandt was also named, but she declined as she is an AFCA, and hence doesn't pay Chapter fees because of her title. However, Garry stated that she should still be honoured.

9. Annual General Meeting.

Garry Kaye circulated a list of nominates for the five executive positions. The nominees for the year 2015/16 are:

President - Bob McAllister, First Vice President - Sherry Telle, Second Vice President - Tami Hort, Secretary - Ron Czemerer, Treasurer - Kathy Hildebrandt

Garry asked for one vote to elect all of the above officers. A show of hands indicated a unanimous acceptance.

Kathy Hildebrandt asked for a round of applause from the membership for Garry Kaye in his role as President for the past 3 years.

10. Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Linda Wilder, seconded by Janie Lockwood. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Following the meeting Vancouver President Andrew McDermott did a pastel demo. The winner of the door prize painting was Sherry Telle.

Submitted by Ron Czemerer



Andrew McDermott workshop group.
Photo by Tami Hort

The Ride to Conquer Cancer

For the seventh year now, I will be participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer. This two day, 200+KM challenge, raises valuable dollars for Alberta Cancer Foundation for research and treatment. Like many of you, I have been touched personally by cancer especially in the last couple of years when I have lost friends to this disease and

others have heard the words "you have cancer". My team and I are committed to raising over \$100,000 for this ride. If you would like to make a donation to support the Ride to Conquer Cancer you can do so at: <http://conquercancer.ca> and click the yellow "Donate Now!" button. Tax receipts will be emailed immediately.

I am also selling poster prints of my original painting titled "Ready, Set, Ride!" for \$25 each, with all proceeds benefitting the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Contact me at dawn@heinemeyer.ca to purchase a poster.

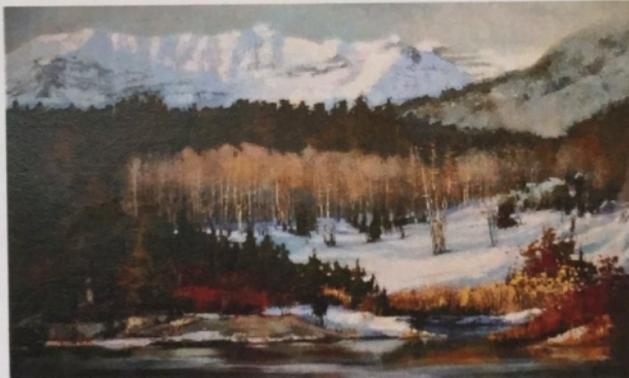
Thanks for your support

Dawn Heinemeyer, AFCA, ASA



Linda Wilder

May 18 - 23, 2015



Artist In Residence And Exhibition

Reception

Saturday, May 23, 2015

2PM - 5PM

Artist in Attendance

Mountain Galleries at the Fairmont Banff Springs

Shopping Promenade Level, Next to Wine Boutique

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Alcohol Inks on Yupo Sampler Workshop

Saturday, May 16th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

\$75.00 per person

Some Supplies Included



with
Sherry Telle

Class will be held at
Kensington Art Supply,
6999 11 Street SE
Calgary
Register now by
phoning
(403) 283-2288!

Alcohol inks are vibrant acid free transparent inks. It is a very versatile medium that dries quickly and produces amazing results. Some of the best effects can be achieved on Yupo a polypropylene (plastic) surface that is acid free and archival.

In this 3 hour class we will explore a few techniques to get you started on a very addictive medium! This class is suitable for everyone from first time painter to the experienced artist.

We will explore how the inks move and react on the yupo surface pouring and moving the inks around on the yupo to give you a feel for what can be accomplished with this medium. You will learn how to control the flow and how to achieve vibrant results by choosing colours that blend well together.

We will experiment with blending solutions and different strengths of alcohol to see what effects different solutions can bring to your project.

You will learn different textural effects, spatter, resist stamping, lifting, dragging, blowing through a straw and painting.

This is a class for experimentation and the sheer joy of creating!

All materials you need will be supplied for this workshop, just show up with your paint clothes on. These inks are indelible and will not come out, so please don't wear good clothing!

Kathy Hildebrandt, ASA,SCA,PAC,MPAC,AFCA,PSA is thrilled to have her pastel work included in three upcoming exhibitions, two of them in the US.

Things Go Better With (pastel, 16x28) and **Games Pieces IX** (pastel, 12x12) have been accepted into the International Association of Pastel Society's 26th Juried Exhibition to be held in Albuquerque, NM in June 2015.



Things Go Better With was also selected as a finalist in the Richeson 75 Still Life and Floral 2015 exhibition. This is an online exhibition which starts on May 18, 2015. This painting, along with **The Art of Art**, **Monopoly Meets Mondrian** and **Animal Party** will be published in their exhibition book in early June.



The Pepsi Generation and **Monopoly Meets Mondrian** were accepted into the Pastel Artists.Ca 24th Annual Purely Pastel exhibition being held at Federation Gallery from May 12 to 24th. This is a unique event in having Canada's national pastel association hold its annual exhibition at Federation Gallery.