



# FEDERATION OF CANADIAN ARTISTS Calgary Chapter

## President's Message

Hello all. So once again we find ourselves on the threshold of a new beginning. In these troubling times I'm finding it a little difficult to glibly wish you a Happy New Year. Terrorists terrorizing, polar ice melting, the Loonie plummeting, "the Donald" Trumpeting, plenty of "dooming" and "glooming" to go around. So what are we to do?

Perhaps Seikilos, the Greek composer who carved his epitaph in stone over 2000 years ago can help. The Epitaph of Seikilos is the oldest surviving complete melody known to exist. The lyrics include this encouragement, "While you live, shine". That's "Hozon zes, phainou" for you Greek scholars. Thank you Seikilos. I needed that!

Our optimism, our hope, asks us to believe in better days to come, to believe that beauty and truth can not only endure but thrive. As artists it is one of our challenges to embrace this belief. I know that there are times when we all get caught up in the "how" of our art, managing the medium or the technique, but let's not forget the "why" of our art making. Beauty, truth and more!

The "how" of art making has little difficulty finding expression in language but a great painting, like great music, often defies our ability to frame it in words. When we see or hear great art we have no doubt that we have been moved. My hope is that this year we will embrace the "message", not just the "medium", that our art will give voice to our optimism and hope.

*If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint.*  
Edward Hopper

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Peace - Bob McAllister

## Program Opportunity

at General Meeting  
January 19, 2016

First six members who reply  
to Nadine Johnson at  
[nhj@shaw.ca](mailto:nhj@shaw.ca)  
will participate in the evening  
session

Barbara Amos

## Assessing Your Own Art Work

Participating artists will be  
notified prior to meeting and  
asked to bring 4 pieces of  
unframed art for discussion

# Program - January 19, 2016

Assessing Your Own Art Work, with Barbara Amos. Lecture will follow business meeting.

“Each artist creates work with varying intent. It is important to understand what we are trying to achieve and to develop some ability to assess our own work. Yet objectivity in such a personal endeavor can be problematic.” This talk and session will assist in developing the skills of assessment and hopefully bring together a group that can be collaborative and self sustaining in moving their artistic practice forward.

Six people will each bring 4 artworks for discussion. (Please do not bring framed artwork. We are artists discussing our process in a positive and supportive way. Framed artwork implies that it is finished which closes the discussion process.)

About Barbara Amos: Barbara is a graduate of the University of Waterloo who has been awarded scholarships and international residencies. She has completed 4 public art commissions and is represented by galleries in Toronto and Calgary. She has been active as a juror for municipal public art commissions, artist run centres, and has served on non-profit arts boards. Her most recent work is a temporal project about water and civic engagement. She was honoured with an Arts Advocacy Award from CARFAC in 2014.

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## SHERRY TELLE

### INK ON YUPO PAPER

Welcome to the fascinating world of painting with alcohol inks. This bright, beautiful medium offers amazing spontaneity and unlimited possibilities. Alcohol inks are acid free, very fast drying, highly pigmented inks.



Working with the inks is a lesson in letting go and learning to literally go with the flow! It is highly addictive and cathartic and all about having fun! In this workshop we will look at how this new and very different medium moves and flows. We will be experimenting with different tools, techniques and ideas. It is an exciting, challenging, unpredictable and very liberating medium I can't wait to share with you!

Registration is open to the public, A Workshop fee of of \$40 (member) applies; (Non Members) \$80. This workshop will be completed in one day. Registration will be based on a first come - first served basis. Please register by paypal but if you are unable please fill out the registration form and mail complete with payment to:

Tami Hort Lathwell  
c/o FCA Workshops  
181 Tipping Close,  
Airdrie, Alberta T4A2A5.

Once registration and payment have been confirmed and received a complete list of instructions with additional information for the workshop will be emailed to you. The link for paypal, or the form

<http://www.fcacalgary.ca/workshops.htm>



DATE and TIME  
Jan 23 , 2016  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
LOCATION  
Cactus Art Supply  
532 Manitou Rd  
SE  
Calgary T2G4C2



For more info.:Please contact

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## Federation of Canadian Artists – Calgary Chapter

General Monthly Meeting: November 17, 2015  
Lakeview Community Centre

President, Bob McAllister, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 33 members in attendance.

- 1. Casino, November 21-22, 2015.** Bob McAllister and Kathy Hildebrandt reported that everything is in place for the casino. The FCA will have bottled water available in the volunteer room. However, the pop, chips and chocolate bars that will be in the volunteer room are not complimentary. If anyone from the FCA takes any of these, we will be charged for it. Instead we have a \$20 budget for food at 3 cafes and restaurants. There is one restaurant within the complex that is not open to us. We now have a new storage place for our equipment and materials. Ken Thomas is no longer storing any FCA items at his house. Several items that are considered unnecessary were brought to the meeting to be taken by anyone at the meeting who is interested in them. Some financial records that are dated now where purged.
- 2. Treasurer's Report.** Kathy Hildebrandt reported that there is \$8,500 in the General Account. There is \$40,000 in the Casino Account that will expire in May, 2016. Kathy asked that anyone with outstanding expenses submit an expense form to her before December 31, 2015.
- 3. Applications for Donations from the Casino Fund.** The FCA, Calgary Chapter, will be accepting applications from outside art organizations for funding from our Casino Account. Sherry Telle is in the process of designing the application form, and it should be available on the website by the end of the year.
- 4. King Edward High School (C-Space Opportunity).** Bob McAllister informed the membership that a major renovation is underway at the Kind Edward High School to convert it into an art venue. This facility is now being referred to as C-Space. They have spoken to Bob about the FCA, Calgary Chapter, potentially utilizing this space for shows. There will be 10 opportunities for us to share this space over the next year. Sherry Telle is to send out a link to the membership so that we all can become more informed about this opportunity.
- 5. 35th Anniversary Celebration.** Caran Magaw is now heading up committees to evaluate various options in celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Quite a few members have signed up already to be part of the various committees that will be reporting to her. There will be 5 areas that the celebration will be divided amongst.

These are:

- 1) A gala event
- 2) An art show
- 3) An art magazine
- 4) An art conference, and
- 5) A marketing committee

We all will be looking forward to what the various committees will be proposing during the initial meetings next year.

The meeting was adjourned by Bob McAllister at 7:20 PM, which was followed by a break and the program for the evening.

# Member News

## Kathy Hildebrandt

Kathy Hildebrandt ASA, SCA, PAC, MPAC, AFCA, PSA, IAPS/MC is one of three featured artists in the February 2016 issue of the Pastel Journal. The article, titled "**Worlds of Whimsy**" spotlights Kathy's still life pastel work that features toys and other objects from the past. The issue will be on newsstands in January.



Kathy is also very honored to have been inducted into the **Master Circle** of the **International Association of Pastel Societies (IAPS)**. Entrance into this prestigious group is earned by successful entry into their exhibitions which features pastel artists world wide. Kathy will receive her Master Circle medallion at the IAPS convention in 2017.

## Membership Renewal

Lastly, we would like to remind our members that **memberships expired as of December 31st**. If you haven't already done so, renew your membership now [online](#) and join us for our big **35th anniversary year!** Remember to renew both the Calgary Chapter and the Vancouver Chapter at the same time!

### Next meeting

of the Calgary Chapter of the FCA will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7 pm at Lakeview Community Centre, 6110 – 34<sup>th</sup> Street SW

### Members

**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](mailto:cmagaw@shaw.ca) by January 25th for the February 2016 Newsletter.