



# Newsletter



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## **April, 2010 Edition** **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Programs: 7:00 PM Thursdays, Wildwood Community Centre

Board Meetings: 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month, Grace Presbyterian Church

- Apr. 8 Annual General Meeting. You will be asked to vote on last year's Annual General Meeting minutes and the 2008/09 audited financial report.
- Apr. 15 Painting exchange. Bring your painting wrapped in brown paper. You will receive a number, and according to the number you get, you will get your turn to choose a painting. For some painters who have only large paintings, or spent much time even doing a small 6"x9" painting, a nice pencil sketch can be beautiful as well.
- Apr. 22 Pastel demo with Loretta Secord.
- Apr. 29 Garage Sale. Bring what you want to sell or give it away. In turn you may pick up something you really like. Paintings are also welcome, but remember, it's a garage sale.
- May 6 Pizza Party and Awards Evening. Please see an explanation of the various awards later in this Newsletter.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

This is a reminder to all members regarding the \$20 easel fee that has been implemented to offset the storage and transfer costs of the Club's easels to and from our shows. If you haven't paid up for last year, and there are many members who haven't, could you please forward your fee to Ian Lees and make sure your cheques are made **payable to the Calgary Sketch Club**. If you are unsure whether you have paid or not, please contact Ian at 403-241-0557 or talk to him during a Club meeting. Ian will gladly let you know whether you have made your payment or not as he has been keeping a written record of who has paid and hasn't paid. Ian Lees' mailing address is 299 Citadel Peak Circle NW Calgary, Alberta T3G 4E8.

**DON'T FORGET** – Membership fees are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for the coming year and those who haven't yet paid their easel fees for the year, this is also a reminder to do so. There are still a few who haven't. Membership fees still stand at \$50.00 for the year. At the latest Board of Directors meeting in January, it was determined there will be no easel fees implemented for this coming year.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 8th**

The Annual General Meeting will be conducted on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Included in this month's Newsletter are the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting and the Financial Statements for the previous Club year. You will be asked to approve:

- 1) Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting
- 2) Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements
- 3) Auditor's Appointment
- 4) Fee Structure for the next fiscal year

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs will present their annual reports and hand in a copy to the Secretary.

## **FILLING OF THE CLUB BOARD SLATE FOR NEXT YEAR**

There are still a number of positions that are open for the 2010/2011 Club Year.

### **Secretary**

Attendance at all of the General and Board Meetings will be required to minute each meeting and distribute the same to the other members of the Board. Also, the Secretary is responsible to file an Annual Return to the Government of Alberta. For further information please contact Margaret McGruther at 403-249-9924 or [mmcgruth@shaw.ca](mailto:mmcgruth@shaw.ca)

### **Treasurer**

This position involves leading a small number of helpers in keeping up the books for the Club and to write the cheques to cover the expenses for the Club, as well as paying members who have sold paintings at the Shows. In addition, an annual audit report will need to be coordinated using an outside auditor. A report will be required at General and Board meetings to keep the membership informed of the financial status of the Club. For further information please contact Virginia Carr at 403-239-4567 or [virg@mcgregoredward.com](mailto:virg@mcgregoredward.com)

### **Show Chairperson**

This position involves leading a committee of members that organize and run each of the Shows that occur throughout the Club year. Instructions for each show will be required that will be published in the Newsletter at the appropriate times throughout the Club year. A report will be required at General and Board meetings to keep the membership informed as to the performance of each of the Shows and to provide instructions to the members participating in the Shows. For further information on this open position please contact Maureen Maryka at 403-241-2487 or [mrmaryka@shaw.ca](mailto:mrmaryka@shaw.ca)

### **Newsletter Editor**

A total of eight Newsletters will be required throughout the Club year to inform the membership of various activities and announcements. Mail outs will be required to members on an email list as well as on the Canada Post snailmail list. For further information please contact Ron Czemerer at 403-239-8008 or [ronczem@telusplanet.net](mailto:ronczem@telusplanet.net)

## **PIZZA/AWARDS PARTY YEAREND WINDUP**

The annual Pizza/Awards Party will be held on Thursday, May 6th, 2010 at the Wildwood Community Hall where we normally meet on Thursday evenings. The event will start at 6:00 PM with drinks followed by the pizza delivery at around 6:30 PM. There will be no cost to members. If a member wishes to bring their spouse, or a guest, then that would be at a cost of \$10.00. Virginia Carr is requesting help to put this event together. Please contact Virginia at 403-239-4567 or [virg@mcgregoredward.com](mailto:virg@mcgregoredward.com)

## **CARDS AND FLOWERS**

Cards and flowers have been sent to:

Sheila Bestianich on the passing of her husband  
Bruce Jones following a heart attack  
Jimmie Miller in encouragement through a lasting illness  
Wilda Wolf on the occasion of her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
Jean Mekitiak after knee surgery  
Shirley Marquardt prior to surgery  
Carolyn Oldale-Adams on the passing of her husband

Donations were sent to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of John Bestianich and Ryan Adams. Delightful “thank you” notes were received from recipients.

Sheila Brinsmead

## **WORKSHOPS**

The Workshop Program for the 2009/2010 Club Year has been completed. Thanks to Janey Luc-German for arranging all of the Workshops over the past year. There are a couple of other opportunities available, they are:

A day with Carlson – taught by Jerry Markham ([www.jerrymarkham.com](http://www.jerrymarkham.com))

This is a one day workshop that delves into the ideas of John F. Carlson in his book.

Business of Art – taught by Leah Markham ([www.artmarketingbusiness.com](http://www.artmarketingbusiness.com))

This workshop encompasses an overview and introduction of a number of topics that contribute to the success of an artist.

For additional information, please contact Janey Luc-German at 403-274-4655 or [janeylucgerman@hotmail.com](mailto:janeylucgerman@hotmail.com)

## A BIT OF HISTORY REGARDING OUR AWARDS

As mentioned in a previous article in this Newsletter, the Pizza/Awards wrap up meeting/dinner is coming up on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Here is a bit of history and an explanation of the awards that will be given out at this function.

**Margaret Shelton Trophy** A Jurors' Choice selected at a juried show, usually in the fall and has been awarded since 1988. It is an original Shelton watercolour of Mt. Rundle and a plaque. Eligibility is once every 5 years.

**Bert Earle Trophy** A Members' Choice selected at a juried show, usually in the spring and has been awarded since 1975. It is a quartz clock on an oak base. Eligibility is once every 5 years.

**Ernie Lamm Trophy** Best pleine-air painting done and selected at Spring Camp and has been awarded since 1971. It is a plaque featuring Lamm's engraving of the Three Sisters Mountain.

**J. O. Jones Trophy** Best pleine-aire painting done and selected at Fall Camp and has been awarded since 1970. It is a barometer.

**Gissing Achievement Trophy** For art achievement either in the Club or the Community and has been awarded since 1968. It is a plaque mounted with brushes.

**Gissing Appreciation Trophy** For Club appreciation and has been awarded since 1991. It is a plaque mounted with brushes.

**Big Four Trophy** For outstanding service to the Club, voted on by the Past Presidents since 1985. It is a whale soapstone sculpture on a walnut base. This award is in recognition of our four founding members: Bert Earle, Harry Hunt, Bessie Barnes and G. O. Jones.

**Jeanette McClelland Trophy** For Programs achievement and has been awarded since 1985.

**McAra Printing Award** A member's painting is chosen for McAra Printing's Christmas Card and has been awarded since 1979. The artist receives cards and prints of the chosen painting.

**Memorial Scholarship** Replaces a High School Scholarship discontinued in 1988. It is a certificate and \$500 awarded to a second year Alberta College of Art and Design student for painting on traditional paper or canvas. It is selected by three Club members.

**Life Membership** For a member that has been active in the Club for at least 15 years and have made substantial contribution to the Club, such as serving on the Board. Suggestions are submitted by members and decided on by the Board. Not awarded every year.

## **SHOW NEWS**

There is one remaining Show in the 2009/10 Club Year.

Dalhousie Community Centre, 5432 Dalhart Rd., NW Apr. 17/10 10:00 to 3:00

### **NEXT SHOW IS AT DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY CENTRE, APRIL 17, 2010**

**The Show will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Organizing Committee – Colin Bell (288-7751) and Maureen Maryka (241-2487)**

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE DALHOUSIE SHOW**

INVENTORY SHEETS AND FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST, 8TH, AND 15<sup>TH</sup>.

GENERALLY A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE DALHOUSIE SHOW, SO SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM. ONLY ONE EASEL PER ARTIST WILL BE ALLOWED, SO BE SURE YOUR PAINTINGS WILL FIT.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE TABLE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR VARIOUS SIZES OF PAINTINGS, *NOT JUST SMALL ONES AS IN THE PAST*. SPACE IS LIMITED HOWEVER, SO PLEASE READ FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. Note: There are size restrictions for table pieces. See New Inventory sheet.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE 8 CORNER SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR LARGER PAINTINGS. WE WILL DRAW NAMES FOR THE PEOPLE WANTING THESE SPOTS IF MORE THAN 8 PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED. Colin Bell 288-7751 will be keeping a list of people with paintings larger than 30". Please inform him ASAP if you are wanting one of those spots.

*The draw will take place at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.* If you are awarded a corner easel, it is in addition to your other easel, but you will be exempt from entering any table paintings.

### **\*\*\*NEW INVENTORY SHEETS FOR DALHOUSIE SHOW\*\*\***

In an effort to maximize space at the show, Colin Bell has designed a new inventory sheet. A copy of the new inventory sheet is included for your viewing. The new sheets will be available March 21 through April 15. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU COMPLETE YOUR 3 INVENTORY SHEETS AND PAY \$15 HANGING FEE BY APRIL 8. Although we will be accepting these until April 15, it would really help the organizing committee to have numbers of participants and paintings well ahead of the show.

## **SHOW NEWS, Cont'd**

### **THE DAY OF THE SHOW: April 17**

Please arrive between 9:00 (NOT BEFORE) and not later than 9:30. Please wait outside until side door opens. Place your own paintings on easels. You do not need to display all your works together. When placing work on tables, we'll be using the back upper shelf for medium and larger painting (no table easel required) and smaller ones on table easels in front on lower level. Be sure to bring your 3<sup>rd</sup> copy of the New Inventory Sheet and check in with a co-member. Be sure all the titles and prices match. Tie on your painting with a soft tie provided (*not* the zip-ties we use at Elveden). Be sure each painting has a Calgary Sketch Club (not your own home-made version) cardstock card on the front lower right corner – place on easel if possible. Also, a label card must be on back upper left corner, as well as a business card and/or biography if possible

Everybody please bring a tray of goodies – cookies, cheese & crackers, squares, sandwiches, etc.

Ingrid Morberg has very kindly offered to handle the food and beverage once again at this show. She and her crew always do a fabulous job! Thank you so much!

Be sure to sign up for at least one shift the day of the show. If you are participating – YOU MUST PLAN TO WORK! Paintings will not be accepted unless you have signed up for a shift!

Be sure to promote the work of all artists – not just your own! A successful show benefits everybody!

Colin Bell and Maureen Maryka are always happy to answer your questions. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to call.

### **RAFFLE**

As usual, a painting of one of our members will be chosen prior to the show, and raffled off at Dalhousie. Please submit a framed painting no smaller than 9 x 12 (image size) for selection at the April 8 Meeting. \$250.00 will be paid for the winning painting

## **SPRING CAMP**

Spring Camp will be held this year on June 18-25, 2010 at the Stoney Nakoda Resort.

Going west from Calgary on the #1 Highway, turn off into Kananaskis, go south and the Hotel & Casino are right on your left. You can see it from the #1 Highway. It's a beautiful hotel and the location is perfect, and it is practically in the Kananaskis, close to Bow Valley Park, Canmore, and Banff.etc.

Rates: \$ 109 = + tax .p.p this includes:

Room, with 2 double beds

3 meals, continental breakfast, bag lunch, \$20- voucher for dinner

A room for critiques every night from 7-9 PM

Use of hot tub and pool

This is the best offer and location we could find for the Spring Camp.

You can book and ask for group booking for the Calgary Sketch Club, ph.# 403-881- 2830

Book before May 18. After that date they can not keep the rooms for us.

Please let me know if you are planning to go. Either phone me at 403-243-0490 or e-mail me @ [fynebuik@telusplanet.net](mailto:fynebuik@telusplanet.net) ASAP. See you at Camp or before,

Fanny Fynebuik

## **GALLERY CALORIE, 2010**

The Club has received notice of an event called "the Gallery Calorie, 2010" which will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 which is being organized by the Artemis Foundation. The proceeds of the event will go to Servants Anonymous Society of Calgary and the Calgary's Birthday Buddies. The Club has been given the opportunity to participate by showing their pictures in one or more venues along 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. At the last General Meeting more than 10 people indicated a willingness to participate and to donate 20% of any sales to the Foundation. Maureen Maryka will convey this information to the organizer.

## **LIBRARY**

The tapes reported missing earlier have been found. The librarian needs some kind of wheeled contraption to move the books and DVD's back and forth. Members are asked to contact Linda Dochstader if they can help out with this.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

The final Newsletter for the 2009/10 Club Year will be going out in the middle of May, 2010 and will announce the award winners for the past year.

# **CALGARY SKETCH CLUB**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** April 9, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Brian Hindle at 7 pm.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 10, 2008 General Meeting had been circulated. There being no corrections or omissions, Frank McGruther moved that the minutes be adopted as circulated. Audrey Young seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2008 were circulated with the minutes. The Treasurer listed some of the extra expenses incurred by the Club: i.e. expenses for shows, including advertising; insurance; transportation, storage and depreciation of easels; fees for MasterCard and Visa transactions; our planned donation of art to the Children's Hospital; and other community projects. No one has offered to store the easels, and so it will be necessary for members to continue to pay the annual fee of \$20 for this. As sales have been low at recent exhibitions due to the uncertain state of the economy, it may be necessary to make a one-time levy of \$30 per member to supplement the membership dues. By a show of hands members voted unanimously to hold over a decision on this one-time levy until September, by which time the results of the Dalhousie sale will be known.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership, Ian Lees** (*in absentia*) reported that the Club now has 17 Life Members, 94 General Members, and 6 Supporting Members (no Honorary Members), 117 members in all. 9 new members were juried in during the year, and there are 68 people currently on the waiting list. The average attendance at our meetings was 48. The lowest was 31, the highest was 73.

**Workshops, Janey Luc-German** reported that 5 workshops were held during the year, two 2-day, and three 1-day, with an average of 17 participants. This past year there have been workshops in watercolor, oils and acrylics. Next year she would like to hold workshops in pastels, drawing, watercolor, oils and acrylics. Suggestions of teachers and/or workshops that members would like were requested.

**Programs, Gordon Holland** reported that he met with his advisory group (Mary Ann Hews, Virginia Edwards, and Brian Hindle) in August and December to plan programs for the year. There were demonstrations in acrylics, oils, watercolor and pastels, two evenings for critiques, two evenings when visiting artists described their personal development as artists, and another on how to market oneself as an artist, as well as other miscellaneous activities.

**Shows, Maureen Maryka** reported on the four shows held during the year, at Dalhousie in April 2008, Woodgreen Presbyterian Church in October 2008, Elveden in November 2008, and Elveden in February 2009. The shows at Dalhousie in April and at Elveden in November were successful. The result of the sale at Woodgreen Presbyterian Church was disappointing, and so the fall sale will take place at a new venue in 2009. The February show at Elveden also produced fewer sales than expected, due to the low state of the economy. (Details of all the shows are on file with the minutes, and have also been printed in the Newsletter.)

**Publicity:** No report.

**Newsletter, Ron Czemerer** reported that there are now 58 members on the email list, and 59 members on the Canada Post list. With the final issue in May, eight issues of the Newsletter will have been sent out. The Centennial celebration has increased the cost of sending out the Newsletter this year. In order

to reduce future costs of producing and sending out the Newsletter photographs can be eliminated, and some copies of the Annual General Meeting minutes can be distributed at a regular evening meeting before the next AGM, but the financial reports must still be sent out as usual.

**Social, Virginia Carr** reported that she and Laurie Thompson will continue to work on the Social Committee. She said that the Pizza Party worked well last year, and that a similar format would be used this year. There will be a charge of \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. It will start at 6:30 pm.

**Website, Hazel Skavberg** (*in absentia*) reported that 99 artists are featured on the website, of whom 38 have a web page or a link to their own site. A statistic summary indicates that the number of visitors to the website has been increasing, and that they visit more pages, which shows that the upgrade to the site was successful. People who visit the site ask to be put on our mailing list for shows. Jim Graham continues to be our Webmaster.

**Centennial, Ingrid Vincent** reported on the ongoing plans for the Centennial, which include the Leighton Centre show and picnic, details of which have been reported in the Newsletter.

**Grants, Jean Mekitiak** reported that in 2008 a grant of about \$4300 was made to us from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, making a total of about \$14,922 since 2003. A request for a grant for this year has been sent in. Requests for a project grant from Calgary Arts Development Authority were twice refused, but an application to them for an operating grant is outstanding. An application was made to Canadian Heritage – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage. This was turned down. An application to Community Initiatives Program was made last November, with an amendment in January. So far no reply has been received. The committee working with Jean on grants included: Virginia Carr, Jane Romanishko, Hazel Skavberg, and Ingrid Vincent, with information from Ian Lees, George Alig and Gordon Holland. Anyone taking pictures of an event should let the Grants Committee know that photos are available, in case they can make use of them.

**Cards and Flowers, Sheila Brinsmead** reported that it was found to be too expensive to frame gift cards for the young volunteers, but that the cards were matted and shrink wrapped, and looked very attractive. Enough cards were produced to be given to adult volunteers and officials who also helped. A sympathy card was sent to Ian Lees on the death of his father. Cards were sent to Fanny Fynebuik, Linda Dochstader, and Sheila Bestianich. A card was sent to Dorothy Kendrick on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday. This year greater expense has gone to *in memoriams* than in previous years.

**Telephone:** No report.

**Camps, Fanny Fynebuik** reported on Fall Camp at Kiska Inn, Dead Man's Flats. The camp was a great success. 14 artists participated and painted 76 paintings. It was possible to paint every day on location. Fanny was assisted by Joy Tozer.

**Library, Linda Dochstader** reported that insufficient revenue was raised for her to purchase new books and/or DVDs. It was suggested that we revert to the old system of charging rental for items borrowed.

**Motion:** Moved by Linda Dochstader that starting in September \$2.00 be charged for each item borrowed, then after two weeks a \$2.00 fine for items not returned, to be followed by a \$2.00 fine for each subsequent week thereafter. Nancy Osadchuk seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Next week will be the Garage Sale and Painting Exchange. For the benefit of new members, George Alig explained how the Painting Exchange works.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Auditor: As in previous years, Val McGillivray will be our Auditor.

The slate of proposed Officers, Board and Committees was presented as follows:

### Officers:

President - Jim Uniacke  
Past President - Alex Kozub  
Vice President - Brian Hindle  
Secretary - Margaret McGruther  
Membership - Ian Lees  
Treasurer - Susan Mundl, with assistants: Maureen Leitch  
Hazel Skavberg  
Shows - Maureen Maryka

### Board:

Publicity -  
Newsletter Editor - Ron Czemerer  
Programs - George Alig  
Workshops - Janey Luc-German, with assistant: Gwen Hnatuik

### Committees:

Grants - Janet Hankins, with assistant: Jean Mekitiak  
Telephone - Yvette Simm, with assistant: Margita Horacki-  
Kindjerski  
Historian - Geoff Jamieson  
Social - Virginia Carr  
Printed Forms - Alice Graham  
Club Pins - Joan Neely  
Library - Linda Dochstader  
Summer Paint- Outs  
- Ginny Edwards  
Camps - Fanny Fynebuik  
Shows:  
River Park - Edda Reimer  
Elveden - Mary Ann Hews (2 shows)  
Dalhousie - Colin Bell  
Membership - Nancy Osadchuk, May Skakun  
McAra Award - Shirley Marquardt  
Cards & Flowers - Sheila Brinsmead

No further nominations were made from the floor.

Ingrid Vincent moved that nominations be closed. Lauchie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

Lauchie Fleming thanked Ingrid Vincent for her work in picking up pictures from the auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alex Kozub moved that the meeting be adjourned. Brian Hindle adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

