

## February 2015

Tuesday March 10th @1PM will be the next Creative Artists Guild's meeting.

At the First United Friendship Hall in Dunedin. Corner of Wood and Douglas

Bring your art for "Artist of the Month" competition!

Please come with their art work by 12:30 so that their work can be registered in time for voting. If not they will not be able to enter for that meeting.

Scott Suits revealed the winners of the Artist of the month for February and it was a tie again!



Jim Thorne & Carole Loiacono

### March demonstration will be by Sue Hess- "What is Yupo?"

Yupo is a synthetic paper that allows paint to flow freely over the surface creating unique effects, bright colors, and the ability to wipe the color off and reclaim the white of the paper. During this demo she will cover applications of paint and various techniques, then create a painting using a few of these techniques. Come and see what fun it is working on Yupo.

### New Members

Another meeting with new members and guests. June Hein, Heidi Smith, Sue Vertullo, Edward Allen, Mikell Herrick and Sylvia Rieder.

### Creative Artist Guild Dues

CAG Dues are now due January till December so make sure you have paid and that all your information is correct. We are close to having 75% of members paid. Payments can be mailed to Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698. If your dues are not up-to date your name will not be included in our next directory. Our hope is to have the next one as correct as possible. So make sure when you are at a meeting to inform the membership Chair or email Pam to let us know if there are any changes in addresses, phone numbers and definitely email addresses.

## Bylaw Changes

Please bring back your Bylaw Change Ballots to the March meeting. If you are unable to come please send to our PO Box. Keep the sheet with previous changes. The results will be given at the April meeting. All changes need a majority of attending attendees. There have been some members unhappy with the wording of the changes as well as some of the changes. If this is a concern of yours, you should definitely be on the ByLaw Changes Committee next year.

## Nominating committee

Nominating committee has been busy putting together the Board for next season. So please let Pam Mc Farland, Elaine Mc Cormick, Carole Carolle or Ruth Federsoyen if you are interested in helping with any of our committees. There will be sign up sheets at the March meeting

## CAG Spring Luncheon

CAG Spring Luncheon at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center in April 2015. We will be having a juried Art Show and ribbons and awards will be given. The date will be on a Wednesday and not a Tuesday, with another luncheon booked at the art center. As soon as the menu and the location is locked down, you will be notified. We had such a wonderful result from the Toys for Tots at our Winter Luncheon, that we will have a Food Bank Donation as a feature of our Spring Luncheon. So please bring an item or items of non-perishable food to be donated to a local food bank in Dunedin

## “Art in the Park”

- ❖ Next “Art in the Park” is March 8th 10pm-4pm
- ❖ In February again the weather was terrific and all of the attending Artists were busy with interested patrons.
- ❖ The Pioneer Park shows are held on the second Sunday of the month and the cost of registration is \$20 for one show, or \$50 for three shows. Sign up early and prepay by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. There is to be no sharing of spaces.
- ❖ The fee should be mailed to CAG by the 1<sup>st</sup> of that month to Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698
  - ❖ “Art in the Park” now has a calendar of the Art in the Parks for the rest of the year, so if you are interested in making copies to give out, please contact Pam McFarland.

## Plein Air:

Carol Crumrine announced that the Tuesday morning Plein Air group is meeting

February and March at the Safety Harbor Pier. Take Sunset Point Road to where it dead-ends at the Spa, and go around in back of the Spa to the Pier. There is parking there, and recently the artists saw manatees in the water.

Come at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings and pack a lunch. Carol advises us to also bring a camera.

## Curso Rapido

One Day Plein Air event in Palm Harbor on Saturday March 14. Sponsored by the Lions Club of Palm Harbor. All media are welcome - pastels, watercolors, oils, acrylics, pen-ink, pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, even mixed media. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Proceeds from the event will go to support the club's vision assistance programs in Pinellas County. PA artists should contact Lion Jim Throne at [throne1797@gmail.com](mailto:throne1797@gmail.com) for registration forms and details about registration location, painting locations, display/review/judging location, and all other details

Carole Loiacano

Plein Air painting Lessons Wednesday 9:30-12 various locations in Pinellas County for \$10 per class. She will also be teaching Plein Air at the Brooker Creek Preserve every other Saturday morning, at 9:30am, cost is \$15

## Venues:

- Two Palm Soaps: the owner is downsizing and CAG is currently not displaying there.
- Marguerite's restaurant: there were two sales recently.
- Country Harvest: Arlen sold two paintings there.
- MJ Fashions: schedule filled currently.
- Polly asked for all members to be on the look-out for additional venues where we can display our work.

We all always love to hear about Workshops, Plein Air Groups, Shows, Competitions or Venues in our neighborhood.

So please let us know about any art related events in the area



### **Art in the Area**

Art Trysts Studio 1490 N Belcher Rd. Suite K, Clearwater, 33765

First Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm-8pm

Welcome to the newest member Deirdre Rivera. Meet the artists & see their latest works in progress.

Workshop news - Jane Slivka, April 23rd & 24th. The freedom of Acrylics.

Toni Young - May 8th - Abstracting from life.

[www.arttrysts.com](http://www.arttrysts.com)

### Sharon Swallowood

Monday, March 16, 6:30-8 pm Opening Reception

Sharon Swallowood is exhibiting her photography at the Safety Harbor Library- March and April.

On display will be at least thirty pictures ranging from scenic travel to wildlife.

### Studio 1212 Art Gallery

1405 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33755-(727) 446-4566

**Artist Critique-March 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 10:30 am**

**Additional Critique added on Saturdays- March 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

Free and open to the public. Bring up to 3 unfinished, unframed artworks for friendly advice and comment.

### 7 Arches Art Gallery & Boutique

Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day Celebration

Local artists Art Work for sale, food, music, door prizes. Meet the Artists.

Event is FREE: 1248 CR One Dunedin in the Winn-Dixie Plaza (727) 724-4278

### Crystal Beach Artist Group(CBAGS) "Art in the Park"

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am-400pm

Local Artists Presenting Their Creations - Oils, Acrylics, Photography, Jewelry and More

Looking to fill the Park! If interested in showing please the cost is \$25. Sign up at meeting or contact

Carole Rosefelt 727-796-5465

Oak Park - Crystal Beach- On the Gulf-Crystal Beach Road off of Alt 19

# Creative Artists Guild General Meeting Minutes

**February 10, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by CAG President Polly Berlin.

Several guests were welcomed, along with five new members: June Hein, Heidi Smith, Sue Vertullo, Edward Allen and Mikell Herrick.

Polly thanked Mary Ann Tucci for organizing today's refreshments and announced that a sign up sheet is in the back, near the kitchen, for members to bring snacks to future meetings.

**Secretary:** The minutes from last month's meeting on January 15 were published in the January edition of The Brushfire. Minutes from today's meeting will be published in the next issue. Polly asked the new members to make sure that Pam has a correct email address for them. (For corrections or additions to minutes, please email Mary Beth at: [mbmcdonell@yahoo.com](mailto:mbmcdonell@yahoo.com))

**Treasurer:** Carole Carroll reported that our beginning balance this month was \$3339.00, with additional income of \$1475 and expenses of \$921, for a new balance of \$3913.79. The current membership count of paid members is 111, with 27 members who have not yet paid dues for 2015. Mary Beth made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Scott.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Polly reviewed the closing of our show at Stirling, with one of our members (Donna Plunkett) selling a piece from the show. Our Christmas luncheon's Toys for Tots donations earned us a certificate of thanks from the organization.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Artist of the month for February: Scott announced that 14 artists participated this month and the voting resulted in a tie, between Carol Loiacano and Jim Throne. For future meetings, Scott asked the members to please come with their art work by 12:30 pm so that their art can be registered in time for voting.

By Law Changes: All members who are current with 2015 dues paid are eligible to take home a ballot at the close of today's meeting. It was explained that each member should read the proposed changes at home, mark their votes on their ballots, and either mail the completed ballot to the CAG P.O. Box address in Dunedin (see below), or bring their ballots to the next general meeting in March.

Nominating Committee: Committee members were asked to stand and identify themselves, as Polly explained that they will be making phone calls to members over the next few weeks, to ascertain who might be interested in serving on the CAG Board of Directors.

CAG Spring Luncheon at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center in April 2015: There will be an art show, with judging, and awards will be given. Pam is working on the menu with the DFAC café staff. The date has not been decided upon but will probably be either the second Monday or the second Wednesday in April, as the second Tuesday, our usual meeting day, has been booked already at DFAC. More details will be published in The Brushfire.

Polly asked the members at the meeting to consider a Food Bank Donation as a feature of our Spring Luncheon, where we could bring an item of non-perishable food to be donated to a local food bank in Dunedin. A show of hands indicated that all are in favor, and the suggestion approved

## **Other Committees:**

**Pioneer Park:** Sue Whalen reported that 27 artists displayed their work last Sunday Feb 8, and that many sold their work. Due to increased participation, it has been decided that from now on ONLY CAG MEMBERS will be allowed to participate at our Pioneer Park shows. The sign up sheet is at the back of the room for the next two months (\$20 per show.) If a member cannot sign up at a general meeting, the registration fee should be mailed to CAG by the 1<sup>st</sup> of that month to **Creative Artist Guild, PO Box 324, Dunedin, FL 34698**

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**Curso Rapido:** Jim Throne announced a One Day Plein Air event in Palm Harbor on Saturday March 14, sponsored by the Lions Club of Palm Harbor. Artists should plan to register at Pop Stansell Park in the morning, then find a place (there are many great locales) in the Palm Harbor area to paint or draw, all mediums welcome. The event ends at 4 PM with a judge who will give awards. Jim placed registration forms and other information on a table at the back of the room.

## **Venues:**

Marguerite's restaurant: change art work today, sign up sheet in the back.

Country Harvest: trying to switch the change-out to Tuesday meeting day, but not this month.

MJ Fashions: schedule filled currently.

**Brushfire:** Pam McFarland asked that all members, and especially the new ones, be sure to give her the correct email address for online editions of The Brushfire.

## **Other New Business and Announcements**

Various workshops and classes were offered to CAG members, from Studio 1212 (adding a Critique Day on Saturdays) and from Art Tryst. Information and brochures are on tables at the back of the room.

Seven Arches Gallery in Dunedin: Michelle Alonso reminded us that on Saturday Feb 14 the gallery will hold their monthly Art Walk, beginning at noon with refreshments, and with a shoe decorating contest.

Stirling Gallery: our members who belong to The Pastel Society of Tampa Bay are currently showing their work at Stirling and the opening reception is Friday Feb 13 from 5:30 to 8 PM.

Carole Loiacano reminded the members that she is teaching Plein Air painting on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 AM to noon in various locations in Pinellas County. The cost is \$10 per class and the schedule of locations is on a table at the back of the room. She will also be teaching Plein Air at the Brooker Creek Preserve every other Saturday morning, beginning at 9:30 AM, cost is \$15. Information is on a table at the back of the room.

One of our members announced that she knows of possible studio space that might become available for CAG artists, in a building off of Broadway in Dunedin, near the Stirling Gallery. Information on rental of this space (\$600/month) will be sent to Pam to put in the Brushfire.

The meeting was adjourned by Polly at 1:35 pm, to break for refreshments and to prepare for the portrait painting demo by Jim Throne.

Submitted by Mary Beth McDonell-February 10, 2015