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Brushfire News

Creative Artists Guild

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MARCH MEETING LOCATION

Where: First United Friendship Hall (First United Methodist Church) in Dunedin. The hall is located at the corner of Wood Street & Douglas Ave.

When: 1:00pm, Tuesday, March 8th

Parking: Park by the Friendship Hall (at the corner of Wood St. & Douglas Ave)

THE APRIL SPRING LUNCHEON

Please be aware that our spring luncheon has been moved to the third Tuesday of April, the 19th, and will not be on the usual second Tuesday. The Dunedin Country Club had to bump us out of our normal meeting day. Unfortunately, nothing can be done to change this, therefore we appreciate your understanding. This information will be relayed at our March meeting and a reminder will be put in the April Brushfire.

DISPLAYING ART: CURRENT MEMBERS

If you are bringing art to be displayed, please have it in by 12:30pm as the meeting will commence promptly at 1:00pm. Voting will take place before the meeting.

NEW COVER CONTEST

This is a contest to design the cover for next year's members' booklet. Please make the design in black and white, the size of the current booklet (8.5"x5.5"), and only submit original work. Entries must be submitted by the start of the March meeting and will be judged that day. Voting will take place the first ten minutes of break. The results of the winner will be announced at the end of break (in the event of a tie, the board will make the decision at its next meeting). The winner will be on display at the luncheon.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Carole Loiacono's "Morning on Summit Avenue" (oil on canvas) will be displayed in the Dune-din Library. Congratulations, Carole!

CAG BRAGS

Congratulations to Elaine Schilp, Francine Henderson, and Andy Rutkai who had their first-time sales at Marguerites! Also, an additional congratulation goes to Francine Henderson who, within a month of her sale at Marguerites, sold another painting at Two Palm Soaps!

Andrea Stearman's work is currently on display in the front window of Florida Craftsman, St. Petersburg. Congratulations Andrea!

Congratulations to Ann Warren for winning third place in the member's exhibit at the Dune-din Fine Arts Center for her mixed media piece, "Right at Home"!

WORKSHOPS

"POURING A POWERFUL PAINTING " with Sue Allen, past President of the Florida Watercolor Society. March 18th in Palm Harbor's Harbor Hall from 9:30-3:00p.m. Paint with watercolor or acrylic, on paper or canvas. Materials List. Cost is \$40 . Sign up with Kathy Rabold either by email: ophms_art@yahoo.com or phone: (727) 219-0022.

JOINING CAG: NEW MEMBERS

Anyone wishing to join our organization should join at a meeting first. If they wish to display their art at a venue, they can make arrangements at a subsequent meeting. Contact one of the jury members and bring three current pieces to a future meeting. The pieces will be judged before the meeting starts. Please note, you must join the guild first before making an appointment to have your artwork juried.

JURY ARRANGEMENTS

All work to be juried must be current (within two years), original work, prepared for hanging, and have titles listed. A minimum of three pieces must be submitted. Composition, quality of medium, and presentation will all be considered. The decision of the jury will be mailed within one week of the meeting. You must be juried-in to show at any venues.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember to pay the annual renewal fee early so that the Membership Booklets can be assembled. You can download the membership renewal form off the CAG website by going to www.creative-artists-guild.com, click on "CAG Community", click on "Announcements", and use the link provided. Mail the form with your check for \$20 (annual dues) to either:

Pamela Beyersdorf
13407 106th Ave.
Largo, FL 33774

OR

Barbara Shultz
10405 Monarch Drive
Largo, FL 33774-5014

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	Phyllis Dumdie	669-7462	pdumdie@tampabay.rr.com
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Greeters	Renie Lundquist	712-9321	
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Refreshments	Maryann Tucci	796-5359	maryann_art@hotmail.com

● Unless otherwise noted, all area codes are 727 ●

ART SHOWS

Don't forget, the February 26th outdoor show is this weekend! Remember, we are advertizing and putting up directional signs at Pioneer Park to indicate our show has moved to Edgewater Park. As stated in last month's newsletter, if you know anyone who could provide some quality music by playing guitar, or another instrument, they are more than welcome to join us! Music can attract more people! Also, this year you are free to set up tents, tables or easels. We need to really show up BIG! We hope you'll come!

We have yet to determine if March's outdoor show will be on Saturday the 26th or Sunday, the 27th. There will be a sign-up sheet for both days at the next meeting and the decision will be made then. If you have any questions please call Polly Berlin by either phone: (727) 733-3549 or email: lakeartist@metrocast.net. The information for February's show applies to March's as well.

VENUES

Carolyn Britton, one of our new CAG members, is the new representative for Sharon Flowers (La Bella Plaza, 1587 S. Highland, Clearwater). Carolyn is planning an art exchange soon, as the current hanging pieces have been on display for a while. Sharon Flowers prefers tropical-themed art, beach scenes, florals and orchids. The date and time for exchanging has yet to be determined.

A WORD FROM JUDITH DURLING: DEMO ARTIST

Judith Durling is happy to announce that our own CAG member, Anita Wood, is leading our March demonstration. Anita led the February 2010 demo and won first place at the April 2010 luncheon competition. She will demo her beautiful watercolor techniques.

REFRESHMENTS (From Maryann Tucci Refreshment Chair)

Grace Lange, Phyllis Dumdie, Andrea Stearman, Ruth Doty, and Kathy Pedriera provided the goodies for February's meeting. Thank you for all the baked goods and for helping to set up and break down the refreshment table! The volunteers for desserts in March are Vi Mendicino, Rita Winrow, and Rachel Shockey. March's dessert theme is St. Patrick's Day!

No volunteers are needed for April, since we will be meeting at the Dunedin Country Club. Mary can be reached by either phone: (727) 796-5359 or email: maryann-art@hotmail.com.

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

One of our members, Caroline Brown, has been granted the opportunity to give a painting workshop to children at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch. Caroline's workshop will either be in April, May, or June, or all three. She is in need of materials on a donation basis since she is also volunteering her time. Caroline plans to have the children create Mandalas (enter the following into a web browser if you're interested in learning about the subject:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandala>). Her needed materials are black poster-board, acrylic paint, brushes, and trays. They are planning on having 10 children attend. Caroline can be reached by either phone: (727) 251-5045 or email: carolinebrown22@msn.com.

JURY GUIDELINES FOR ORIGINAL WORK

NEW PROTOCOL: Once a member has been juried in under one fine-art medium, they are considered juried in for all fine-art mediums. For our purposes, the following is our definition of acceptable fine-art.

PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, AND PRINTS

1. Monoprints from original paintings, lithographs, etchings, serigraphs, or block prints

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Photography (original) which has been changed by digital process using software such as Photoshop and made to look like artwork (must be matted and framed).
 2. Photo (35 mm only processed by chemical processing), matted and framed.
 3. Hand-colored original photos.
 4. Digital photograph matted, or matted and framed.
1. Prints made from Artist's own original art and reproduced mechanically.
 2. Nature prints (natural plant and animal material painted on and used to make a print on paper.

COLLAGE

1. Collage using paint as well as other objects like papers, paintings, and magazine pictures (which are torn or cut-up in pieces and pasted onto paper into a design and/or framed).

SCULPTURE

1. Sculpture made from metal, clay, wood, etc.
2. Clay pottery hand-built or thrown.

HANDMADE PAPER

1. Handmade paper molded, shaped, and painted with oil or acrylic.
2. Handmade paper which has been painted on instead of store-bought paper, matted or framed.

CARTOONS

JEWELRY

1. Jewelry handmade from glass into pendants, earrings, etc. and fired in a kiln.
2. Jewelry handmade from handmade beads or a combination of handmade and store bought beads.
3. Jewelry handmade from sheet metal wire or wire with or without a setting (in other words shaped and created by the artist.

STAINED GLASS

1. Fused or traditional lead-solder created from your own design, not copied from a purchased book.

CAG WEBSITE: JOIN US!

Q: WHAT INFO IS NEEDED TO BE ON THE MEMBER'S SECTION OF THE WEBSITE?*

- Photo of the artist, name, and any contact information you want listed (i.e.: address, phone number, e-mail address, and any links to personal web addresses).
- A short bio (up to one page) perhaps including:
 - Medium you normally work in, style, and subject matter.
 - Where your current work can be seen, if applicable.
 - Education, awards, and other art-related information about you.
- Up to 5 clear photos of your work.

Q: WHO DO I SEND THE INFORMATION TO AND HOW?

Please send the information to Lorraine Lulen in one of the following ways:

- VIA EMAIL:** Send them to lulen@tampabay.rr.com (with CAG WEBSITE in the subject-line). Photos should be attached to the email. The text can either be sent in the body of the email or as a Word document. Please keep the photos and text separate, if possible, as they will need to be inserted separately into the web page.
- IN PERSON:** Please deliver the information typed or as clearly-printed text. Make sure the photos are clear and regular or, put them on a CD (if the photos are on CD, they can be left in a very large format; this makes it easier to work with).
- VIA MAIL:** Again, please type or clearly print your information. Mail clear, regular photos or on CD. Sent Attn to: Lorraine Ulen, 1948 Soule Road, Clearwater, FL 33759-1505

If you have questions or need help taking photos of your work, please contact Lorraine by email: lulen@tampabay.rr.com or phone: (727) 796-9205. Please indicate in your message that your call, or email, is in regards to the CAG website. Lorraine will get back to you as soon as possible! You do not need to have a computer or internet access to have work included on the site. If anyone has suggestions for new inclusions on the website, please speak up! The website is for members, therefore your input is certainly welcome!

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*(Feel free to use this page as a checklist)

CAG BOARD MEETING - February 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Marilyn Michalec. Reminder was made to get votes in for artist of the month. Marilyn asked for visitors and new members to introduce themselves.

No treasurers report this time.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as printed in the Brushfire.

NEW BUSINESS

A contest for the Yearbook/Directory cover will be voted on at the March Meeting. The Rules will be printed in the Brushfire.

Joan Sofarelli has given up her role as editor of the Brushfire Newsletter and has been taken up by new member, Rachel Shockey.

Membership announced that as everyone pays their dues for next year to submit their name, phone number, email, etc. on a 3x5 card. Please make sure spelling is correct.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Carole Loiacono

50/50

Kathy Pedreira

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee Chairman, Mary Lou Meyer, announced that the other committee members are Betty Brunson, Patricia Kurtz, Vi Mendicino, and Elaine McCormick.

ART SHOWS

Polly Berlin spoke on the upcoming shows.

Elaine McCormick spoke on the upcoming events.

Barbara Sbordon invited members to go to Studio 1212 on Sunday, Feb 13 (12-4pm).

Kathy Rabold announced the venues: Dunedin library, Oldsmar library, Landings and more.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Pollack and seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Committee Secretary, Mary Lou Meyer.

SYMPATHIES

The Creative Artist's Guild extends their deepest sympathies to Mary Lou Meyer for the loss of her husband, Bob. The Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, March 1st at 1:30pm at the North Dunedin Baptist Church (at the corner of Michigan and CR1). Mary Lou, may you be surrounded by the love of family and friends.

The Creative Artist's Guild also sends their sympathies to Opal Hamm, who recently broke her ankle. We hope your ankle heals quickly!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are still in need of a club historian. The historian will take pictures of the following:

1. Artist of the Month winners
2. Luncheons
3. Special events

The photos will be for the website and to scrapbook. Please note, we will not need pictures of our regular meetings or of artist demos. Lorraine Ulen will post the pictures to the CAG website and burn the photos to a DVD for our scrapbook.

NEW MEMBERS

There has been no news of new members at this time.

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION: CURRENT MEMBERS

Roni O'Connor

New Phone No.:
(224) 622-8397

Francine Henderson

Correction from what is in the directory:
(813) 855-6773

Joan F. Sofarelli

New Address:
200 Lake Ave NE, Apt 232
Largo, FL 33771

- *Unless otherwise noted, all other contact information for the member stays the same* ●
- *Please update the member booklet with the new information above* ●

THANKS

Our many thanks to Joan Sofarelli for all her hard work in editing the Brushfire these past three years! Joan first began editing the Brushfire in February 2008. Thank you for volunteering your time and skills in producing great newsletters! We hope your move goes well!

EDITOR INFO

Please feel free to contact the editor, Rachel Shockey, with additions, comments, or changes to your info (i.e.: mailing address, phone, email address, or misspellings of your name). Rachel can be reached at either (614) 596-4581 or rachelrshockey@gmail.com.
